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STATE OF OHIO MINOR LABOR LAWS



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OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 4109 "MINOR" 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 14 shall be employed:
1. During school hours except where specifically permitted by Chapter 4109
2. Before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m. from June 1st to September 1st or during any school holiday of 5 school days or more, or after 7 p.m. on any other day.
3. For more than 3 hours a day in any school day
4. For more than 16 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 breweries and meat cookers and all preparation of meats for sale except wrapping, sealing, labeling, weighing, pricing and stacking
3. Transportation, storage, communication, 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, oiling, setting up, adjusting, cleaning, oiling or repairing power-driven food sales, grinders, food choppers, cutters, bakery tool makers
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, rads, or lifting apparatus or involving the use of any tool or equipment on a site equipped with a removable retaining ring.
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PROHIBITED OCCUPATIONS FOR MINORS 14 THROUGH 17 YEARS OF AGE

- Occupations involving slaughtering, meat-packing, processing or rendering
- Power-driven bakery machines
- Occupations involved in the manufacture of brick, tile and kindred products
- Occupations involved in the manufacture of chemicals
- Maintaining or storing explosives
- Occupations involving exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiations
- Power-driven paper products machines
- Power-driven metal forming, punching and shearing machines
- Occupations involved in the operation of power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears
- Power-driven woodworking machines
- Cool mines
- Occupations in connection with mining, other than coal
- Logging and sawmilling
- Motor vehicle occupations
- Maritime and longshoremen occupations
- Railroads
- Excavation operations
- Power-driven and hoisting apparatus
- Flooring operations
- Wrecking, demolition, and shrapneling

MINORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MAY NOT ENGAGE IN DOOR-TO-DOOR EMPLOYMENT UNLESS:

- The full-time employer is REGISTERED with the Ohio Department of Commerce, DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES EMPLOYERS (D.D.S.E.)
- He is in compliance with all applicable Ohio and Federal laws relating to the employment of minors
- Provide at least one supervisor who is over the age of eighteen, for each six minor employees
- Have been and be in compliance with Ohio's Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, and all other applicable laws
- Require all minors to work at least in pairs
- Not employ any minor who does not have an appropriate Age and Schooling Certificate
- Provide each minor employee with a photo identification card
- Not employ any minor in any door-to-door sales activity during school hours except where specifically permitted
- Not employ minors under 16 in door-to-door sales activity before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Not employ minors 16 and 17 years of age in door-to-door sales activity before 7 a.m. or after 8 p.m.

*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.

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For further information about Minor Labor Issues, please contact: The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance & Labor, 6600 Topping Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Phone: 614-644-2239. TTY/TDD: 800-750-0750. An Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider. (REV. 01/24/16)

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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.

Military Status
Ohio law prohibits discrimination on the basis of military status 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, employees who leave employment to perform military service, which includes the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis, in a uniformed service, under competent authority, must be reemployed upon conclusion of such service.

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.

Disability
Ohio law prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability 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 their disabilities, except when the accommodation imposes an undue hardship.

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 unless a policy providing insufficient or no leave.
The U.S. Supreme Court, in the case of *Bostock v. Clayton City, Georgia*, (U.S. 140 S. Ct. 1720 (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.

Age
Ohio law prohibits discrimination against persons 40 years of age or older on the basis of age 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.

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.

Harassment
Ohio law prohibits harassment in the workplace on any basis set forth herein, which includes the creation of a hostile or sexually hostile work environment, verbally or physically abusive treatment, and requiring submission to sexual advances as a condition of employment, continued employment or promotion.
In addition, all reasonable steps should be taken to prevent and promptly correct harassment in the workplace, which includes the establishment of a policy against harassment and a procedure for receiving, investigating and removing complaints of workplace harassment.
Retaliation
Ohio law prohibits retaliation against any person because that person has opposed any unlawful discriminatory practice, or because that person has made a charge, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in any investigation, proceeding or hearing.

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 (814) 792-2291 or visit our website at: www.ohio.civ.ohio.gov
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STATE OF OHIO 2026 MINIMUM WAGE



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NON-TIPPED EMPLOYEES

A Minimum Wage of
\$11.00 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 \$405,000 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
\$5.50 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. Employers 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

- 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
- 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.

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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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