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STATE OF OHIO MINOR LABOR LAWS



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OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 4109*

"THROUGH" MEANS ANY PERSON LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE WORKING PERMITS: Every minor 14 through 17 years of age must have a working permit unless otherwise stated in Chapter 4109.

WAGE AGREEMENT: No employer shall give employment to a minor without agreeing with him/her as to the wages or compensation he/she shall receive for each day, week, month, year or per piece for work performed.

REST PERIOD: No employer shall employ a minor more than 5 consecutive hours without a rest period of at least 30 minutes.

LIST OF MINORS EMPLOYED: Employer shall keep a list of minors employed at each establishment and a list must be posted in a conspicuous place to which all minor employees have access.

TIME RECORDS: Every employer shall keep a time book or other written record showing actual starting and stopping time of each work and rest period. These records must be kept for two (2) years.

RESTRICTIONS ON WORKING HOURS FOR MINORS 14 and 15 YEARS OF AGE

No person under 16 shall be employed:

1. During school hours except where specifically permitted by Chapter 4109
2. Before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m. from June 1st to September 1st or during any school holiday of 5 school days or more, or after 7 p.m. at any other time.
3. For more than 3 hours a day in any school day
4. For more than 18 hours in any school week
5. For more than 8 hours in any day when school is not in session
6. For more than 40 hours in any week that school is not in session nor during school hours, unless employment is incidental to bona fide programs of vocational cooperative training, work-study, or other work-related programs with the purpose of educating students, and the program meets standards established by the state board of education.

RESTRICTIONS ON WORKING HOURS FOR MINORS 16 and 17 YEARS OF AGE

No person 16 or 17 who is required to attend school shall be employed:

1. Before 7 a.m. on any day that school is in session or 6 a.m. if the person was not employed after 8 p.m. the previous night
2. After 11 p.m. on any night preceding a day that school is in session.

PROHIBITED OCCUPATIONS FOR MINORS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE

1. All manufacturing, mining, processing, public messenger service
2. Work in freezers and meat coolers and all preparation of meats for sale (except wrapping, sealing, labeling, weighing, pricing and stocking)
3. Transportation; storage; communications; public utilities; construction; repair
4. Work in boiler or engine rooms; maintenance or repair of machinery
5. Outside window washing from window sills or scaffolding and/or ladders
6. Cooking and baking; operating, setting up, adjusting, cleaning, oiling or repairing power-driven food slicers, grinders, food choppers, cutters, bakery mix machines
7. Loading or unloading goods to and from trucks
8. All warehouse work except office and clerical
9. Work in connection with cars and trucks involving the use of pits, racks or lifting apparatus or involving the inflation of any tire mounted on a rim equipped with a removable retaining ring.

*For Exceptions to Coverage See Chapter 4109.06

This is a summary of ORC 4109. This summary does not include all of the requirements for minor labor laws. Persons should refer to 4109 for specific requirements applicable to them. This information can be accessed through the Ohio Department of Commerce website at www.com.ohio.gov.

POST IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE

For further information about Minor Labor Laws, please contact: The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance & Labor, 6606 Tusling Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 Phone: 614-644-2239. TTY/TDD: 800-750-0750. An Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider.

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Know Your Rights

Governor Mike DeWine



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IS THE LAW

The Ohio Civil Rights Act protects applicants and employees of private employers, state, county and local governments, educational institutions, labor organizations, employment agencies and personnel placement services from unlawful discriminatory employment practices.

Race and Color

Ohio law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race or color in hiring, promotion, tenure, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, terms, conditions and privileges of employment, or any other matter directly or indirectly related to employment.

In addition, any facially neutral employment policy or practice that results in a discriminatory impact on the basis of race or color is a prohibited form of discrimination unless such policy or practice is job-related and based upon business necessity.

National Origin and Ancestry

Ohio law prohibits discrimination on the basis of national origin or ancestry in hiring, promotion, tenure, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, terms, conditions and privileges of employment, or any other matter directly or indirectly related to employment.

In addition, any policy or practice limiting or prohibiting the use of any language in the workplace is a prohibited form of discrimination unless such limitation or prohibition is job-related and based upon business necessity.

Sex, Including Pregnancy, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Ohio law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex or pregnancy in hiring, promotion, tenure, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, terms, conditions and privileges of employment, or any other matter directly or indirectly related to employment.

Women affected by pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition must be afforded leave for a reasonable period of time and may not be discharged under a policy providing insufficient or no leave.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in the case of *Beckwith v. Clayton Co., Georgia, U.S. 740 S. Ct. 1721 (2020)*, as well as other federal court cases, have extended sex discrimination to include prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Religion

Ohio law prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion in hiring, promotion, tenure, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, terms, conditions and privileges of employment, or any other matter directly or indirectly related to employment.

In addition, applicants and employees must be provided with a reasonable accommodation for religious beliefs and practices, except when the accommodation imposes an undue hardship.

ENFORCEMENT

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC) investigates complaints of discrimination and harassment in employment.

Complaints must be filed with the OCRC within two years of the last act of discrimination or harassment.

For more information or assistance in filing a complaint, please call toll free 1-888-276-7101, TTY (614) 752-2391 or visit our website at: www.ohio.civ.ohio.gov

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STATE OF OHIO 2025 MINIMUM WAGE



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NON-TIPPED EMPLOYEES

A Minimum Wage of
\$10.70 per hour

"Non-Tipped Employees" includes any employee who does not engage in an occupation in which he/she customarily and regularly receives more than thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month in tips.

"Employers" who gross less than \$394,000 shall pay their employees no less than the current federal minimum wage rate.

"Employees" under the age of 16 shall be paid no less than the current federal minimum wage rate.

Current Federal Minimum Wage is \$7.25 per hour.

TIPPED EMPLOYEES

A Minimum Wage of
\$5.35 per hour PLUS TIPS

"Tipped Employees" includes any employee who engages in an occupation in which he/she customarily and regularly receives more than thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month in tips. Employees electing to use the tip credit provision must be able to show that tipped employees receive at least the minimum wage when direct or cash wages and the tip credit amount are combined.

OVERTIME

1. An employer shall pay an employee for overtime at a wage rate of one and one-half times the employee's wage rate for hours in excess of 40 hours in one work week, except for employers grossing less than \$150,000 per year.

RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY THE EMPLOYER

1. Each employer shall keep records for at least three years, available for copying and inspection by the Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce, showing the following information concerning each employee:

- A. Name
- B. Address
- C. Occupation
- D. Rate of Pay
- E. Amount paid each pay period
- F. Hours worked each day and each work week

2. The records may be opened for inspection or copying at any reasonable time and no employer shall hinder or delay the Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce in the performance of these duties.

SUB-MINIMUM WAGE RATE

To prevent the curtailment of opportunities for employment and avoid undue hardship to individuals whose earning capacity is affected or impaired by physical or mental deficiencies or injuries, a sub-minimum wage may be paid, as provided in the rules and regulations set forth by the Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce.

For further information about minimum wage issues, please contact: The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tusling Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Phone: 614-644-2239. TTY/TDD: 1-800-750-0750. An Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider.

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Notice to Employers / Employees

Your state has its own minimum wage law which requires posting a notice regarding the aspects of that law. Employers are still required to post the Federal Minimum Wage notice from the U.S. Dept. of Labor Fair Labor Standards Act in addition to this state posting. According to the Dept. of Labor, where Federal and state law have different minimum wage rates, the higher standard applies.

This Posting is for Informational Purposes Only

WORKERS' COMPENSATION Notice to Employers / Employees

This is not intended to represent the law, nor does it replace any Workers' Compensation posting requirements within your state.

Employers: Place your notice of compliance/certificate of insurance with Workers' Compensation Laws from your insurance carrier next to this poster.

Employees: Refer to notice of compliance/certificate of insurance from your Employer's Insurance Carrier. If you have any further inquiries, please contact your personnel office.

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

THIS EMPLOYER PROVIDES UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES

Employees who become unemployed (or are working less than full-time) may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Apply by phone at 1-877-644-6562 (OHIOJOB) or online at <http://unemployment.ohio.gov>

Be prepared to provide the following information when applying:

- Social Security number
- Driver's license or State ID number
- Names, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth of all dependent children
- Employer's identification notice (pay stubs or W2 form)
- Name and address of all other employers for whom work was performed during the past 18 months

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