

## Minimum Wage

Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Labor Standards & Statistics

### COLORADO WAGE & HOUR RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES: The COMPS Order (Colorado Overtime & Minimum Pay Standards) Poster & Notice

Effective 1/1/2026  
Use new version released by each December

**Colorado Minimum Wage: \$15.16 per hour in 2026, updated yearly (COMPS Rule 3)**

- Most pay at least a minimum wage for all time worked, whether by hour, salary, commission, piece rate, etc.
- Use the highest minimum wage applicable: [ColoradoLaborLaw.gov](#) lists all local minimum wages.
- 15% lower is allowed for unemancipated minors — but not for some local minimum wages

**Overtime: 1½ regular rate after 40 weekly hours, or 12 daily or consecutive (Rule 4)**

- Can't give time off instead of overtime pay; can't average overtime and non-overtime weeks (or days)
- Agriculture: Overtime after 48 hours (56 at some highly seasonal sites); extra breaks and pay on long days
- Some (not all) jobs in health, ski, and heavy vehicles are partly or fully exempt (Rules 2.3-2.4)

**Meal Periods: 30 minutes uninterrupted & duty-free, in shifts over 5 hours (Rule 5.1)**

- Can be unpaid only for employees completely relieved of duty, and allowed do personal activities
- If work doesn't allow uninterrupted meal periods: must allow eating on duty, on paid time
- As much as practical, meal periods must be at least 1 hour after starting shifts, and 1 hour before ending

**Rest Periods: 10 minutes, paid, every 4 hours (Rule 5.2)**

#Work Hours:	Up to 2	>2, up to 6	>6, up to 10	>10, up to 14	>14, up to 18	>18, up to 22	>22
#Rest Periods:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

- Need not be off-site, but must not include work, and should be in the middle of the 4 hours if practical
- Rest periods count as time worked, including for minimum wage and overtime
- Extra pay is owed for rest period time not authorized or permitted, including for employees not paid hourly
- Break rules differ for some agricultural work (Rule 2.3, & the Agricultural Labor Conditions Rules)

**Deductions, Credits, Charges, & Withheld Pay (Rule 6, & Colorado Wage Act)**

- Final pay: Owed promptly (if a termination by employer) or at next pay date (if employee resigns)
- Unused vacation: Must pay to departing employees, even if fired for cause or resigned without notice
- Tip credits: Can lower hourly pay up to \$3.02 if tips (not service charges) aren't diverted to unemp'd staff
- Meals: Can charge cost or value (without profit) of voluntarily accepted meals
- Lodging: Can charge \$25-\$100 weekly (by housing type) if voluntary and primarily for employer benefit
- Uniforms: Can't charge or require deposits for special uniforms, special cleaning, or ordinary wear and tear
- Other deductions: Only for items in CRS 8-4-105; not for poor work, breakage, quitting without notice, etc.

**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.**

## Public Health Rights

Department of Labor and Employment

### Colorado Workplace Public Health Rights Poster: PAID LEAVE, WHISTLEBLOWING, & PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Updated July 14, 2022  
may be updated periodically

**THE HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES ACT ("HFWA"): Paid Leave Rights**

**Coverage: All Colorado employers, of any size, must provide paid leave**

- All employees earn 1 hour of paid leave per 30 hours worked ("accrued leave"), up to 48 hours a year.
- Employees are required to be paid their regular pay rate during leave, and the employer must continue their benefits.
- Up to 48 hours of unused accrued leave carries over for use during the next year.

For details on specific situations (pregnant hours, non-hourly pay, etc.), see Wage Protection Rule 3.5, 7 CO 1103-7.

Up to 80 hours of supplemental leave applies in a public health emergency (PHE), until 4 weeks after the PHE ends.

**Employees can use accrued leave for the following safety or health needs:**

- a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition that prevents work, including diagnostic or preventive care;
- domestic abuse, sexual assault, or criminal harassment leading to health, relocation, legal, or other services needs;
- caring for a family member experiencing a condition described in category (1) or (2);
- grieving, funeral/memorial attendance, or financial/legal needs after a death of a family member;
- due to inclement weather, power/heav/water loss, or other unexpected occurrence, the employees needs to either (a) evacuate their residence, or (b) care for a family member whose school or place of care was closed;
- in a PHE, a public official closed the workplace, or the school or place of care of the employee's child.

**Employee Policies (Notice, Documentation, Incremental Use, Privacy, and Paid Leave Records)**

- Written notice and posters.** Employers must (1) provide notice to new employees no later than their onboarding documents/policies; and (2) display updated posters, and provide updated notices to current employees, by end of year.
- Notice for "foreseeable" leave.** Employers may adopt "reasonable procedures" in writing as to how employees should provide notice if they require "foreseeable" leave, but **cannot deny paid leave** for noncompliance with such a policy.
- An employer can require documentation to show that accrued leave was for a qualifying reason only if leave was for four or more consecutive work days (i.e. days when an employee would have worked, not calendar days).**
- Documentation is not required to take accrued leave,** but can be required as soon as an employee returns to work or separates from work (whichever is sooner). **No documentation can be required for PHE leave.**
- To document leave for an employee (or an employee's family member's) health-related need,** an employer may provide: (1) a document from a health or social services provider if services were received and a document can be obtained in reasonable time and without expense; **otherwise** (2) the employee's own writing.
- Documentation as to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or criminal harassment** can be a document or writing under (1) above (e.g. legal or shelter services provider) or (2) above, or a legal document (restraining order, police report, etc.).
- If an employer reasonably deems an employee's documentation deficient,** the employer must: (A) notify the employee within seven days of either receiving the documentation or the employee's return to work or separation (whichever is sooner), and (B) give the employee at least seven days to cure the deficiency.
- Incremental Use.** Depending on employer policy, employees can use leave in either hourly or six-minute increments.

This Poster summarizes two Colorado workplace public health laws: C.R.S. 8-13-401 et seq., (paid leave), and C.R.S. 8-14-4-101 et seq. (healthy and safety whistleblowing) including amendments current as of the date of this poster. It does not cover other health or safety laws, rules, and orders, including under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), or from local public health agencies. Contact those agencies for such health and safety information.

\*In a PHE, employees gain additional hours of leave for liability to work, testing, quarantining, caring for family in such situations, and related needs. No PHE is now in effect; this poster will be updated if one is declared.

**This poster must be displayed where easily accessible to workers, shared with remote workers, provided in other languages as needed, and replaced with any annually updated versions.**

**This Poster is a summary and cannot be relied on as complete labor law information. For all rules, fact sheets, translations, questions, or complaints, contact:**  
DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS & STATISTICS, [ColoradoLaborLaw.gov](#), [cdle\\_labor\\_standards@state.co.us](#), 303-318-8441 / 888-390-7936.

## Employment Security Act

### NOTICE TO WORKERS

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE:**

- Properly classified as an employee or an independent contractor
- Paid accurately and timely for the services you perform

There are resources available to you if you believe you are being subject to improper classification or inaccurate payment practices by your employer. For more information, go to [WorkRight.cdle.ca](#).

Employers are required to follow the law when paying hourly wages, overtime, and properly covering you for unemployment insurance and workers' compensation purposes. As a worker, you have certain rights as an employee, independent contractor.

Improper classification (often called misclassification) of employees as independent contractors and other labor law violations create many problems, both for law-abiding businesses and for workers in Colorado.

**You may be improperly classified as an independent contractor and are really performing duties that fit the criteria of an employee.** Visit [colorado.gov/cdle/TIPform](#), or call us at 303-318-9100 and select Option 4. Be classified as an employee. You must meet the criteria in Colorado Revised Statute 8-70-115. You can read the law online and find out more at [colorado.gov/workerclassification](#).

If you believe you have been **improperly** insurance benefits if you become unemployed through no fault of your own. **Your employer contributes to unemployment insurance and cannot deduct this from your wages.**

If you become employed and wish to file for unemployment insurance benefits, go to [coloradoui.gov](#) and click on File a Claim. If your hours of work and pay are reduced, you may be entitled to partial unemployment benefits.

If you cannot access a computer, call one of the following numbers: 303-318-9000 (Denver-metro area) or 1-800-388-5515 (outside Denver-metro area); hearing impaired 303-318-9016 (TDD Denver-metro area) or 1-800-894-7730 (TDD outside Denver-metro area).

### EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO POST THIS NOTICE

Colorado Employment Security Act, 8-74-101(2); Regulations Concerning Employment Security 7.3.1 through 7.3.5  
Employers can download copies of this poster at [coloradoui.gov/employers](#), then click on Forms / Publications.

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## Discrimination

Department of Regulatory Agencies,  
Colorado Civil Rights Division

### Colorado Law Prohibits Discrimination in: EMPLOYMENT

**IT SHALL BE A DISCRIMINATORY OR UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE:**

to REFUSE TO HIRE, to DISCHARGE, to PROMOTE or DENOTE, to HARASS during the course of employment, or to discriminate in MATTERS OF COMPENSATION, TERMS, CONDITIONS, or PRIVILEGES of employment.

**BECAUSE OF:**

DISABILITY, RACE, CREED, COLOR, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, RELIGION, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN or ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, or, in certain circumstances, MARITAL TO A CO-WORKER.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES:**

An employee with a disability is entitled to a reasonable accommodation(s) which is necessary to perform the essential functions of the job. An accommodation is not reasonable if its provision would result in an undue hardship on the employer's business.

**PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT — C.R.S. § 24-34-402.3**

An employee with a health condition(s) related to pregnancy or physical recovery from childbirth is entitled to a reasonable accommodation(s) necessary to perform the essential functions of the job. An accommodation is not reasonable if its provision would result in an undue hardship on the employer's business.

**RETALIATION PROHIBITED — C.R.S. § 24-34-402(e)**

It is a discriminatory act to retaliate against a person who opposes a discriminatory practice or who participates in a discrimination investigation, proceeding or hearing.

**SHARING WAGE INFORMATION PROTECTED — C.R.S. § 24-34-402(i)**

An employer shall not discharge, discipline, discriminate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with an employee or person due to an inquiry, disclosure or discussion of wages. An employer shall not require an employee to waive the right to disclose wage information.

**CROWN ACT of 2020:**

Discrimination on the basis of one's race includes hair texture, hair type, hair length or a protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race, such as braids, locs, twists, tight curls or curls, cornrows, Bantu knots, Afros, and headwraps, etc. 6/3/24.

**TO FILE A COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE COLORADO CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION; 1560 BROADWAY, LOBBY WELCOME CENTER, SUITE #110, DENVER, CO 80202  
MAIN PHONE: 303-894-2997; HOTLINE SPANOL: 720-432-4294; TOLL-FREE: 800-262-4845; V/1TD RELAY: 711; FAX: 303-894-7830; EMAIL: [DORA\\_CDORSTATE.CO.US](#)  
EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN 300 DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY ACT OCCURRED.**

Division Director, Aubrey Glenis, Esq. [cdrc.colorado.gov](#)

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## Payday

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

### NOTICE OF PAYDAYS

**As Required by C.R.S. §§ 8-4-107, -103**

Employers must provide notice to employees of the regular payday and the time and place of payment. Employers must post, and keep posted, this notice where employees can easily see it, at the workplace if practicable, the employer's payment office, or if easily accessible to employees, electronically. Employees are required to post a new notice any time paydays or time or place of payment change.

Pay periods must be no longer than a calendar month or 30 days, whichever is longer. Paydays must be no later than 10 days following the close of each pay period.

**EMPLOYEES ARE PAID ON REGULAR PAYDAYS AS FOLLOWS:**

Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is provided as a courtesy by the Colorado Department of Labor, Division of Labor Standards and Statistics. Other Notice of Paydays Posters are acceptable provided that they contain the elements and information required by C.R.S. 8-4-107.

For more information about rights and responsibilities under Colorado wage and hour law, contact the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Labor Standards and Statistics: 303-318-8441 / 888-390-7936 / [cdle\\_labor\\_standards@state.co.us](#) (English or Spanish).

All laws, guidance and complaints: [ColoradoLaborLaw.gov](#) | Spanish guidance and complaints: [LeyesLaboralesDeColorado.gov](#) | Other labor standards posters: [cdle.colorado.gov/LaborStandardsPosters](#)

**COLORADO** Department of Labor and Employment  
707 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202  
303-318-8441  
[www.ColoradoLaborLaw.gov](#) | [LeyesLaboralesDeColorado.gov](#)

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## FAMLI

Department of Labor and Employment

### FAMLI Program Notice

**Colorado's Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI)**

**Paid time for the moments that matter**

You may qualify for FAMLI paid leave if you earned \$2,500 over the previous year, and need to:

- Care for a new child through birth, adoption, or foster placement
- Care for your own serious health condition
- Care for a family member with a serious health condition
- Support a family member preparing for military deployment
- Seek safety or support related to domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault
- Care for a newborn in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or higher level of care

**How Much Leave You Can Take**

- Up to 12 weeks each year
- Up to 4 extra weeks serious health condition
- Up to 12 more weeks for Neonatal Care Leave

You can take leave all at once, intermittently, or on a reduced schedule. FAMLI leave may reduce your available FMLA leave.

**What You'll Receive**

- Weekly payment of up to 90% of your wages (sliding scale, based on income)
- Benefits that are not taxed by Colorado. Federal taxes may apply.
- You can estimate your weekly benefit at [famli.colorado.gov](#).

**What You Pay**

For 2026, your employer sends 0.4% of your wages to the FAMLI benefit fund. This shows up on your paycheck as "FAMLI premiums."

**Your Rights**

- If you've worked for your employer for 180 days, your job is protected when you return.
- Your employer may not retaliate, interfere, or discriminate against you for using FAMLI benefits.
- If something feels wrong, you can file a complaint by contacting the FAMLI Division.
- If your claim is denied, you can file a reconsideration at [myfamliplus.state.co.us](#).

**How To Apply**

- Apply at [myfamliplus.state.co.us](#)
- Give 30 days' notice when possible, or notify your employer as soon as you can.

Learn more: [famli.colorado.gov](#)  
For assistance, call 1-866-263-2634  
Visit: 707 17th Street, Suite 150, Denver, CO

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# NOTICE

## IF YOU ARE INJURED ON THE JOB, YOU HAVE RIGHTS UNDER THE COLORADO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. YOUR EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO HAVE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. THE COST OF THE INSURANCE IS PAID ENTIRELY BY YOUR EMPLOYER. IF YOUR EMPLOYER DOES NOT HAVE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE, YOU STILL HAVE RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR YOUR EMPLOYER TO HAVE A POLICY CONTRARY TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE COLORADO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. YOUR EMPLOYER IS INSURED THROUGH:

(Please write or type your insurance carrier name and contact information here.)

## IF YOU ARE INJURED ON THE JOB, NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYER AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE, AND REPORT YOUR INJURY TO YOUR EMPLOYER IN WRITING WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE INJURY. IF YOU DO NOT REPORT YOUR INJURY PROMPTLY, YOU MAY STILL PURSUE A CLAIM.

## ADVISE YOUR EMPLOYER IF YOU NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT. IF YOU OBTAIN MEDICAL CARE, BE SURE TO REPORT TO YOUR EMPLOYER AND HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER HOW, WHEN, AND WHERE THE INJURY OCCURRED.

## YOU MAY FILE A WORKER'S CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION WITH THE DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION. TO OBTAIN FORMS OR INFORMATION REGARDING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM, THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION IS:

### Division of Workers' Compensation

633 17th Street, Suite 400  
Denver, CO 80202

303-318-8700  
1-888-390-7936 (Toll-Free)  
[cdle.colorado.gov/dwc](#)

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