



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION LAW**

Wages In this Establishment Will Be Paid On:

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

**PAYMENT OF WAGES.** All wages due an employee must be paid **on a weekly or biweekly basis**. The Labor Commissioner may, upon written petition showing good and sufficient reason, permit payment of wages less frequently, except it shall be at least once each calendar month.

**NOTICE TO EMPLOYEE.** Employer must notify employee in writing when hiring of the rate of pay, or any changes prior to change; make available in writing, or by posted notice, employment practices and policies on vacation pay, sick leave and other fringe benefits; furnish employee statement of deductions each payday.

**LUNCH OR EATING PERIOD.** An employer may not require an employee to work more than five consecutive hours without granting him a one half-hour lunch or eating period, except if it is feasible for the employee to eat during the performance of his/her work, and the employer permits him/her to do so.

**ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILE.** Every employer shall provide a reasonable opportunity for an employee who so requests to inspect such employee’s personnel file and upon request provide such employee with a copy of all or part of the file.

**WITHHOLDING WAGES.** Employer may not withhold or divert any portion of an employee’s wages unless required or empowered by state or federal law; or unless by written authorization by the employee for a lawful purpose accruing to the benefit of the employee, per regulation promulgated by the Commissioner.

**EMPLOYEES SEPARATED.** When an employee quits, resigns, or is suspended because of labor dispute wages must be paid not later than the next regular payday or by mail if the employee so requests. Employees discharged must be paid in full within seventy-two hours. Willful failure to pay as above subjects employer to liquidated damages of ten percent of the unpaid wages for each day except Sunday and legal holidays. In case of dispute over amount due, employer shall pay amount conceded by him to be due, leaving employee remedies of law for balance.

The acceptance of payment by employee shall not constitute a release to the balance of a claim and any release required by an employer as a condition of payment shall be null and void and in violation of the law.

**REQUIRED PAY**

On any day an employee reports to work at an employer’s request, the employee shall be paid not less than 2 hours pay at their regular rate of pay. This does not apply to employees of counties or municipalities.

**CIVIL PENALTY**

There may be a minimum civil penalty of \$100.00 per violation of any section of the New Hampshire Labor Laws.

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**THIS NOTICE MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE**