



## NEW MEXICO MINIMUM WAGE ACT EMPLOYEE RIGHTS



# MINIMUM WAGE IN NEW MEXICO

## *\$12 per hour* as of **January 1, 2023**

### OVERTIME PAY

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

### TIPPED WORKERS

Employers must pay tipped employees an hourly rate of at least \$3 per hour. If the tips plus the hourly rate do not equal at least \$12 per hour, the employer must make up the difference. Tipped employees have a right to keep all of their tips. Tip pooling may only be among wait staff.

### NO SEPARATE RATE FOR STUDENTS OR MINORS

These minimum wage rates apply to all employees regardless of their age or student status.

### DAMAGES

Employers who violate the minimum wage or overtime requirements are required to pay impacted employees the full amount of their underpaid wages plus interest, plus an additional amount equal to twice the underpaid wages.

### RETALIATION PROHIBITED

It is unlawful to retaliate against an employee for asserting a wage claim or for informing other employees of their rights.

### ENFORCEMENT

The Labor Relations Division of the Department of Workforce Solutions investigates claims and recovers back wages for employees who have been underpaid in violation of law, regardless of the dollar value of the claim, going back at least three years, or longer if there was a continuing course of conduct. Violations may result in civil or criminal action.

### LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE RATES

The City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County have higher base minimum wage rates. Albuquerque and Las Cruces have higher tipped minimum wage rates.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certain jobs or employers are exempt from the minimum wage or overtime provisions.

**Employers must display this poster where employees can easily see it.**

For more information or to file a wage claim, contact the Labor Relations Division at 505-841-4400, or online at [www.dws.state.nm.us](http://www.dws.state.nm.us)



# DISCRIMINATION is against the law.

If you feel that you have been discriminated against, visit our website or contact us.

## Human Rights Bureau

1596 Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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## NEW MEXICO HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The Human Rights Bureau enforces the provisions of the Human Rights Act of 1969. Additionally, the Human Rights Bureau has a work-sharing agreement with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to enforce the provisions of federal law under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all as amended. Prohibited discriminatory bases include:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Ancestry
- Sex
- Age
- Religion
- Physical or Mental Disability or Serious Medical Condition
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity
- Spousal Affiliation
- Pregnancy, Childbirth, or Related Condition

Sexual harassment and harassment based on other protected categories is prohibited by the Act.

The Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, credit, and public accommodations, and prohibits retaliation for complaining about discrimination in any of these areas.

If you feel you have been discriminated against, contact the Human Rights Bureau by phone or fill out a complaint form online at:

[www.dws.state.nm.us](http://www.dws.state.nm.us)

## ENFORCEMENT

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions Human Rights Bureau investigates complaints of discrimination and harassment in employment, housing, credit, and public accommodations.

Complaints must be filed with the Human Rights Bureau within 300 days of the last act of discrimination or harassment.

For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on the Human Rights Act, please call (800) 566-9471 (toll-free) or (505) 827-6838, or visit our website at:

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## LA LEY DE DERECHOS HUMANOS DE NUEVO MÉXICO

El Buró de Derechos Humanos impone las provisiones de la Ley de Derechos Humanos de 1969. Adicionalmente, el Buró de Derechos Humanos tiene un acuerdo de reparto de trabajo con la Comisión de Igualdad de Oportunidades en el Empleo (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, EEOC) para hacer cumplir las provisiones de la ley federal bajo el Título VII de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 (Civil Rights Act), la Ley de Discriminación por Edad en el Empleo de 1967 (Age Discrimination in Employment Act, ADEA), y la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades de 1990 (Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA), todas según enmendadas. Las bases discriminatorias prohibidas incluyen:

- Raza
- Color
- Origen Nacional
- Ascendencia
- Sexo
- Edad
- Religión
- Discapacidad Mental o Física o Condiciones Médicas Graves
- Orientación Sexual
- Identificación de Género
- Afiliación Nupcial
- Embarazo, Parto, o Condición Relacionada

El acoso sexual y acoso basado en otras categorías protegidas están prohibidos por la Ley.

La Ley de Derechos Humanos prohíbe la discriminación en las áreas de empleo, alojamiento, el acceso al crédito, y hospedaje público, y prohíbe la represalia por quejas en cualquiera de estas áreas.

Si usted siente que ha sido discriminado, comuníquese con el Buró de Derechos Humanos por teléfono o complete el formulario de quejas por Internet en [www.dws.state.nm.us](http://www.dws.state.nm.us).

## CUMPLIMIENTO

El Buró de Derechos Humanos del Departamento de Soluciones de Fuerza Laboral de Nuevo México investiga quejas de discriminación y acoso en el empleo, alojamiento, el acceso al crédito, y hospedaje público.

Las quejas deben ser presentadas al Buró de Derechos Humanos dentro de 300 días de que ocurrió el último acto de discriminación o acoso.

Para ayuda en completar una queja, o por cualquier otra información sobre la Ley de Derechos Humanos, por favor llame al (800) 566-9471 (gratuitamente) o (505) 827-6838, o visite nuestra página por Internet en [www.dws.state.nm.us](http://www.dws.state.nm.us).

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# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

## UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

### FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

# \$7.25

PER HOUR

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.

**PUMP AT WORK** The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing employee to express breast milk for their nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time the employee needs to express breast milk. Employers must 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. Certain narrow exemptions also apply to the pump at work requirements.
- 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.
- 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.



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## 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.**



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## FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES PAID AT SUBMINIMUM WAGES

This establishment has a certificate authorizing the payment of subminimum wages to workers who are disabled for the work they are performing. Authority to pay subminimum wages to workers with disabilities generally applies to work covered by the **Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)**, **McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act (SCA)**, and/or **Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act (PCA)**. Such subminimum wages are referred to as "commensurate wage rates" and are less than the basic hourly rates stated in an SCA wage determination and/or less than the FLSA minimum wage of **\$7.25 per hour**. A "commensurate wage rate" is based on the worker's individual productivity, no matter how limited, in proportion to the wage and productivity of experienced workers who do not have disabilities that impact their productivity when performing essentially the same type, quality, and quantity of work in the geographic area from which the labor force of the community is drawn.

***Employers shall make this poster available and display it where employees and the parents and guardians of workers with disabilities can readily see it.***

### WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES

Subminimum wages under section 14(c) are not applicable unless a worker's disability actually impairs the worker's earning or productive capacity for the work being performed. The fact that a worker may have a disability is not in and of itself sufficient to warrant the payment of a subminimum wage.

For purposes of payment of commensurate wage rates under a certificate, a worker with a disability is defined as: An individual whose earnings or productive capacity is impaired by a physical or mental disability, including those related to age or injury, for the work to be performed.

Disabilities which may affect productive capacity include an intellectual or developmental disability, psychiatric disability, a hearing or visual impairment, and certain other impairments. The following do not ordinarily affect productive capacity for purposes of paying commensurate wage rates: educational disabilities; chronic unemployment; receipt of welfare benefits; nonattendance at school; juvenile delinquency; and correctional parole or probation.

### WORKER NOTIFICATION

Each worker with a disability and, where appropriate, the parent or guardian of such worker, shall be informed orally and in writing by the employer of the terms of the certificate under which such worker is employed.

### KEY ELEMENTS OF COMMENSURATE WAGE RATES

- **Nondisabled worker standard**—The objective gauge (usually a time study of the production of workers who do not have disabilities that impair their productivity for the job) against which the productivity of a worker with a disability is measured.
- **Prevailing wage rate**—The wage paid to experienced workers who do not have disabilities that impair their productivity for the same or similar work and who are performing such work in the area. Most SCA contracts include a wage determination specifying the prevailing wage rates to be paid for SCA-covered work.
- **Evaluation of the productivity of the worker with a disability**—Documented measurement of the production of the worker with a disability (in terms of quantity and quality).

The wages of all workers paid commensurate wages must be reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at periodic intervals. At a minimum, the productivity of hourly-paid workers must be reevaluated at least every six months and a new prevailing wage survey must be conducted at least once every twelve months. In addition, prevailing wages must be reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, whenever there is a change in the job or a change in the prevailing wage rate, such as when the applicable state or federal minimum wage is increased.

### WIOA

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) amended the Rehabilitation Act by adding section 511, which places limitations on the payment of subminimum wages to individuals with disabilities by mandating the completion of certain requirements prior to and during the payment of a subminimum wage.

### EXECUTIVE ORDER 13658

Executive Order 13658, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, established a minimum wage that generally must be paid to workers performing on or in connection with a covered contract with the Federal Government. Workers covered by this Executive Order and due the full Executive Order minimum wage include workers with disabilities whose wages are calculated pursuant to certificates issued under section 14(c) of the FLSA.

### FRINGE BENEFITS

Neither the FLSA nor the PCA have provisions requiring vacation, holiday, or sick pay nor other fringe benefits such as health insurance or pension plans. SCA wage determinations may require such fringe benefit payments (or a cash equivalent). Workers paid under a certificate authorizing commensurate wage rates must receive the full fringe benefits listed on the SCA wage determination.

### OVERTIME

Generally, if a worker is performing work subject to the FLSA, SCA, and/or PCA, that worker must be paid at least 1 1/2 times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

### CHILD LABOR

Minors younger than 18 years of age must be employed in accordance with the child labor provisions of the FLSA. No persons under 16 years of age may be employed in manufacturing or on a PCA contract.

### PETITION PROCESS

Workers with disabilities paid at subminimum wages may petition the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for a review of their wage rates by an Administrative Law Judge. No particular form of petition is required, except that it must be signed by the worker with a disability or his or her parent or guardian and should contain the name and address of the employer. Petitions should be mailed to: Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.



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# **“EEO is the Law” Poster Supplement**

## **Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts Section Revisions**

*The Executive Order 11246 section is revised as follows:*

### **RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination 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.

### **PAY SECRECY**

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

*The Individuals with Disabilities section is revised as follows:*

### **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

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. 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.

*The Vietnam Era, Special Disabled Veterans section is revised as follows:*

### **PROTECTED VETERANS**

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.

*Mandatory Supplement to EEOC P/E-1 (Revised 11/09) “EEO is the Law” Poster.*

If you believe that you have experienced discrimination contact OFCCP: 1-800-397-6251 | TTY 1-877-889-5627 | [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).



# Equal Employment Opportunity is **THE LAW**

## **Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Employment Agencies and Labor Organizations**

Applicants to and employees of most private employers, state and local governments, educational institutions, employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

### **RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), or national origin. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose undue hardship.

### **DISABILITY**

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protect qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. 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.

### **AGE**

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, protects applicants and employees 40 years of age or older from discrimination based on age in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment.

### **SEX (WAGES)**

In addition to sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, prohibits sex discrimination in the payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work, in jobs that require equal skill, effort, and responsibility, under similar working conditions, in the same establishment.

### **GENETICS**

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on genetic information in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. GINA also restricts employers' acquisition of genetic information and strictly limits disclosure of genetic information. Genetic information includes information about genetic tests of applicants, employees, or their family members; the manifestation of diseases or disorders in family members (family medical history); and requests for or receipt of genetic services by applicants, employees, or their family members.

### **RETALIATION**

All of these Federal laws prohibit covered entities from retaliating against a person who files a charge of discrimination, participates in a discrimination proceeding, or otherwise opposes an unlawful employment practice.

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATION HAS OCCURRED**

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. To preserve the ability of EEOC to act on your behalf and to protect your right to file a private lawsuit, should you ultimately need to, you should contact EEOC promptly when discrimination is suspected:

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), 1-800-669-4000 (toll-free) or 1-800-669-6820 (toll-free TTY number for individuals with hearing impairments). EEOC field office information is available at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov) or in most telephone directories in the U.S. Government or Federal Government section. Additional information about EEOC, including information about charge filing, is available at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov).



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## Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts

Applicants to and employees of companies with a Federal government contract or subcontract are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

### **RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits job discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

### **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. 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. 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.

### **DISABLED, RECENTLY SEPARATED, OTHER PROTECTED, AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERANS**

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (within

three years of discharge or release from active duty), other protected veterans (veterans who served during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized), and Armed Forces service medal veterans (veterans who, while on active duty, participated in a U.S. military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded).

### **RETALIATION**

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

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under the authorities above 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) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY). OFCCP may also be contacted by e-mail at [OFCCP-Public@dol.gov](mailto:OFCCP-Public@dol.gov), or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

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## 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.



# Your Employee Rights Under the Family and Medical Leave Act

## What is FMLA leave?

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is a federal law that provides eligible employees with **job-protected leave** for qualifying family and medical reasons. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) enforces the FMLA for most employees.

Eligible employees can take **up to 12 workweeks** of FMLA leave in a 12-month period for:

- The birth, adoption or foster placement of a child with you,
- Your serious mental or physical health condition that makes you unable to work,
- To care for your spouse, child or parent with a serious mental or physical health condition, and
- Certain qualifying reasons related to the foreign deployment of your spouse, child or parent who is a military servicemember.

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

You have the right to use FMLA leave in **one block of time**. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, you may take FMLA leave **intermittently in separate blocks of time, or on a reduced schedule** by working less hours each day or week. Read Fact Sheet #28M(c) for more information.

FMLA leave is **not paid leave**, but you may choose, or be required by your employer, to use any employer-provided paid leave if your employer's paid leave policy covers the reason for which you need FMLA leave.

## Am I eligible to take FMLA leave?

You are an **eligible employee** if **all** of the following apply:

- You work for a covered employer,
- You have worked for your employer at least 12 months,
- You have at least 1,250 hours of service for your employer during the 12 months before your leave, and
- Your employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of your work location.

Airline flight crew employees have different "hours of service" requirements.

You work for a **covered employer** if **one** of the following applies:

- You work for a private employer that had at least 50 employees during at least 20 workweeks in the current or previous calendar year,
- You work for an elementary or public or private secondary school, or
- You work for a public agency, such as a local, state or federal government agency. Most federal employees are covered by Title II of the FMLA, administered by the Office of Personnel Management.

## How do I request FMLA leave?

Generally, **to request FMLA leave you must:**

- Follow your employer's normal policies for requesting leave,
- Give notice at least 30 days before your need for FMLA leave, or
- If advance notice is not possible, give notice as soon as possible.

You **do not have to share a medical diagnosis** but must provide enough information to your employer so they can determine whether the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. You **must also inform your employer if FMLA leave was previously taken** or approved for the same reason when requesting additional leave.

Your **employer may request certification** from a health care provider to verify medical leave and may request certification of a qualifying exigency.

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.

State employees may be subject to certain limitations in pursuit of direct lawsuits regarding leave for their own serious health conditions. Most federal and certain congressional employees are also covered by the law but are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or Congress.

## What does my employer need to do?

If you are eligible for FMLA leave, your **employer must:**

- Allow you to take job-protected time off work for a qualifying reason,
- Continue your group health plan coverage while you are on leave on the same basis as if you had not taken leave, and
- Allow you to return to the same job, or a virtually identical job with the same pay, benefits and other working conditions, including shift and location, at the end of your leave.

Your **employer cannot interfere with your FMLA rights** or threaten or punish you for exercising your rights under the law. For example, your employer cannot retaliate against you for requesting FMLA leave or cooperating with a WHD investigation.

After becoming aware that your need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, your **employer must confirm whether you are eligible** or not eligible for FMLA leave. If your employer determines that you are eligible, your **employer must notify you in writing:**

- About your FMLA rights and responsibilities, and
- How much of your requested leave, if any, will be FMLA-protected leave.

## Where can I find more information?

Call **1-866-487-9243** or visit **dol.gov/fmla** to learn more.

If you believe your rights under the FMLA have been violated, you may file a complaint with WHD or file a private lawsuit against your employer in court. **Scan the QR code to learn about our WHD complaint process.**



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# 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 <http://www.dol.gov/vets>. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm>.
- ☆ 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: <http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/poster.htm>. 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.



**U.S. Department of Labor**  
1-866-487-2365



**U.S. Department of Justice**



**Office of Special Counsel**



**1-800-336-4590**

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# WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

## If You Are Injured At Work Si Se Lastima En El Trabajo

1) **Notice** -- In most cases you must tell your employer about the accident within 15 days, using the Notice of Accident Form.

2) **You have the right** to information and assistance from an information specialist known as an Ombudsman at the Workers' Compensation Administration.

3) **Claims information** -- Contact your employer's Claims Representative (see box below).

1) **Aviso.** -- En la mayoría de los casos usted debe de avisarle a su empleador del accidente dentro de los primeros 15 días usando las formas de Aviso de Accidente.

2) **Usted tiene el derecho** a información y ayuda contactándose con un especialista en información conocido como "Ombudsman" en la Administración para la Compensación a los Trabajadores.

3) **Información acerca de Reclamaciones.** -- Contáctese con el representante de reclamaciones de su compañía.

### Employer's Insurer / Claims Representative:

<b>Name:</b>	CCMSI	GMCS/Samentha Platero
<b>Phone #:</b>	(505) 837-8700	(505) 721-1186
<b>Address:</b>	PO Box 30870 Albuquerque, NM 87190	PO Box 1318 Gallup, NM 87305

**Note:** Employer must fill in insurer / claims representative information.

## YOUR RIGHTS

If you are injured in a work-related accident:

Your employer / insurer must pay all reasonable and necessary medical costs.

You may or may not have the right to choose your health care provider. If your employer / insurer has not given you written instructions about who chooses first, call an ombudsman. In an emergency, get emergency medical care first.

If you are off work for more than seven days, your employer / insurer must pay wage benefits to partially offset your lost wages.

If you suffer "permanent impairment," you may have the right to receive partial wage benefits for a longer period of time.

Ombudsmen are located at the following offices:

Albuquerque:  
1-866-967-5667  
1-505-841-6000

Farmington:  
1-800-568-7310  
1-505-599-9746

Hobbs:  
1-800-934-2450  
1-575-397-3425

Las Cruces:  
1-800-870-6826  
1-575-524-6246

Las Vegas:  
1-800-281-7889  
1-505-454-9251

Roswell:  
1-866-311-8587  
1-575-623-3997

Santa Fe:  
1-505-476-7381

## SUS DERECHOS

Si se lastima en el trabajo:

Su empleador / asegurador debe de pagar por los gastos médicos necesarios y razonables.

Es posible que usted tenga, o no tenga, el derecho de escoger el proveedor de servicios para la salud. Si su empleador / asegurador no le ha dado instrucciones por escrito de quien es él que selecciona primero, pregúntele o llame a un ombudsman. En una emergencia, obtenga asistencia médica de emergencia primero.

Si usted está fuera del trabajo por más de siete días, su empleador / asegurador debe de hacerle un pago compensatorio de prestaciones para compensar parcialmente la pérdida de su salario.

Si usted sufre "daño permanente," usted puede tener el derecho a recibir prestaciones parciales de salario por un periodo de tiempo más largo.

## If You Need HELP Call:

Ask for an Ombudsman

## Si Usted Necesita Ayuda Llame Al:

Pregunte por un Ombudsman

**1-866-WORKOMP (1-866-967-5667)**

Visit our website at: <https://workerscomp.nm.gov>

For FREE copies of this poster and Notice of Accident Forms call: 1-866-967-5667

USE A NOTICE OF ACCIDENT FORM TO REPORT YOUR ACCIDENT TO YOUR SUPERVISOR

**EMPLOYER: You are required by law to display this poster where your employees can read it. Post the Notice of Accident forms with it. The poster without the Notice of Accident forms does not comply with law. You have other rights and duties under the law.**



# NOTICE OF ACCIDENT OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABLEMENT NOTIFICACIÓN DE ACCIDENTE O ENFERMEDAD DE OFICIO

In accordance with New Mexico law, Section 52-1-29, Section 52-3-19 and Section 52-1-49, NMSA 1978; NMAC 11.4.4.11  
Conforme a la Ley de la Compensación de los Trabajadores, Sección 52-1-29, Sección 52-3-19 y Sección 52-1-49, NMSA 1978, NMAC 11.4.4.11

I, \_\_\_\_\_ was involved in an on-the-job accident or was disabled by an occupational disease  
Yo, (name of employee/nombre del empleado) me lastimé en un accidente en el trabajo o fui incapacitado por enfermedad de oficio  
at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Date of Hire \_\_\_\_\_ Employee's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
proximadamente (time/a la(s) hora(s)) el (date/fecha) (del 20\_\_\_\_) (fecha de empleo) (fecha de nacimiento)  
Employee's social security number: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Número de seguro social del empleado: Dirección del empleado  
Employee's Telephone Number(s): Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Número de teléfono(s): (Casa) (Celular) (Otro)  
Where did the accident occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
¿Dónde ocurrió el accidente?  
What happened? \_\_\_\_\_  
¿Qué ocurrió?

**Worker will choose health care provider. Employer has right to change health care provider after 60 days.**  
**Trabajador elegirá el proveedor de atención médica. El empleador tiene el derecho de cambiar el proveedor de atención médica después de 60 días**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firma: (employee/empleado)  
Date/Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed/Notice Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firma/Notificación recibida: (employer or representative/empleador o representante)  
Date/Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL FINES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

## PREVIOUS NOA FORMS ARE STILL VALID FOR USE

### Worker (Trabajador)

For emergency medical care, go to any emergency medical facility. (Para emergencias médicas vaya a cualquier clínica / hospital.)

Workers and Employers with questions about workers' compensation may contact an Ombudsman at any New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration office for information and assistance. The offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays.

(Trabajadores y empleadores con preguntas acerca de la compensación de los trabajadores pueden comunicarse con un asesor ("ombudsman") a cualquier oficina de la Administración de la Compensación de los Trabajadores para información y asistencia. Las oficinas están abiertas desde las ocho de la mañana hasta las cinco de la tarde de lunes a viernes, con la excepción de días festivos.)

Statewide Helpline -- Línea de Asistencia

**1-866-WORKOMP / 1-866-967-5667**

toll free -- llamada sin costo de larga distancia

New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration  
PO Box 27198, Albuquerque, NM 87125

Albuquerque: (505) 841-8000 - 1 (800) 255-7965  
Farmington: (505) 599-9746 - 1 (800) 568-7310  
Las Cruces: (575) 524-6246 - 1 (800) 870-6826

Las Vegas: (505) 454-9251 - 1 (800) 281-7889  
Lovington: (575) 396-3437 - 1 (800) 934-2450  
Roswell: (575) 623-3997 - 1 (866) 311-8587

Santa Fe: (505) 476-7381  
TDD for the deaf: (505) 841-6043  
[www.workerscomp.state.nm.us](http://www.workerscomp.state.nm.us)

**Employer/employee: Each keep one copy.**  
**Empleador/empleado: Retener una copia.**





# **Workers' Compensation Fraud is a CRIME!**

**To Report Fraud:**  
Call: **1-866-967-5667**  
or visit our website at  
**<https://workerscomp.nm.gov>**



# NEW MEXICO JOB HEALTH AND SAFETY POSTER

**You Have a Right to a Safe and Healthful Workplace  
IT'S THE LAW!**



**Site Address / La Dirección a la  
Agencia:**  
525 Camino de los Marquez,  
Sta. 8  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Mailing Address / Dirección de  
Envío:**  
PO Box 5489  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5489

**Telephone No./Número de  
Teléfono:**  
505-476-8700 or 1-877-810-8742

**Fax Number/Número de  
Facsimil:**  
505-476-8734



## SALUD DE TRABAJO Y CARTEL DE SEGURIDAD

**Usted Tiene el Derecho a un Lugar de Trabajo Seguro y Saludable.**

**¡LO ESTABLECE LA LEY!**



### Employees:

- You have the right to notify your employer or OSHA about workplace hazards. You may ask OSHA to keep your name confidential.
- You have the right to request a New Mexico OSHA inspection if you believe that there are unsafe or unhealthful conditions in your workplace. You or your representative may participate in the inspection.
- You can file a complaint with New Mexico OSHA within 30 days of discrimination by your employer for making safety and health complaints or for exercising your rights under the New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- You have a right to see OSHA 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 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.
- You must comply with all OSHA standards issued under the OSHA Act that apply to your own actions and conduct on the job.

### Employers:

- Employers must furnish your employees a place of employment free from recognized hazards.
- Employers must comply with the OSHA standards issued under the OSHA Act.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act), P.L. 91-596, assures safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women throughout the Nation. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, in the U.S. Department of Labor, has the primary responsibility for administering the OSHA Act. The rights listed here may vary depending on the particular circumstances. To file a complaint, report an emergency, or seek free OSHA advice and assistance, call 1-877-610-6742 or (505) 476-8700. Our fax number is (505) 476-8734. For information or assistance relative to the State Occupational Health & Safety program, please refer to address to the left side of poster.

*The Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration monitors the operation of the state program to assure its continued effectiveness. Anyone wishing to register a complaint concerning the administration of the New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Program may do so by contacting U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 525 Griffin Street, Room 602, Dallas, Texas 75202 at (972) 850-4145.*

### Empleados:

- Usted tiene el derecho de notificar a su empleador o a la OSHA sobre peligros en el lugar de trabajo.
- Usted también puede pedir que la OSHA no revele su nombre.
- Usted tiene el derecho de pedir a la OSHA de Nuevo México que realice una inspección si usted piensa que en su trabajo existen condiciones peligrosas o poco saludables. Usted o su representante pueden participar en esa inspección.
- Usted tiene 30 días para presentar una queja ante la OSHA de Nuevo México si su empleador llaga a tomar represalias o discriminar en su contra por haber denunciado la condición de seguridad o salud o por ejercer los derechos consagrados bajo la Ley OSH de Nuevo México.
- Usted tiene el derecho de ver las citaciones enviadas por la OSHA a su empleador. Su empleador debe colocar las citaciones en el lugar donde se encontraron las supuestas infracciones o cerca de mismo.
- Su empleador debe corregir los peligros en el lugar de trabajo para la fecha indicada en la citación y debe certificar que dichos peligros se hayan reducido o desaparecido.
- Usted tiene derecho de recibir copias de su historial o registro médico y el registro de su exposición a sustancias o condiciones tóxicas o dañinas.
- Su empleador debe colocar este aviso en su lugar de trabajo.
- Usted debe cumplir con todas las normas de seguridad y salud ocupacionales expedidas conforme a la Ley OSH que sean aplicables a sus propias acciones y conducta en el trabajo.

### Empleadores:

- Usted debe proporcionar a sus empleados un lugar de empleo libre de peligros conocidos.
- Usted debe cumplir con las normas de seguridad y salud ocupacionales expedidas conforme a la Ley OSH.

La Ley de Seguridad y Salud Ocupacionales de 1970 (la Ley), P.L. 91-596, garantiza condiciones ocupacionales seguras y saludables para los hombres y las mujeres que desempeñen algún trabajo en todo el Estado de Nuevo México. La Administración de Seguridad y Salud Ocupacionales (OSHA), es la responsable principal de supervisar la Ley. Los derechos que se indican en este documento pueden variar según las circunstancias particulares. Para presentar un reclamo, informar sobre una emergencia o pedir consejos y asistencia gratis de la OSHA, llame 1-877-610-6742 or (505) 476-8700. Número de facsimil - (505) 476-8734.

*La Administración de Salud y Seguridad Ocupacional Federal supervisa la operación del programa estatal para asegurar su eficacia continuada. Alguien deseado registrar una queja acerca de la administración de OSHA por parte del Estado, puede hacer así por ponerse en contacto New Mexico Environment Department, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 525 Griffin Street, Room 602, Dallas, Texas 75202, número de teléfono (972) 850-4145.*

**NM OSHA The Best Resource for Health and Safety  
El Mejor Recurso para la Salud y Seguridad**





# Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

## All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a work-related injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request a confidential OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate (or have your representative participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

*This poster is available free from OSHA.*

**Contact OSHA. We can help.**

## Employers must:

- Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Notify OSHA within 8 hours of a workplace fatality or within 24 hours of any work-related inpatient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

On-Site Consultation services are available to small and medium-sized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.



1-800-321-OSHA (6742) • TTY 1-877-889-5627 • [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)



# **Know Your Rights Under the Recovery Act!**

## ***Did you know?***

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 <sup>1</sup> provides protections for certain employees of non-federal employers who make specified disclosures relating to possible fraud, waste and/or abuse of Recovery Act funds.

## ***Who is protected?***

Employees of non-federal employers receiving recovery funds. This includes State and local governments, contractors, subcontractors, grantees or professional membership organizations acting in the interest of recovery fund recipients.

## ***How are Whistleblowers Protected?***

You cannot be discharged, demoted or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for making a protected disclosure.

## ***What types of disclosures are protected?***

The disclosure must be made by the employee to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, an Inspector General, the Comptroller General, a member of Congress, a state or federal regulatory or law enforcement agency, a person with supervisory authority over the employee, a court or grand jury, or the head of a federal agency or his/her representatives.

The disclosure must involve information that the employee believes is evidence of:

- gross mismanagement of an agency contract or grant relating to recovery funds;
- a gross waste of recovery funds;
- a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety related to the implementation or use of recovery funds;
- an abuse of authority related to the implementation or use of recovery funds; or
- a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to an agency contract or grant awarded or issued relating to recovery funds.

## ***Take Action!***

Log on to Recovery.gov for more information about your rights and details on how to report at [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> [Section 1553 of Division A, Title XV of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5](#)



# NOTICE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A VICTIM  
OF THIS CRIME, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:**

**IN NEW MEXICO, CALL OR TEXT  
505-GET-FREE (505-438-3733)**

**OR CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER  
HOTLINE TOLL-FREE AT  
1-888-373-7888 FOR HELP**

**YOU MAY ALSO SEND THE TEXT  
"HELP" OR "INFO" TO BEFREE ("233733")**

**YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS, AND YOUR CALL OR TEXT IS CONFIDENTIAL**

**505-GET-FREE (505-438-3733)**

**OBTAINING FORCED LABOR OR SERVICES IS A  
CRIME UNDER NEW MEXICO AND FEDERAL LAW**

