## **TENNESSEE**

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#### **Package Instructions:**

- 1. Print the following PDF files in 8.5 x11 sheets of paper, unless otherwise specified use the color white.
- 2. The Federal OSHA poster must be printed in an 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14 sheet of paper to be in compliance.
- 3. Post the printed sheets in a place frequented by employees (i.e. lunch rooms, HR offices, employee lounges).
- 4. You may also distribute electronic copies of the Labor Law Notices to all relevant workstations in your facility.



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## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WAGE REGULATIONS ACT

It is unlawful for any employer to employ, permit or suffer to work any person without first informing the employee of the amount of wages to be paid (T.C.A. §50-2-101). All wages or compensation of employees in private employment shall be due and payable not less frequently than once per month. Notice of regular paydays shall be posted by each employer in at least two conspicuous places.

#### REGULAR PAYDAY POSTED AS FOLLOWS: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (T.C.A. §50-2-103).

Each employee must have a 30-minute unpaid rest break or meal period if scheduled to work 6 hours consecutively, except in workplace environments that by the nature of business provide for ample opportunity to rest or take an appropriate break. Such break shall not be scheduled during or before the first hour of scheduled work activity (T.C.A. §50-2-103).

No employer shall discriminate between employees in the same establishment on the basis of sex by paying any employee salary or wage rates less than he pays to any employee of opposite sex for comparable skill, effort, and responsibility, and which are performed under similar working conditions (T.C.A. §50-2-202).

#### CHILD LABOR ACT

### Minors 14 and 15 years of age may not be employed (T.C.A. §50-5-104):

- 1. During school hours;
- 2. Between 7:00 pm and 7:00 am;
- 3. More than 3 hours a day on a school day;
- 4. More than 18 hours a week during school weeks;
- 5. More than 8 hours a day on non-school days;
- 6. More than 40 hours a week during non-school weeks.

### Minors 16 and 17 years of age may not be employed (T.C.A. §50-5-105):

- 1. During those hours when the minor is required to attend classes;
- 2. Between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am, Sunday through Thursday evenings preceding a school day, except with parental or guardian consent. Then, the minor may work until midnight no more than 3 of the Sunday through Thursday nights.

#### BREAK OR MEAL PERIOD (T.C.A. §50-5-115)

A minor must have a 30-minute unpaid break or meal period if scheduled to work 6 hours consecutively. Such break shall not be scheduled during or before the first hour of scheduled work activity.

#### OCCUPATIONS PROHIBITED FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 (T.C.A. §50-5-106)

- In or about plants or establishments manufacturing or storing explosives or articles containing explosive components;
- 2. Motor vehicle driving occupations;
- 3. Coal mine occupations;
- 4. Logging and sawmill operations;
- 5. Operation of power-driven woodworking machines;
- 6. Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiations;
- 7. Operation of elevator and other power-driven hoisting apparatus;
- 8. Operation of power-driven metal forming, punching and shearing machines;
- 9. Mining elements other than coal;
- 10. Slaughtering, meat packing, processing or rendering;
- 11. Operation of power-driven bakery machines;
- 12. Operation of power-driven paper products machines;
- 13. Manufacture of brick, tile and kindred products;
- 14. Operation of circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears;

- UNDER THE AGE OF 18 (T.C.A. §50-5-106)

  15. Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations;
- 16. Roofing operations;
- 17. Excavation operations;
- 18. In any place of employment where the average monthly gross receipts from the sale of intoxicating beverages exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total gross receipts of the place of employment, or in any place of employment where a minor will be permitted to take orders for or serve intoxicating beverages regardless of the amount of intoxicating beverages sold in the place of employment;
- 19. Occupations involved in youth peddling;
- 20. Posing or modeling alone or with others while engaged in sexual conduct for the purpose of preparing a film, photograph, negative, slide or motion picture;
- 21. Any occupation which the commissioner shall by regulation declare to be hazardous or injurious to the life, health, safety and welfare of minors.

#### **DUTIES OF EMPLOYERS (T.C.A. §50-5-111)**

Employers of minors shall:

- 1. Maintain a separate file record for each minor employed which shall be kept at the minor's place of employment and shall include the following:
  - a. Employment application;
  - b. Copy of minor's birth certificate, driver's license, state issued ID or passport, as evidence of age by statute;
  - c. Accurate daily time record for all minors subject to the provisions of this Act;
  - d. Any records qualifying a minor for exemption under T.C.A. §50-5-107 (8)-(13).
- 2. Allow the department to inspect all premises where minors are or could be employed and the contents of the individual file records; and
- 3. Post in a conspicuous place on the business premises a printed notice of the provisions of the Child Labor Act furnished by the department;
- 4. Furnish the department with records relative to the employment of minors.
- 5. If a minor is 16 or 17 years of age and is home schooled, the file must include documentation from the Director of the LEA, the home school, or church-related school that confirms the minor's enrollment and authorization to work (T.C.A. §50-5-105).

For information on state laws contact the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Labor Standards Unit Toll Free (844) 224-5818 (**REGULATIONS**) www.tn.gov/workforce

The TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to principals of equal opportunity, equal access, and affirmative action. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Callers with hearing impairments may use TTY/TDD 711.



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# TENNESSEE LAW PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, DISABILITY, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IN RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, HIRING, DISCHARGE, PROMOTION, OR ANY CONDITION, TERM OR PRIVILEGE OF EMPLOYMENT.

If you feel that you have been discriminated against, contact the Tennessee Human Rights Commission.



## LA LEY DE TENNESSEE PROHIBE LA DISCRIMINACIÓN EN EL EMPLEO

ES EN CONTRA DE LA LEY DISCRIMINAR EN CONTRA DE CUALQUIER PERSONA DEBIDO EN BASE A LA RAZA, COLOR, CREDO, RELIGIÓN, SEXO, EDAD, INCAPACIDAD U ORÍGEN EN EL SELECCIÓN, ENTRENAMIENTO, EMPLEO, AL DESPEDIR, PROMOVER O CUALQUIER CONDICIÓN, TÉRMINO O PRIVILEGIO DE EMPLEO.

Si usted cree que ha sido víctima de discriminación, comuníquese con la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Tennessee.

#### **CONTACT US/PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN:**

TENNESSEE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WILLIAM R. SNODGRASS TENNESSEE TOWER
312 ROSA L. PARKS AVENUE
23RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE. TENNESSEE 37243-1102

PHONE: (615) 741-5825 OR 1-800-251-3589 ESPAÑOL: 1-866-856-1252 WWW.TN.GOV/HUMANRIGHTS

## You Have a Right to a Safe and Healthful Workplace.

## IT'S THE LAW!

- You have the right to notify your employer or TOSHA about workplace hazards.
   You may ask TOSHA to keep your name confidential.
- You have the right to request a TOSHA inspection if you believe that there
  are unsafe and unhealthful conditions in your workplace. You or your
  representative may participate in the inspection.
- You can file a complaint with TOSHA within 30 days of discrimination by your employer for making safety and health complaints or for exercising your rights under the TOSHA Act or the Tennessee Hazardous Chemical Right-to-Know Act.
- You have a right to see TOSHA citations issued to your employer. Your employer must post the citations at or near the place of the alleged violation.
- Your employer must correct workplace hazards by the date indicated on the citation and must certify that these hazards have been reduced or eliminated.
- You have rights under the Tennessee Right to Know Law concerning hazardous chemicals in your work area. Your employer must provide training about health effects, protective measures, safe handling procedures, as well as information on interpreting labels and safety data sheets (SDS). You must be provided access to the safety data sheets and the workplace chemical list.
- You have the right to copies of your medical records or records of your exposure to toxic and harmful substances or conditions.
- Your employer must post this notice in your workplace.



The **Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972**, T.C.A. §§ 50-3-101 et seq., assures safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women throughout the state. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (TOSHA) has the primary responsibility for administering the TOSHA Act. The rights listed here may vary depending on the particular circumstances. To file a complaint, report an emergency or seek TOSHA advice, assistance or information, call 800-249-8510 or your nearest TOSHA office.

• Chattanooga (423) 634-6424 • Jackson (731) 423-5640 • Kingsport (423) 224-2042 • Knoxville (865) 594-6180 • Memphis (901) 543-7259 • Nashville (615) 741-2793. To file a complaint online or obtain information on Federal OSHA and other state programs, visit OSHA's website at www. osha.gov. For additional information on TOSHA visit www. http://tn.gov/workforce/section/tosha.



## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE POSTER FOR EMPLOYEES



Your employer provides insurance to help protect you when you become unemployed through no fault of your own. Tennessee employers pay the full cost of unemployment insurance for their employees. Nothing is deducted from your pay to cover the cost of this insurance nor does any money come from State of Tennessee funds.

To be eligible for benefits you must

- Be separated from employment through no fault of your own.
- Have qualifying wages in the base period.
- Be able and available for work.
- Search for work by making a minimum of three tangible job contacts and documenting during weekly certification process. You may log in to <a href="https://www.jobs4tn.gov">www.jobs4tn.gov</a> to search for work online.

Failure to make three weekly work searches will result in a loss of benefits unless you are job attached, a member of a hiring union, or attending training approved by the Commissioner.

If you become unemployed you may file for benefits at www.Jobs4tn.gov.

Before beginning the claim filing process, you should have your

- Social Security Number
- Telephone Number
- Address
- Name of county of residence
- Employment data for the last 18 months including employer name and address, and
- Bank routing number and bank account number if you elect to receive benefits by direct deposit; otherwise, you will receive benefits on the Way2Go MasterCard.

#### You must keep your address current with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Go to <a href="www.jobs4tn.gov">www.jobs4tn.gov</a> to apply for unemployment benefits, to file a wage protest, to file an appeal of an agency decision, to view/update information, and to view and update your choice of type of unemployment benefit payment.

You may log in to <a href="www.Jobs4tn.gov">www.Jobs4tn.gov</a> to register and search for work by using services offered by our Tennessee American Job Centers. The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development has staff available to help you find a job or pursue training opportunities.

You may go to the Department's website at <a href="http://www.tn.gov/workforce/topic/find-local-help">http://www.tn.gov/workforce/topic/find-local-help</a> to find the location of the most convenient Tennessee American Job Center.

#### Please post in a conspicuous place.

The TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to principles of equal opportunity, equal access, and affirmative action. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Tennessee Relay Service is 711.

## TENNESSEE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

## **POSTING NOTICE**

## How to Report Work-Related Injuries

What should be done if injured at work?

#### **Employee**

- Immediately report the injury to the employer representative named below.
- 2. **Select a treating physician** from a panel provided by your employer.
- 3. If you have questions or problems, contact the employer representative or the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

#### **Employer**

- Complete your company's internal "Workplace Injury form" and notify your workers' compensation insurance company immediately, even if you have concerns about the validity of the claim.
- 2. **Offer a panel of physicians** to the employee via Form C-42 available on the Bureau's website. *In cases of emergency, call an ambulance and provide this form as soon as the injured employee has stabilized.*

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-	<b>Telephone number</b> of employer representative to notify in event of a work-related injury

The Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation is available to help both employees and employers.



220 French Landing Dr. 1-B Nashville, TN 37243-2667

800-332-2667

615-532-4812 TTD: 800-332-2257

tn.gov/workerscomp

Workers' Compensation law requires this notice to be posted in a conspicuous place at the work site at all times.

### **PAY DAY NOTICE**

Regular Pay Days for	Employees of		
		(Firm Name)	
shall be as follows: Weekly	_ Bi-Weekly	Semi Monthly Monthly	
Pay Checks will be di	stributed at		
		(Place of Distribution)	
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	(Please Give Ex	For  act address of This Worksite Location)	
Physicians:	,		
		act address of This Worksite Location)	
Hospitals:		act address of This Worksite Location)	
Hospitals: Ambulances: 911 or		act address of This Worksite Location)	

PLEASE POST IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION

### **NO SMOKING**



## **NO SMOKING**

Effective October 1, 2007, the Smoke-Free Tennessee legislation requires "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol be posted at every entrance of places of employment where smoking is prohibited.

To file a complaint or report a violation of the Non Smokers Protection Act Call: 1-800-293-8228.

## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

## **EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT**

The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment.

#### **PROHIBITIONS**

Employers are generally prohibited from requiring or requesting any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test, and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other rights under the Act.

#### **EXEMPTIONS**

Federal, State and local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities.

The Act permits polygraph (a kind of lie detector) tests to be administered in the private sector, subject to restrictions, to certain prospective employees of security service firms (armored car, alarm, and guard), and of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers.

The Act also permits polygraph testing, subject to restrictions, of certain employees of private firms who are reasonably suspected of involvement in a workplace incident (theft, embezzlement, etc.) that resulted in economic loss to the employer.

The law does not preempt any provision of any State or local law or any collective bargaining agreement which is more restrictive with respect to lie detector tests.

## EXAMINEE RIGHTS

Where polygraph tests are permitted, they are subject to numerous strict standards concerning the conduct and length of the test. Examinees have a number of specific rights, including the right to a written notice before testing, the right to refuse or discontinue a test, and the right not to have test results disclosed to unauthorized persons.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties against violators. Employees or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

THE LAW REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO DISPLAY THIS POSTER WHERE EMPLOYEES AND JOB APPLICANTS CAN READILY SEE IT.

**WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION** 

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR







## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

## **UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT**

## FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

\$7.25 PER HOUF

**BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009** 

#### The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

#### **OVERTIME PAY**

At least 1½ times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

#### **CHILD LABOR**

An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work in non-farm jobs declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Youths 14 and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs with certain work hours restrictions. Different rules apply in agricultural employment.

#### **TIP CREDIT**

Employers of "tipped employees" who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage credit based on tips received by their employees. Employers must pay tipped employees a cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour if they claim a tip credit against their minimum wage obligation. If an employee's tips combined with the employer's cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour do not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer must make up the difference.

#### NURSING MOTHERS

The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing mother employee who is subject to the FLSA's overtime requirements in order for the employee to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time such employee has a need to express breast milk. Employers are also required to provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by the employee to express breast milk.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

The Department has authority to recover back wages and an equal amount in liquidated damages in instances of minimum wage, overtime, and other violations. The Department may litigate and/or recommend criminal prosecution. Employers may be assessed civil money penalties for each willful or repeated violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law. Civil money penalties may also be assessed for violations of the FLSA's child labor provisions. Heightened civil money penalties may be assessed for each child labor violation that results in the death or serious injury of any minor employee, and such assessments may be doubled when the violations are determined to be willful or repeated. The law also prohibits retaliating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the FLSA.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum wage, and/or overtime pay provisions.
- Special provisions apply to workers in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- Some state laws provide greater employee protections; employers must comply with both.
- Some employers incorrectly classify workers as "independent contractors" when they are
  actually employees under the FLSA. It is important to know the difference between the two
  because employees (unless exempt) are entitled to the FLSA's minimum wage and overtime
  pay protections and correctly classified independent contractors are not.

**WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION** 

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

• Certain full-time students, student learners, apprentices, and workers with disabilities may be paid less than the minimum wage under special certificates issued by the Department of Labor.







The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces Federal laws that protect you from discrimination in employment. If you believe you've been discriminated against at work or in applying for a job, the EEOC may be able to help.

#### Who is Protected?

- Employees (current and former), including managers and temporary employees
- · Job applicants
- Union members and applicants for membership in a union

#### What Organizations are Covered?

- Most private employers
- State and local governments (as employers)
- Educational institutions (as employers)
- Unions
- Staffing agencies

## What Types of Employment Discrimination are Illegal?

Under the EEOC's laws, an employer may not discriminate against you, regardless of your immigration status, on the bases of:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National origin
- Sex (including pregnancy and related conditions, sexual orientation, or gender identity)
- · Age (40 and older)
- Disability

- Genetic information (including employer requests for, or purchase, use, or disclosure of genetic tests, genetic services, or family medical history)
- Retaliation for filing a charge, reasonably opposing discrimination, or participating in a discrimination lawsuit, investigation, or proceeding.

### What Employment Practices can be Challenged as Discriminatory?

All aspects of employment, including:

- Discharge, firing, or lay-off
- Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or physical conduct)
- Hiring or promotion
- Assignment
- Pay (unequal wages or compensation)
- Failure to provide reasonable accommodation for a disability or a sincerely-held religious belief, observance or practice
- Benefits

- Job training
- Classification
- Referral
- Obtaining or disclosing genetic information of employees
- Requesting or disclosing medical information of employees
- Conduct that might reasonably discourage someone from opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or participating in an investigation or proceeding.

## What can You Do if You Believe Discrimination has Occurred?

Contact the EEOC promptly if you suspect discrimination. Do not delay, because there are strict time limits for filing a charge of discrimination (180 or 300 days, depending on where you live/work). You can reach the EEOC in any of the following ways:

**Submit** an inquiry through the EEOC's public portal: https://publicportal.eeoc.gov/Portal/Login.aspx

Call 1–800–669–4000 (toll free) 1–800–669–6820 (TTY)

1-844-234-5122 (ASL video phone)

**Visit** an EEOC field office (information at www.eeoc.gov/field-office)

E-Mail info@eeoc.gov

Additional information about the EEOC, including information about filing a charge of discrimination, is available at www.eeoc.gov.



#### **EMPLOYERS HOLDING FEDERAL CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS**

The Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) enforces the nondiscrimination and affirmative action commitments of companies doing business with the Federal Government. If you are applying for a job with, or are an employee of, a company with a Federal contract or subcontract, you are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

## Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, National Origin

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination by Federal contractors based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

#### **Asking About, Disclosing, or Discussing Pay**

Executive Order 11246, as amended, protects applicants and employees of Federal contractors from discrimination based on inquiring about, disclosing, or discussing their compensation or the compensation of other applicants or employees.

#### **Disability**

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment by Federal contractors. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship to the employer. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

#### **Protected Veteran Status**

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits employment discrimination against, and requires affirmative action to recruit, employ, and advance in employment, disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (i.e., within three years of discharge or release from active duty), active duty wartime or campaign badge veterans, or Armed Forces service medal veterans.

#### Retaliation

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination by Federal contractors under these Federal laws.

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under OFCCP's authorities should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210 1–800–397–6251 (toll-free)

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services. OFCCP may also be contacted by submitting a question online to OFCCP's Help Desk at <a href="https://ofccphelpdesk.dol.gov/s/">https://ofccphelpdesk.dol.gov/s/</a>, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor and on OFCCP's "Contact Us" webpage at <a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/contact">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/contact</a>.

#### PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### Race, Color, National Origin, Sex

In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

#### Individuals with Disabilities

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. Discrimination is prohibited in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

#### THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

#### LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

Eligible employees who work for a covered employer can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period for the following reasons:

- The birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care;
- To bond with a child (leave must be taken within 1 year of the child's birth or placement);
- To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a qualifying serious health condition;
- For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job;
- For qualifying exigencies related to the foreign deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

An eligible employee who is a covered servicemember's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may also take up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember with a serious injury or illness.

An employee does not need to use leave in one block. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule.

Employees may choose, or an employer may require, use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. If an employee substitutes accrued paid leave for FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

While employees are on FMLA leave, employers must continue health insurance coverage as if the employees were not on leave.

Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to the same job or one nearly identical to it with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions.

An employer may not interfere with an individual's FMLA rights or retaliate against someone for using or trying to use FMLA leave, opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA, or being involved in any proceeding under or related to the FMLA.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

BENEFITS & PROTECTIONS

An employee who works for a covered employer must meet three criteria in order to be eligible for FMLA leave. The employee must:

- Have worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
- Have at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12 months before taking leave;\* and
- Work at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.

\*Special "hours of service" requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

## REQUESTING LEAVE

Generally, employees must give 30-days' advance notice of the need for FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give 30-days' notice, an employee must notify the employer as soon as possible and, generally, follow the employer's usual procedures.

Employees do not have to share a medical diagnosis, but must provide enough information to the employer so it can determine if the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. Sufficient information could include informing an employer that the employee is or will be unable to perform his or her job functions, that a family member cannot perform daily activities, or that hospitalization or continuing medical treatment is necessary. Employees must inform the employer if the need for leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.

Employers can require a certification or periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. If the employer determines that the certification is incomplete, it must provide a written notice indicating what additional information is required.

## EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Once an employer becomes aware that an employee's need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, the employer must notify the employee if he or she is eligible for FMLA leave and, if eligible, must also provide a notice of rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. If the employee is not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for ineligibility.

Employers must notify its employees if leave will be designated as FMLA leave, and if so, how much leave will be designated as FMLA leave.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

Employees may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.



For additional information or to file a complaint:

1-866-4-USWAGE

(1-866-487-9243) TTY: 1-877-889-5627

www.dol.gov/whd

U.S. Department of Labor | Wage and Hour Division

















## YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

#### REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- you ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service;
- ★ you have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- you return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
- ☆ you have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions.

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

#### RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

#### If you:

- ☆ are a past or present member of the uniformed service;
- ☆ have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- are obligated to serve in the uniformed service;

then an employer may not deny you:

- ☆ initial employment:
- ☆ reemployment;
- ☆ retention in employment;
- ☆ promotion; or
- ☆ any benefit of employment

because of this status.

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION**

- ☆ If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.
- ☆ Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

- ☆ The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.
- ☆ For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its website at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at https://webapps.dol.gov/elaws/vets/userra
- ☆ If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- ☆ You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the internet at this address: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/userra/poster Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees.



1-866-487-2365



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