

# MAINE







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### **Printing & Posting Instructions**

Phone: 800-322-3636

- These PDF documents should be printed on 8.5" x 11" paper with the printer set to the "fit to page" or comparable option. Following these printing instructions will help ensure that you are complying with state and federal size and font requirements.
- Posters have a Publication Code in the lower left corner, below the red line, such as EC-CA-0122 MINIMUM WAGE. Post pages with the same code together.
- Color requirements: (for Colorado, Maryland, New Mexico, and North Carolina ONLY).\*
- The Attention Employers letter that follows is for your information but should <u>not</u> be posted.

### <u>IMPORTANT</u>: If your email address changes, be sure to notify us so that you continue to receive updates.

We are proud to be your most reliable resource for labor law compliance and we look forward to keeping you in compliance. Please contact us at 800-322-3636 if you have any questions.

- \*• Background color requirement (applies to Colorado *Anti-Discrimination*, and Maryland *Workers Compensation*)
  - These posters will appear on your computer screen and print with the required color background *if you have a color printer*. If not, you must print these posters on the appropriate colored paper.
- Identical poster requirement (applies to North Carolina Workers Compensation and New Mexico Workers Compensation)
  - These posters must be identical to the state-issued poster which is in color. The posters will appear in color on your computer screen and *must be printed using a color printer* to match the original.

Fax: 800-444-4324



### ATTENTION MAINE EMPLOYERS

Our goal as your **RELIABLE** labor law poster company is to ensure that you are always in compliance! We would like to make you aware that there may be **other requirements** your company is subject to in addition to posting your labor law posters in a conspicuous location.

If <u>applicants for employment</u> are normally seen in an area <u>other than where you post your federal labor law poster</u> , you need to post four federal notices in this area where applicants can easily see them. Poster Compliance Center publishes a Federal Applicant Edition poster that includes all four of these notices. Call Customer Service at (800) 322-3636 if you would like to order this poster.
The following industries are required to post <b>Human Trafficking notices</b> : A Department of Labor career center, an office that provides services under the Governor's Jobs Initiative Program under section 2031, a hospital or facility providing emergency medical services that is licensed under Title 22, section 1811, an eating and lodging place licensed under Title 22, chapter 562, an adult entertainment nightclub or bar, adult spa, establishment featuring strippers or erotic dancers or other sexually oriented business, a money transmitter licensed under Title 32, chapter 80, subchapter 1, a check cashing business or foreign currency exchange business registered under Title 32, chapter 80, subchapter 2. Go to our Free Specialty Posters page at the following address to download the Maine Human Trafficking notice: <a href="https://www.postercompliance.com/labor-law-posters/free-specialty-labor-law-posters/free-specialty-labor-law-posters/free-specialty-labor-law-posters/">https://www.postercompliance.com/labor-law-posters/free-specialty-labor-law-posters/</a>
<ul> <li>If your state has an E-Verify law (used to determine if workers are eligible for employment), covered employers must register for E-Verify through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and must post required participation posters.</li> <li>Only employers who have registered should post the required posters which can be downloaded free during registration.</li> <li>DHS prohibits commercial sale of these posters by third parties.</li> </ul>
For these reasons E-Verify posters are not included on our state posters. For further information or to register for E-Verify, go to the DHS E-Verify home page at https://www.e-verify.gov/ or call 888-464-4218.
If your state has a <b>No Smoking law</b> , covered employers must post required signs in their business. The signs must be posted in specific locations, such as building or room entrances. These location requirements cannot be met by including a no smoking sign on your labor law poster. Therefore, employers must obtain and post any required signs. Poster Compliance Center provides Free Specialty Posters that include certain state-specific signs as well as a generic No Smoking sign. You can find the generic sign on our Free Specialty Labor Law Posters page at the following address: <a href="https://www.postercompliance.com/labor-law-posters/free-specialty-labor-law-posters/">https://www.postercompliance.com/labor-law-posters/</a>

Poster Compliance Center publishes labor law posters that include all general required notices for employers. Depending on a company's industry, type of commerce, sector, location, or workforce, <u>additional specialized notices may be required</u> by federal, state, or local governments or agencies. Examples could include notices for a municipality, notices for federal contractors, notices that must be posted for the public or job applicants (in addition to those posted for employees), a labor law notice required in another language for employees who do not speak English, public sector notices, signage that must be posted at a specific location in your business such as the entrance, or a notice that can only be obtained through an insurance company.

DISCLAIMER: This product is not intended to provide legal or financial advice or substitute for the advice of an attorney or advisor.

### **Minimum Wage**



Labor Laws of the State of Maine provide protection for people who work in Maine. The Maine Department of Labor administers the laws, which all employers must follow. Department representatives inspect workplaces to ensure compliance. Citations and penalties may be issued to employers who do not comply.



Maine Law (Title 26 M.R.S.A. § 42-B) requires every employer to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.

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### Minimum Wage is \$12.75 per hour effective January 1, 2022

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Under Maine labor laws, any business operating in the state with one employee is automatically covered by state law. This includes all public and private employers regardless of profit or size. Effective January 1, 2022, the minimum wage in Maine is \$12.75 per hour.

### **Municipal Minimum Wage Ordinances**

Employers with employees who work in Bangor and/or Portland or any other municipality that passes a local minimum wage ordinance, may be subject to additional regulations and should check with municipal officials.

### **Service Employee**

A service employee is someone who regularly receives more than \$100 a month in tips. As of January 1, 2022, employers must pay a direct service wage of at least \$6.38 per hour. If the employee's direct wage combined with earned tips do not average, on a weekly basis, the state required minimum wage, the employer must pay the difference.

### **Overtime**

Unless specifically exempted, employees must receive overtime pay for hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek at a rate not less than time and one and one-half their regular rate of pay. Employers have the right to allow or deny overtime, but if overtime is worked, it must be paid in accordance with state requirements. Compensatory or "comp" time cannot be used by private-sector employers, although private-sector employers can allow employees to flex their time within the workweek (but not the pay period if the pay period is longer than a seven day cycle in the workweek).

### For more information, contact:

Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards 45 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0045

Telephone: 207-623-7900

TTY users call Maine Relay 711. Web site: www.maine.gov/labor/bls Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

### **Exemptions from Overtime**

Maine statutes incorporate by reference the salary requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The new minimum salary requirement will be \$735.59 per week as of January 1, 2022. Salary is only one factor in determining whether a worker is exempt from overtime under federal or state law. The duties of each worker must be considered as part of this analysis. Failure to adhere to both requirements—meeting the duties test and the weekly salary threshold—will result in violations of both federal or state law or of one jurisdiction or the other depending on the discrepancies in the laws.

### **Statements to Employees**

Every employer shall give to each employee with the payment of wages a statement clearly showing the date of the pay period, hours worked, total earnings and itemized deductions.

#### Recordkeeping

Employers shall keep, for three years, accurate records of hours worked and wages paid to all employees.

The Department of Labor enforces state wage and hour laws. Employers with questions about the law may call 207-623-7900 or may visit the department's webpage.

### **Minimum Wage Guidance**

www.maine.gov/labor/labor\_laws/minimum\_wage\_faq.html legislature.maine.gov/statutes/26/title26sec664.html

### **Overtime Guidance**

www.maine.gov/labor/labor\_laws/overtime.html legislature.maine.gov/statutes/26/title26sec664.html

\*Note: Maine employers may also be covered under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Office at 603-666-7716.

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### **Regulation of Employment**



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#### **Time of Payment**

Employees must be paid in full at least every 16 days. Employees must be notified of any decrease in wages or salary at least one day prior to the change.

#### **Payment of Wages**

Employees who leave a job must be paid in full on the next payday or within two weeks, whichever is earlier. This may also include the payment of accrued vacation pay and/or Earned Paid Leave if established in company policy or in practice.

#### **Unfair Agreement**

Employers cannot require that an employee pay for losses such as broken merchandise, bad checks, or bills not paid by customers, nor for special uniforms and certain tools of the trade.

#### **Rest Breaks**

Most employees must be offered a 30 consecutive minute paid or unpaid rest break after 6 hours of work.

Nursing mothers must be provided with unpaid break time or be permitted to use their paid break or meal time to express milk. The employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a clean room or location, other than a bathroom, where the milk can be expressed.

#### **Family Medical Leave**

An employee who has worked for the last 12 months at a workplace with 15 or more employees can have leave for up to 10 paid or unpaid weeks in 2 years for:

- Birth or adoption of a child or domestic partner's child;
- Serious health condition of the employee or immediate family member, including domestic partner; domestic partner's child, grandchild, domestic partner's grandchild;
- Organ donation;
- Death or serious health condition of the employee's spouse, domestic partner, parent or child if it occurs while the spouse, domestic partner, parent or child is on active duty;
- Serious health condition or death of a sibling who shares joint living and financial arrangements with the worker.

(Federal family medical leave is different, call 866-487-9243 for more information.)

### Leave for Victims of Violence, Assault, Sexual Assault or Stalking

Must be allowed upon request if an employee (or a child, parent or spouse of an employee) is a victim of violence, assault, sexual assault or stalking or any act that would support an order for protection under Title 19-A M.R.S.A., c. 101 and the employee needs the time to:

- Prepare for and attend court proceedings; or
- Receive medical treatment; or
- ◆ Obtain necessary services to remedy crisis.

#### Leave to Care for Family

If the employer's policy provides for paid time off, the employee must be allowed to use up to 40 hours in a 12-month period to care for an immediate family member who is ill.

#### Earned Paid Leave (Effective 01.01.2021)

An employer that employs more than 10 employees in the usual and regular course of business for more than 120 days in any calendar year shall permit each employee to earn paid leave based on the employee's base pay. An employee is entitled to earn one hour of paid leave from a single employer for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours in one year of employment. Accrual of leave begins at the start of employment, but the employer is not required to permit use of the leave before the employee has been employed by that employer for 120 days during a one-year period.

#### **Earned Income Tax Credit**

Employees may be eligible for federal and state earned income tax credits. Employees may apply for the tax credits on the employee's income tax return.

**Note:** Maine employers may also be covered under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Office at 866-487-9243.

### For more information, contact:

Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards 45 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0045 located at: 45 Commerce Drive

**Telephone: 207-623-7900** | TTY users call Maine Relay 711. Website: www.maine.gov/labor/bls | Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

At-Will Employment —Under Maine law, an at-will employee may be terminated for any reason not specifically prohibited by law. In most instances, you are an at-will employee unless you are covered by a collective bargaining agreement or other contract that limits termination. If you have questions about at-will employment, contact your human resources department or the Bureau of Labor Standards.

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# WORKERS' COMPENSATION

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD REGIONAL OFFICES

#### **AUGUSTA**

442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 225 156 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0156 207-287-2308 1-800-400-6854

#### **LEWISTON**

36 Mollison Way Lewiston, ME 04240-5811 207-753-7700 1-800-400-6857

#### **BANGOR**

106 Hogan Road, Suite 1 Bangor, ME 04401 207-941-4550 1-800-400-6856

#### **PORTLAND**

1037 Forest Avenue, Suite 11 Portland, ME 04103 207-822-0840 1-800-400-6858

#### **CARIBOU**

43 Hatch Drive, Suite 110 Caribou, ME 04736-2347 207-498-6428 1-800-400-6855

Visit our website at: www.maine.gov/wcb Statewide TTY: 711

### **Notice to Employees:**

State law requires your employer to provide workers'compensation insurance for its employees. Workers'compensation insurance provides benefits to employees who are injured at work.

If you are injured at work, NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYER AT ONCE. You may lose your right to receive benefits unless your employer is notified within 60 days of your injury. Your claim is also subject to a two year statute of limitations. Worker advocates are available at the Workers' Compensation Board to help injured workers.

It is against the law for employers to misclassify employees as independent contractors for the purposes of avoiding workers' compensation insurance, unemployment coverage, or other employer paid taxes and withholdings. For more information on laws pertaining to the hiring of independent contractors, visit the Worker Misclassification Task Force website at www.maine.gov/labor/misclass.

If you have any questions about your rights, please contact one of the regional offices.

### A l'intention des Employes:

D'après les lois de l'Etat du Maine, votre employeur est tenu de souscrire à une assurance indemnisant ses employés victimes d'un accident du travail

Si vous êtes victime d'un accident du travail, PREVENEZ VOTRE EMPLOYEUR IMMEDI-ATEMENT. Passé un délai de 60 jours, vous risquez de perdre vos droits à l'indemnisation. Au-delà de deux ans, votre déclaration n'est plus recevable. Pour aider les victimes d'un accident du travail, le Workers'Compensation Board met des conseillers juridiques à leur disposition.

La loi interdit aux employeurs de classifier fallacieusement leurs salariés comme étant des contractants privés aux fins d'échapper a l'assurance compensatrice-employé, aux indemnités de chômage, ou aux autres charges et retenues dues par employeur. Pour plus de détails sur la législation relative a l'utilisation des services privés, visitez le site internet de Worker Misclassification Task Force (Unité anti-fraude en matière de classification des salariés): www.maine.gov/labor/misclass.

Si vous n'êtes pas sûr de vos droits, veuillez contacter l'un des bureaux régionaux.

### **Aviso a los Trabajadores:**

La ley del estado de Maine requiere que su empresario proporcione el seguro de compensaciones para el trabajador a todos los trabajadores. El seguro de compensaciones para el trabajador proporciona beneficios a los trabajadores accidentados en el trabajo.

En caso de sufrir accidente o daño laboral, NOTIFÍQUELO INMEDIATAMENTE A SU EMPRESARIO. Podría perder el derecho a recibir compensación a menos que su empresario sea notificado de este accidente o daño en el plazo de 60 días. Así mismo esta reclamación debe hacer referencia a unaccidente o daño que no haya ocurrido hace más de dos años. Los defensores del trabajador están disponibles para proporcionar ayuda a los trabajadores accidentados en el Consejo de Administración de Compensaciones para el Trabajador (Workers' Compensation Board).

El hecho de no clasificar a los empleados como contratistas independientes, con el propósito de evitar el seguro por compensación al trabajador, cobertura para desempleados, ú otros impuestos pagados y retenidos por el empleador; está en contra de la ley del empleador. Para mayor información acerca de las leyes pertenecientes a la contratación de contratistas independientes, visite el Worker Misclassification Task Force en la página web de www.maine.gov/labor/misclass.

En caso de tener cualquier pregunta sobre sus derechos, favor de dirigirse a una de las oficinas regionales de compensaciones para el trabajador.

Interpreters Available

When calling for assistance, please say the name of your language in English and an interpreter will be called for you. Please stay on the line.

Tenemos intérpretes a su disposición

Si necesita que le atiendan en español por favor diga "Spanish" y le conectaremos con un intérprete. Por favor manténgase en la línea.

Temos intérpretes à sua disposição

Se precisar de atendimento em Português, por favor diga "Portuguese" e um intérprete será prontamente chamado. Por favor, aguarde na linha.

Abbiamo intèrpreti disponibili

Se avete bisogno di assistenza in Italiano, Vi preghiamo di dire "Italian" e un intèrprete sará messo a Vostra disposizione. Vi preghiamo di rimanere in linea.

Des interprètes sont à votre disposition

Lorsque vous appelez pour demander de l'aide, prononcez le mot "French" et nous mettrons un interprète à votre disposition. Prière de rester en ligne. Tłumacze dostępni na życzenie

Aby uzyskać pomoc tłumacze, proszę powiedzieć po angielsku "Polish" i czekać na linii.

"К вашим услугам имеются переводчики"

"Когда Вы обращаетесь за помощью по телефону, пожалуйста скажите, что Вы говорите по-русски (произнесите "РАШН"), и мы обеспечим Вас переводчиком. После этого, пожалуйста, оставайтесь на линии."

提供口譯服務

打電話請求幫助時,請用英語說"檢音呢斯" (CHINESE)— 我們將爲您提供口譯人員。請不 要挂斷電話。

通訳サービスをご利用いただけます

通訳を必要とされる場合は「ジャパニーズ」と おっしゃり、通訳がでるまでそのままでお待ちく ださい。

한국어 통역을 이용하실 수 있습니다.

도움이 필요하여 전화를 거실 때 영어로 코리언 (KOREAN)이라고 말씀하시면 통 역자를 연결해 드릴 것입니다. 전화를 끊지 마시고 기다리십시오. "Có Thông Dịch Viên"

"Khi gọi điện thoại để được giúp đỡ, xin quý vị hãy nói "VIETNAMESE" để chúng tôi cho thông dịch viên giúp quý vị. Xin quý vị chờ trên đường dây.

مترجمون شفهيون متيشرون لخدمتكم

عند اتصالكم للمساعدة أو لطلب خدمة معينة نرجو منكم أن تذكروا (أ-ربٍ-ك )ونعن سنقذم لكم مترجما شفهيا ، ابقوا على الخط من

افراد مترجم در دسترس مي باشند. را كه بدان صحبت مي كنيد به انگليسي ذكر كنيد تا راجع به امري به ما تلفن مي كنيد، لطفا نام زباني قطع نكنيد. هنگاميكه براي درخواست كمك يا شما تماس گرفته شود. لطفا روي خط منتظر بمانيد. با يك مترجم براي

Turjunaanno waa la helayaa

Marka aad caawinaad inoogu soo yeeraneysid, fadhlan luqaddaada af Ingiriisi inoogu sheeg turjubaan ayaa lguugu yeeri doonaaye. Taleefoonkana ha dhigin.

To the employer: This notice must be posted in a conspicuous place upon your premises accessible to employees. 39-A MRSA §406. The State of Maine does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities.

This poster is available in alternative format. For further assistance, contact the Maine Workers' Compensation Board, ADA Coordinator, telephone: (888) 801-9087 or TTY: 711.

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### **Maine Workplaces Support Nursing Moms**





An employer who is found to have violated this law through a hearing process must pay a civil penalty of \$100– \$500 for every violation.



This document is a collaborative effort of the Maine WIC Nutrition Program and the Maine Department of Labor.

This poster is available online at no charge and may be copied: https://www.maine.gov/labor/posters/

Employers of nursing mothers, for three years after the birth of a child, must:

- provide adequate unpaid break time, or permit an employee to use paid break or meal time each day to express breast milk for her nursing child.
- make reasonable efforts to provide a clean room or other location, other than a bathroom, where an employee may express breast milk in privacy.

An employer shall not retaliate or discriminate against an employee who exercises the right provided under this section.

### How can employers support nursing mothers?

- Develop a workplace policy, including identifying who oversees implementation, and inform employees of new policy.
- Identify a clean, private place with access to electric outlets and a chair.
- Offer flexible breaks.

### What can employees do to make nursing in the workplace easier?

- Understand Maine's Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Law.
- Create a "back to work" plan before your baby is born.
- Determine scheduling and support needs and talk to your employer as soon as possible.
- Do a workplace walk-through and suggest ideas.

### Why do Maine workplaces support nursing moms?

- Average annual savings equals \$400 per breastfed baby (lower medical costs with fewer health insurance claims).
- · Reduces employee turnover.
- Lowers employee absenteeism.
- Improves employee productivity.
- Raises employee morale and company loyalty.

Additional breastfeeding protection in Maine: The Nursing in Public Law (5MRSA §4634) provides protection for women who nurse in public.

A mother may breastfeed her baby in any location, public or private, where the mother is otherwise authorized to be.

### For more information on working and pumping visit:

WIC Nutrition Program: www.maine.gov/WIC or 1-800-437-9300

www.workandpump.com www.llli.org

### For more information or if you believe that your rights have been violated, contact:

Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards 45 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0045 www.maine.gov/labor/bls

207-623-7900 or 207-623-7930

Maine Human Rights Commission www.maine.gov/mhrc/ or 207-624-6290 TTY users call Maine Relay 711

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### **Whistleblower's Protection Act**



### Protection of Employees Who Report or Refuse to Commit Illegal Acts



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### It is illegal for your boss to fire you, threaten you, retaliate against you or treat you differently because:

- 1. You reported a violation of the law;
- 2. You are a healthcare worker and you reported a medical error;
- 3. You reported something that risks someone's health or safety;
- 4. You have refused to do something that will endanger your life or someone else's life and you have asked your employer to correct it; or
- 5. You have been involved in an investigation or hearing held by the government.

### You are protected by this law ONLY if:

- 1. You tell your boss about the problem and allow a reasonable time for it to be corrected; or
- 2. You have good reason to believe that your boss will not correct the problem.

### To report a violation, unsafe condition or practice or an illegal act in your workplace, contact:

(This information should be filled in by the employer)

(Name) (Title) (Location or Phone)

### For more information or to file a complaint under this law, contact:

The Maine Human Rights Commission 51 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Tel: 207-624-6290

TTY users call Maine Relay 711 www.Maine.gov/mhrc

### The following agencies may provide useful information on workplace safety and labor laws:

U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division P.O. Box 554 Portland, Maine 04112

**Tel: 207-780-3344** www. dol.gov

U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA 40 Western Avenue Augusta, Maine 04330 **Tel: 207-626-9160** 

www.osha.gov

Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards 45 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0045

Tel: 207-623-7900

TTY users call Maine Relay 711. Web site: www.maine.gov/labor/bls Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

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### **Video Display Terminals**



The Maine Video Display Terminal (VDT) Law gives certain rights to people who use computers for work.



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M.R.S.A. § 42-B) requires
every employer to
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the workplace where
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### Video Display Terminals MRSA Title 26 §251.

- 1. Bureau. "Bureau" means the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards.
- 2. Employ. "Employ" means to employ or permit to work.
- 3. Employee. "Employee" means any person engaged to work on a steady or regular basis as an operator by an employer located or doing business in the State.
- 4. Employer. "Employer" means any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation, public or private that uses 2 or more terminals at one location.
- 5. Operator. "Operator" means any employee whose primary task is to operate a terminal for more than four consecutive hours, exclusive of breaks, on a daily basis.
- 6. Terminal. "Terminal" means any electronic video screen data presentation machine, commonly called video display terminals.

For full text of the statute visit MRSA Title 26 §251, 252.

If you have questions about working safely at the computer, speak to your supervisor or contact the Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards

Tel: 1-877-SAFE-345 (1-877-723-3345)

TTY users call Maine Relay 711. Web site: www.maine.gov/labor/bls Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

### **Education and training MRSA Title §252.**

Every employer shall establish an education and training program for all operators as provided in this section.

 Requirements. An employer's education and training program must be provided both orally and in writing, except that an employer that uses fewer than 5 terminals at one location may provide the education and training program in writing only.

### The program must include, at a minimum:

- A. Notification of the rights and duties created under this subchapter by posting in a prominent location in the workplace a copy of this subchapter.
- B. An explanation or description of the proper use of terminals and the protective measures that the operator may take to avoid or minimize symptoms or conditions that may result from extended or improper use.
- C. Instruction related to the importance of maintaining proper posture during terminal operation and a description of methods to achieve and maintain this posture, including the use of any adjustable work station equipment used by the operator.
- 2. Literature; clearinghouse. The bureau shall recommend to employers, for use in education and training programs, occupational safety literature that provides appropriate, current and pertinent data on terminal use.
- 3. Training schedule. Employers shall provide operators with this education and training program within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter.

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### **Child Labor Laws**



Child Labor Laws of the State of Maine provide protection for people under the age of 18 in both agricultural and nonagricultural jobs. The Maine Department of Labor administers the laws, which all employers must follow. Department representatives inspect workplaces to ensure compliance. Citations and penalties may be issued to employers who do not comply.

This poster describes some important parts of the laws. A copy of the actual laws and formal interpretations may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards, by calling (207) 623-7900. (The laws are also on the Bureau website.)



Maine Law (Title 26, M.R.S.A. § 42-B) requires every employer to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.

This poster is available online at no charge and may be copied: https://www.maine.gov/labor/posters/

**14 and 15 year olds** may work in most businesses, except in occupations declared hazardous and jeopardize their health, well-being or educational opportunities. **16 and 17 year olds** may work in most businesses, however not in hazardous jobs. These provisions also provide limited exemptions. Contact the Bureau of Labor Standards for details.

#### **Work Permits**

- <u>All</u> minors under 16 years of age need work permits in order to work.
- Superintendent of schools certify academic standing.
- Minor allowed only one permit during the school year but two during summer vacation.
- Minor cannot work until permit is approved by Bureau of Labor Standards.
- Employer keeps Bureau-approved permit on file.

### Recordkeeping

All employers must keep accurate payroll records for workers under 18. Records must show what time the minor began work, total hours worked, and what time the minor finished work each day.

**Note:** Maine employers may also be covered under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Office at 603-666-7716 or http://youth.dol.gov/.

### For more information, contact:

Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards 45 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0045

Tel: 207-623-7900 or 207-623-7930

TTY users call Maine Relay 711 Website: www.maine.gov/labor/bls Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

### Work Hours 14 and 15 year olds

- No more than six days in a row.
- Cannot work before 7 a.m.
- Not after 7 p.m. during school year.
- Cannot work after 9 p.m. during summer vacation.

### When School Is Not in Session

- No more than 8 hours in any one day (weekend, holiday, vacation or workshop).
- Not more than 40 hours in a week (school must be out entire week).

### When School Is in Session

- No more than 3 hours on a school day, including Friday.
- Not more than 18 hours in a week that school is in session one or more days.

### Work Hours 16 and 17 year olds (enrolled in school)

- No more than 6 days in a row.
- Cannot work before 7 a.m. on a school day.
- Cannot work before 5 a.m. on a non-school day.
- Cannot work after 10:15 p.m. the night before a school day.
- Can work up to midnight when there is no school the next day.

### When School Is Not in Session

- No more than 10 hours in any one day (weekend, holiday, vacation, or workshop).
- · No more than 50 hours in a week.

### When School Is in Session

- No more than 6 hours on a school day.
- No more than 10 hours on any holiday, vacation, or workshop day.
- On last day of school week, may work up to 8 hours.
- No more than 24 hours in a week, except may work 50 hours any week that approved school calendar is less than three days or during the first and last week of school calendar.

The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request.

### **Maine Employment Security Law**



This poster is designed to notify individuals of their rights regarding the filing of claims for unemployment benefits. It does not have the force or effect of law. For more information, call 1-800-593-7660 toll free.



Rules Governing The Administration of the Employment Security Law states every employer shall post and maintain such notices to its workers.

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### **Full- and Part-Time Workers**

### How to file a claim for unemployment benefits

All new and reactivated claims for unemployment benefits are filed either online, telephone or by mail. **Do not delay in filing your claim once you are out of work.**Claims cannot be backdated.

When filing, you will need to know your Social Security Number. Also, you should have the names and addresses of all employers for whom you worked, and your dates of employment in the last 18 months.

To file online: www.maine.gov/reemployme This is the fastest, easiest way to file.

To file by phone: 1-800-593-7660 TTY Users Call Maine Relay 711.

All individuals filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits are required by law to be registered with the Maine JobLink. Visit **www.mainecareercenter.gov** to access Maine JobLink.

We provide **language interpreter services** in approximately 140 commonly spoken languages. Arrangements will be made to have an interpreter assist you when you call the Unemployment Claims Center.

**To claim by mail:** In some cases, your employer will give you a claim form. Mail your initial claim form to the Unemployment Claims Center listed below.

Maine Department of Labor
Bureau of Unemployment Compensation

97 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0097

### **Basic eligibility requirements**

Earnings during the base period: The "base period" is a one-year period that includes four calendar quarters. To establish a claim, an individual must have earned two times the annual average weekly wage in Maine in each of two different calendar quarters, and a total of six times the annual, average, weekly wage in Maine in the whole base period. In most cases, the Department of Labor has your wage information on file. If it is not on file, the Department will take steps to obtain it.

**Separation:** If you were laid off from your last job due to a lack of work, no additional investigation is required. If you separated from your last job for reasons other than lack of work, you will be scheduled for a fact-finding interview. A determination will then be made regarding your eligibility for benefits.

**Weekly requirements:** Weekly eligibility requirements include being **able to** work and being **available** for work, making an **active search for work** (unless your work search has been "waived"), not refusing offers of suitable work or referral to suitable job opportunities from the CareerCenters.

**Aliens:** If you are not a U.S. Citizen, your Social Security Number and/or your Alien Permit number will be checked with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

**Unemployment benefits are taxable:** Unemployment benefits are taxable and have to be reported when you file your income tax forms.

**Child support:** If you owe child support that you pay to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), up to fifty percent (50%) of your unemployment check may be withheld and sent to DHHS.

Benefits for partial unemployment: An employer shall issue a properly completed partial unemployment claim form to each employee who is customarily employed full-time and who is given less than full-time hours during a week due to lack of work, and who is not separated from that employer.

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## THE MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT PROHIBITS SEX DISCRIMINATION

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON THE JOB IS ILLEGAL

- **▼** UNWELCOME SEXUAL ADVANCES
- **➤** SUGGESTIVE OR LEWD REMARKS
- **▼** UNWANTED HUGS, TOUCHES, KISSES
- **×** REQUESTS FOR SEXUAL FAVORS
- ➤ RETALIATION FOR COMPLAINING ABOUT SEXUAL HARASSMENT

### IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, CONTACT:

### MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

51 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0051 PHONE (207) 624-6290 FAX (207) 624-8729 TTY: MAINE RELAY 711 www.maine.gov/mhrc

OR CONTACT YOUR PERSONNEL DEPARMENT:	
	DEPARTMENT / AGENCY CONTACT

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