

# WAGE AND HOUR LAWS NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

**Minimum Wage - You have the right to** receive the minimum wage of at least \$6.75 per hour, beginning on January 1, 2006. Beginning on January 1, 2007, you have the right to receive a minimum wage of at least \$7.25 an hour. Under certain conditions, "tipped employees" may be paid up to twenty-five cents less per hour.

**Overtime - You have the right to** be paid overtime at least one and one-half times your regular rate for all hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek. The law also requires employers to maintain payroll records for at least 6 years.

- The Hawaii Wage and Hour Law exempts certain types of employment from minimum wage and overtime, such as outside salespersons and employees in an executive, administrative, supervisory, or professional capacity.

**Payment of Wages - You have the right to** be paid at least twice monthly on regular paydays designated in advance in cash or with checks convertible into cash; within 7 days after the end of each pay period; paid wages in full at the time of discharge or no later than the next working day; or paid no later than the next regular payday if you quit or resign. However, if you give your employer one pay period's notice of your intention to quit, you must be paid on your last day of employment.

**Notification Requirements - You have the right to** be notified in writing at the time of hire of your rate of pay and the paydays. Any changes in pay arrangements prior to the time of such changes, and of any policies with regard to vacation, sick, or holiday pay must be made in writing or through a posted notice. You must also be furnished with a pay statement on payday showing gross wages, amount and purpose of each deduction, net pay, date of payment and pay period covered. If your employer requires that you give advance notice of quitting and you are terminated after giving that notice, your employer is liable for the wages you would have earned up to the last day you intended to work, unless you were terminated for cause.

**Withholding of Wages - You have the right to** ensure that there are no wrongful withholdings of your wages. Your employer may not collect, deduct or obtain authorization to deduct for:

- Fines (For example - an amount you must pay to your employer for being tardy.)
- Cash shortages in a common cash register or cash box used by two or more people, or in a cash register or cash box under your sole control unless given an opportunity to account for all monies received at the start of a shift and all monies turned in at the end of a shift.
- Penalties or replacement costs for breakage.
- Losses due to your acceptance of checks which are later dishonored if the employer has authorized you to accept checks.
- Losses due to faulty workmanship, lost or stolen property, damage to property, or default of customer credit or nonpayment for goods or services received by customers, as long as those losses are not due to your willful or intentional disregard of the employer's interest.

Your employer or prospective employer cannot require you to pay a job application processing fee. Your employer may deduct state and federal withholding taxes, amounts specified by court orders and amounts you authorized in writing.

**Collection of Unpaid Wages - You have the right to** file a complaint for unpaid wages with the Wage Standards Division within one year from the time the wages became due. Certain executives, administrators, professionals and outside salespersons may need to file a claim in a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Hawaii Family Leave Law - You have the right to** receive up to 4 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave for the birth or adoption of your child, or to care for your child, parent, spouse or reciprocal beneficiary with a serious health condition. You are eligible only if you have at least 6 consecutive months of service, and your employer has 100 or more employees. Accrued paid leaves may be substituted for any part of the 4-week period. If your employer provides for paid sick leave, you may use 10 days of your accrued and available sick leave per year unless a collective bargaining agreement provides for more than 10 days.

**Prevailing Wages and Overtime on State and County Government Construction Projects - You have the right to** be paid the prevailing wages on government construction projects.

**Lie Detector Tests - You have the right to** refuse a lie detector test.

**Work Injury - You have the right to** file a complaint if you feel that you have been suspended, discharged, or discriminated against solely because of a work injury. Except under certain circumstances, the law prohibits an employer from suspending, discharging, or otherwise discriminating against an employee solely because the employee suffered a work injury that is compensable under the Workers' Compensation Laws.

#### **Wage Standards Division:**

Oahu: . . . . . 586-8777 Hilo: . . . . . 974-6464 Maui: . . . . . 243-5322 Kona: . . . . . 322-4808 Kauai: . . . . . 274-3351

This notice provides general background information on Hawaii Wage and Hour laws and is not intended to serve as a substitute for legal counsel. For specific legal advice on individual situations, please consult an attorney.

**Dwight Takamine, Director  
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<http://hawaii.gov/labor/official-labor-law-poster>