

VERMONT

Labor Laws

Minimum Wage

Department of Labor

NOTICE MINIMUM WAGE

FOR VERMONT EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS

MINIMUM WAGE RATE	
Effective 01/01/25	\$14.01 per hour
Effective 01/01/24	\$13.67 per hour
Effective 01/01/23	\$13.18 per hour
BASIC WAGE RATE (TIPPED EMPLOYEES)	
Effective 01/01/25	\$7.01 per hour
Effective 01/01/24	\$6.84 per hour
Effective 01/01/23	\$6.59 per hour
MAXIMUM TIP CREDIT ALLOWED	
Effective 01/01/25	\$7.00 per hour
Effective 01/01/24	\$6.83 per hour
Effective 01/01/23	\$6.59 per hour

NOTICE: This state has its own minimum wage law. Employers are also required to display the federal Employee Rights Under the Fair Labor Standards Act posting, which indicates the federal minimum wage. Where federal and state rates both apply to an employee, the U.S. Department of Labor dictates that the employee is entitled to the higher minimum wage rate.

THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Safety Records

Department of Labor

Posting of Safety Records

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

Under Vermont law (21 V.S.A. §691a) all Vermont employers must advise their employees of where they may review the employer's record of workplace safety, including workplace injury and illness. The employer's data shall be available for review by any employee and by the Commissioner of Labor, but this information shall not otherwise be public information.

The employer's data is available at:

(Location)

Employer Contact:

(Name)

Work Telephone: _____

Email: _____

For more information, contact the Vermont Department of Labor at (802) 828-2286.

REV. 09/2014

Sexual Harassment

Department of Labor

Notice: Sexual Harassment is Illegal

Under Vermont Law, sexual harassment and is illegal and is prohibited by the **Vermont Fair Employment practices act** (VFPEA) (Title 21, Chapter 5, Subchapter 6 of the Vermont Statutes) and **Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** (42 United State Code Section 2000e et seq.)

Vermont law protects all workers not just employees. Effective July 1, 2018, Vermont's protections against sexual harassment extend to all individuals engaged "to perform work or services," even if they are not "employees" under state or federal law. References to "employees," "employees," and "employment" below should be understood to apply to work agreements beyond the traditional employer-employee relationship.

"Sexual Harassment" is form of sex discrimination and means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, physical, written, auditory, or visual conduct of a sexual nature when:

- Submission to that conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of work, or
- Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by an individual is used as a component of the basis for work related decisions affecting that individual, or
- The conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with the individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Sexual harassment does not need to be severe or pervasive to be unlawful.

It is unlawful to retaliate against an individual performing work or services for filing a complaint of sexual harassment or for cooperating in an investigation of sexual harassment.

Employers **must** ensure a workplace free of sexual harassment for all individuals performing work or services. Every supervisor is responsible for promptly responding to or reporting any complaint or suspected acts of sexual harassment.

Examples of sexual harassment include:

- Unwelcome sexual advances - Suggestive or lewd remarks - Unwanted hugs, touches, kisses - Requests for sexual favors - Pornographic posters, cartoons, or drawings - Unwelcome sexual jokes and banter.

Consequences for committing sexual harassment may include:

Disciplinary action - From a verbal warning to dismissal - Damages and other relief for the victim civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation - Criminal penalties.

Employers or individuals engaged to perform work or services who believe that they have been sexually harassed or retaliated against for complaining of sexual harassment are encouraged to report the situation as soon as possible to one or more of the following.

Effective July 1, 2023

REV. 07/01/2023

Child Labor

Department of Labor

Child Labor Poster

Non Agricultural Employment:

Children Age 14 and 15 MAY NOT work in any of the hazardous occupations above and may not work in communications or public utilities jobs, construction or repair jobs, driving a motor vehicle or helping a driver, manufacturing and mining occupations, power-driven machinery or hoisting apparatus other than typical office machines, processing occupations, public messenger jobs, transporting of persons or property, workrooms where products are manufactured, mined or processed, or warehousing and storage.

Children Age 14 and 15 MAY NOT work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs under the following conditions:
No more than 3 hours on a school day or 18 hours in a school week; 8 hours on a non-school day or 40 hours in a non-school week. Also, work may not begin before 7 a.m. or end after 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when evening hours are extended to 9 p.m. (Different rules apply to agricultural employment.)

Examples of permitted jobs include office, grocery store, retail store, restaurant, movie theater, baseball park, amusement park, or gasoline service station.

Children Age 16 - 18

An employer must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs. No person less than 18 years old may work in any occupation declared hazardous by the Secretary of the USDOL or the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Labor. The following occupations have been declared hazardous (See child labor rules for additional information):

Hazardous Occupations

Manufacturing and storing of explosives, driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle; coal mining, logging and sawmilling, power-driven woodworking machines, exposure to radioactive substances, power-driven hoisting apparatus, power-driven metal-forming, punching, and shearing machines, mining, other than coal mining, meat packing or processing (including the use of power-driven meat slicing machines), power-driven bakery machines, power-driven paper product machines, manufacturing brick, tile, and related products, power-driven circular saws, band saws, and guillotine shears, welding, demolition, and shipbreaking operations, roofing operations, or excavation operations. There are some exemptions for apprentice/student learner programs in some of these hazardous occupations.

A person must be at least 18 to work in any of the hazardous non-farm jobs listed above.

Equal Opportunity is the Law

The State of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applications from women, individuals with disabilities, and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are encouraged. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. 711 (TTY/Relay Service) or 802-828-4203 TDD (Vermont Department of Labor).

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REV. 09/2007

Reinstatement

Department of Labor

Notice: Workers' Compensation Reinstatement Rights VERMONT LAW REQUIRES POSTING OF THIS NOTICE

21 VSA §643b Reinstatement; seniority and benefits protected

This law provides that an employer who regularly employs **ten or more people** (at least 10 of whom work more than 15 hours a week), has an obligation to rehire a worker who has suffered a work related injury **provided** that the following conditions are met:

- The worker recovers from the injury within two (2) years of the onset of disability; and
- The worker keeps the employer informed of his or her interest in reinstatement and his or her current mailing address; and
- The worker had an expectation of continuing work had the injury not occurred; and
- The worker is physically capable of performing either his or her prior job, if available, or an alternative suitable position.

Reinstatement must be with all benefits earned up to the date of injury, including both seniority and accrued leave time. Obviously, such benefits need not accrue **during** the period of actual disability.

Please note that the right to reinstatement applies only to the first **available** suitable job. Thus, the employer is not obligated either to create an "extra" position for a returning worker or to lay-off a current employee in order to comply with this law.

Should you have questions regarding the above, please contact the Vermont Department of Labor, Workers' Compensation and Safety Division at 802-828-2286 or our website: www.labor.vermont.gov.

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www.labor.vermont.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vermont Department of Labor

P.O. Box 488

Montpelier, Vermont 05601-0488

Email: LABOR.WCComp@vermont.gov

TELEPHONE: (802) 828-2286

TDD: (800) 650-4152

Fax: (802) 828-2195

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

REV. 06/2017

Earned Sick Time Act

Department of Labor

Earned Sick Time Act

Notice of Employee Rights

HOW IS SICK TIME EARNED?

An employee will earn one hour of earned sick time for every 52 hours of actual work, including overtime. An employee will be entitled to use up to 40 hours in 2019 and subsequent years.

HOW CAN SICK TIME BE USED?

An employee can use sick time when the employee or employee's child, parent, grandparent, spouse, or parent-in-law is sick or injured. This includes helping a family member obtain health care or travel to an appointment related to his or her long-term care, or to address the effects of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. An employee may use earned sick time to care for a family member because the school or business where the family member is located is closed for public health or safety reasons.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION,

or to report possible violations of the Act, contact the

Vermont Department of Labor at

1-802-828-4267

Department of Labor

Earned Sick Time Act

Notice of Employee Rights

WHEN DOES ACCRUAL BEGIN?

An employee begins accruing sick leave on January 1st, 2017 or on the first day of employment, whichever comes later.

IS THERE AN EXCEPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES?

A small business that employs five or fewer full-time employees will not be subject to the Act until January 1st, 2018.

WHEN WILL PAID SICK TIME BE AVAILABLE TO USE?

An employer may elect to allow the use of earned sick time as it accrues, or may impose a waiting period of up to one year after January 1st, 2017 or the first day of employment, whichever comes later.

ARE ALL EMPLOYEES ENTITLED TO SICK TIME?

Not all employees are subject to the protections of the Act. There are limited exemptions for certain types of employment, as well as for certain seasonal and part time employees. For a complete list, go to: <http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/21/005/00461>

Pregnancy Rights

Department of Labor

Accommodations for Pregnant Employees

Notice of Employee Rights

WHAT IS THE LAW?

An employee with a pregnancy-related condition has a right to reasonable accommodations in the workplace to perform her job. A pregnancy-related condition is one caused by pregnancy, childbirth, or a medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth. The law applies to all Vermont workplaces and all pregnant employees.

WHEN DOES IT BECOME EFFECTIVE?

January 1, 2018

WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYER'S OBLIGATIONS?

When employees request a reasonable accommodation pertaining to pregnancy, the employer should take time to work with the employee to fulfill the request. Ignoring a request, retaliating against, or firing the employee requesting a reasonable accommodation could expose the employer to damages and civil penalties.

DOES AN EMPLOYER HAVE TO GRANT EVERY ACCOMMODATION REQUEST?
An employer may decline a reasonable accommodation if the accommodation would constitute an undue hardship. An accommodation creates an undue hardship if it would be significantly difficult, unduly expensive or unworkable to put into place.

WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYEE'S RIGHTS?

If you feel you need reasonable accommodations to perform the essential functions of your job, you must request the accommodations by communicating with your employer.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

www.labor.vermont.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

STATE OF VERMONT

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

888-745-9195 or 802-828-3657

AGO.CivilRights@vermont.gov

You may also contact the

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

14-16 Baldwin St., Montpelier, VT 05633

800-416-2010 or 802-828-2480

human.rights@vermont.gov

www.hrc.vermont.gov

REV. 11/2017

Victims' Rights

Department of Labor

Employment Protections for Victims of Crime

Notice of Employee Rights

WHAT IS THE LAW?

Under Vermont law, alleged victims are protected from harassment or other discrimination by employers based on their status as an alleged victim. Employers are also required to provide alleged victims with job-protected, unpaid leave to attend certain legal proceedings relating to a relevant crime.

EFFECTIVE AS OF:

July 1, 2022

WHO IS AN ALLEGED VICTIM?

Under the law, a "alleged victim" is a person who:

- Is alleged to have sustained:
- Physical, emotional, or financial injury or death;
- As a direct result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime;
- As a direct result of the commission or attempted commission of an act of delinquency;

While on alleged victim leave, employees may use any accrued sick leave, vacation leave, or any other paid leave. Employees must continue to receive employment benefits while on leave and have the right to return to their same job or a comparable position upon return.

Employees who are alleged victims have the right to take unpaid leave to attend:

- Criminal proceedings where the employee is an alleged victim and has a legal right or obligation to appear at the proceeding;
- Relief from abuse hearings and neglect or exploitation hearings under when the employee is a plaintiff; or
- Hearings concerning an order against stalking or sexual assault.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

VERMONT ATTORNEY GENERAL

CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

109 State St., Montpelier, VT 05602

888-745-9195 or 802-828-3657

AGO.CivilRights@vermont.gov

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

14-16 Baldwin St., Montpelier, VT 05602

800-416-2010 or 802-828-2480

www.hrc.vermont.gov

REV. 12/2005

Workers' Comp.

Department of Labor

Employer's Liability and Workers' Compensation Notice to Employees

THIS EMPLOYER, _____, HAS COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 21 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES, ANNOTATED §687, BY OBTAINING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH:

(INSURANCE CARRIER)

Workers' Compensation benefits for lost time, medical expenses, disability or death because of a work-related injury are available through the above named company.

- An injured employee **MUST** immediately notify his/her employer of an injury.
- The employee **MUST** file an Employee Claim and Employer's First Report of Injury (Form 1) with the Vermont Department of Labor within 72 hours of the notice of an injury that requires medical attention or results in time lost from work.

Leave

Department of Labor

Parental Leave, Family Leave and Short-Term Family Leave

Vermont's **Parental Leave** Law covers employers with 10 or more workers who work an average of 30 hours per week over the course of a year.

A youth **14 or 15 years old** can work in agriculture, on any farm, but only in non-hazardous jobs.

A youth **14 or 15 years of age** can only work in agriculture on a farm if a parent has given written permission or if a parent is working on the same farm as his or her child, and only in non-hazardous jobs.

If the youth is **younger than 12**, he or she can only work in agriculture on a farm if the farm is not required to pay the Federal minimum wage. Under the FLSA, "small farms" are exempt from the minimum wage requirements. "Small farm" means any farm that did not use more than 500 "man-days" of agricultural labor in any calendar quarter (3-month period) during the preceding calendar year. "Man-day" means any day during which an employee works at least one hour. If the farm is "small," workers under 12 years of age can only be employed with a parent's permission and only in non-hazardous jobs.

Hazardous agricultural occupations include:

- Operating a tractor of over 20 PTO (Power-Take-Off) horsepower, or connecting or disconnecting implements or parts to such a tractor.
- Operating or helping to operate Corn picker, cotton picker, grain combine, hay mower, forage harvester, hay baler, potato digger, or mobile pea viner, Feed grinder, crop dryer, forage blower, auger conveyor, or the unloading mechanism of a non-gravity-type self-unloading wagon or trailer, or Power post-hole digger, power post driver, or nonwalking-type rotary tiller, Treacher or earthmoving equipment, Fork lift, Potato combine, or Power-driven circular, band or chainsaw.
- Working on a farm in a yard, pen, or stall occupied by Bull, boar, or stud horse for breeding, or Sow with suckling pigs, or cow with newborn calf with umbilical cord present.
- Loading, unloading, felling, bucking, or skidding timber with a butt (large end) diameter of more than 6 inches.
- Working from a ladder or scaffold at a height of over 20 feet.
- Driving a bus, truck, or automobile when transporting passengers, or riding on a tractor as a passenger or helper.

Short-Term Family Leave: to participate in preschool or school activities directly related to the academic advancement of the worker's child, stepchild, foster child or ward who lives with the worker to attend or to accompany the worker's child, stepchild, foster child or ward who lives with the worker or the worker's parent, spouse or parent-in-law to routine medical or dental appointments; to accompany the worker's parent, spouse, or parent-in-law to other appointments for professional services related to their care and well-being; to respond to a medical emergency involving the employee's child, stepchild, foster child or ward who lives with the worker or the employee's parent, spouse or parent-in-law.

The worker must give reasonable written notice of intent to take family or parental leave, including the anticipated dates the leave will start and end. The employer may not require notice more than 6 weeks prior to birth or adoption. If serious illness is claimed, the employer may require certification from a physician. For short-term family leave, a worker must give notice as early as possible, at least seven days before the leave is to be taken unless waiting seven days could have a significant adverse impact on the employee's family members.

A worker may choose to use sick leave, or vacation leave, or any other accrued paid leave during the leave, up to six weeks. The employer may not require the worker to do so. Use of paid leave does not extend the overall leave time to which the worker is entitled.

The employer must continue to provide all worker benefits unchanged during the leave period but may require the worker to contribute to the cost at the existing rate of worker contribution.

Upon return from leave, a worker must be offered the job held previously or a comparable one at equal pay, benefits, seniority, and other terms and conditions.

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REV. 06/2019

Department of Labor

Safety and Health Protection on the Job

The Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Code (Title 21 V.S.A. Chapter 3, Sub-Chapters 4 and 5, and the rules adopted (there under) provides job safety and health protection for workers.

The purpose of the law is to assure safe and healthful working conditions throughout the State.

You have a right to a safe and healthy workplace. IT'S THE LAW!

- You have the right to notify your employer or VOSHA about workplace hazards. You may ask VOSHA to keep your name confidential.
- You have the right to request a VOSHA inspection if you believe that there are unsafe and unhealthful conditions in your workplace.
- You or your representative may participate in the inspection.
- You can file a complaint with VOSHA within 30 days of discrimination by your employer for making safety and health complaints or for exercising your rights under the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Act.
- You have a right to see VOSHA 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.
- The Statute provides that employees may not be discharged or discriminated against in any way for filing safety or health complaints or otherwise exercising their rights under the Code.
- The Statute also provides that employees who are discriminated against may bring a private action in Superior Court for appropriate relief. Including reinstatement, triple wages, damages, costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

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. To obtain more information on OSHA federal programs, call 1-800-321-OSHA or visit OSHA's website at www.osha.gov.

The Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration (VOSHA), in the Vermont Department of Labor, has the primary responsibility for administering the OSH Act in Vermont. To file a complaint, report an emergency, or seek VOSHA advice or assistance call 1-800-287-2765.

Under a plan approved October 1, 1973, by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the State of Vermont is providing job safety and health protection for workers throughout the State. OSHA will monitor the operation of this plan to assure that continued approval is merited. Any person may make a complaint regarding Vermont's administration of this plan directly to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room E-340, Boston, MA, 02203, Telephone (617) 565-9860.

ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION:

The plan provides that employers and employees may request free voluntary compliance consultative or training assistance, which is provided by non-enforcement Project WorkSAFE personnel.

Further information, including copies of the Code and of specific safety and health standards, may be obtained by contacting:

PROJECT WORKSAFE

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

5 GREEN MOUNTAIN DRIVE

P.O. Box 488

MONTPELIER, VERMONT 05601-0488

TELEPHONE (888) SAFE-YES