



BASIC INFORMATION

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) is responsible for administering and enforcing laws that establish minimally acceptable standards for wages and working conditions in this country, regardless of immigration status.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) affects most private and public employment. The FLSA requires employers to pay covered non-exempt employees at least the federal minimum wage and overtime pay for all hours worked over 40 in a work week.

Covered employees must be paid for all hours worked in a workweek. In general,

- adoption or foster care;
- for the serious health condition of the employee or the employee's spouse, child, or parent;
- for qualifying exigencies arising out of a covered military member's covered active duty status.

And 26 workweeks of leave during a single 12-month period to care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness.

