

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Wage and Hour Law Abstract

N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et seq.

Statutory Minimum Wage Rate

Employees are to be paid not less than the New Jersey minimum wage in accordance with the schedule below.

Date	Most Employers	Seasonal & Small Employers (fewer than 10)	Agricultural Employers	"Cash Wage for Tipped Workers"
January 1, 2019	\$8.85	\$8.85	\$8.85	\$2.13
July 1, 2019	\$10.00	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	\$2.63
January 1, 2020	\$11.00	\$10.30	\$10.30	\$3.13
January 1, 2021	\$12.00	\$11.10	NO CHANGE	\$4.13
January 1, 2022	\$13.00	\$11.90	\$11.90	\$5.13
January 1, 2023	\$14.00	\$12.70	\$12.70	NO CHANGE
January 1, 2024	\$15.00	\$13.50	\$13.50	NO CHANGE
January 1, 2025	TBD	\$14.30	\$14.30	TBD
January 1, 2026	TBD	\$15.00	\$14.20	TBD
January 1, 2027	TBD	TBD	\$15.00	TBD

*Cash wage plus tips must equal the minimum wage

Overtime

Overtime is payable at the rate of 1.5 times the employee's regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of 40 in any week except where otherwise specifically provided by wage order.

Wage Order and Regulations

Employees in the occupations found below are covered by this wage order and regulations and must be paid not less than the statutory minimum wage rate.

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Chapter 194, Laws of New Jersey, 2009, Relating to Employer Obligation to Maintain and Report Records Regarding Wages, Benefits, Taxes and Other Contributions and Assessments Pursuant to State Wage, Benefit and Tax Laws

Each employer must keep a record of each employee who contains the following information:

- 1. Name of the employee;
- 2. The address of the employee;
- 3. The date of birth of the employee if the employee is under the age of 18;
- 4. The total hours worked by the employee during each calendar week;
- 5. The earnings of each employee, including the regular hourly wage, gross to net amounts with itemized deductions, and the basis on which wages are paid;
- 6. Reporting each employee who receives gratuities, the total gratuities received by the employee during each calendar year;
- 7. Reporting each employee who receives gratuities, only if weekly reports completed by the employee containing the following information: (a) the employee's name; (b) the employee's address; (c) the employee's social security number; (d) the name and address of the employer; (e) the calendar day or week worked by the report, and (f) the total amount of gratuities received; and
- 8. Reporting each employee who receives tips, the total tips received by the employee or lodging as provided by the employer who receives food or lodging supplied by the employer, information substantiating the cost of furnishing such food or lodging, including but not limited to the nature and amount of any expenditures entering into the computation of the net value of the food or lodging and the date required to compute the amount of the depreciated investment in the assets available for the furnishing of the lodgings, including the date of acquisition of construction, the original cost, the date of depreciation and the total amount of accumulated depreciation on such assets.

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Chapter 173, Laws of New Jersey, 1965: Relating to Payment of Wages

All Employers Must Pay Wages to All Employees in Full at Least Once a Calendar Month.

All Employees Shall: Notify employees at time of hiring the rate of pay and the regular payday. Notify employees of changes in pay rates or paydays or to the changes.

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Attention New Jersey Employers Re: Workers' Compensation poster

All NJ employers, not covered by Federal programs, must have workers' compensation coverage or be approved for self-insurance. The law requires every employer to post and maintain in a conspicuous place in and about the workplace, a form prescribed by the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance, stating that the employer has secured WC insurance coverage or has qualified with the Department of Banking and Insurance as a self-insured employer.



New Jersey Law Prohibits Discrimination in Employment

ON THE BASIS OF: Race, Color, National Origin, Age, Ancestry, Nationality, Marital or Family Status, Civil Union Status, Sex, Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, Gender Identity or Expression, Disability, Liability for Military Service, Affiliation or Sexual Orientation, Anycast Cellular or Blood Test, Genetic Information (including the related subject to genetic testing);

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The New Jersey Family Leave Act

The New Jersey Family Leave Act entitles certain employees to take up to 12 weeks of family leave in a 24-month period without losing their jobs. With some exceptions, employees provide 30 days' notice of leave if:

- The EMPLOYER has at least 50 employees (or at least 30 employees as of June 30, 2019), or is a government entity, regardless of size.
- The EMPLOYEE has worked for that employer for at least one year, and has worked at least 1,000 hours during the last 12 months.
- The LEAVE OF ABSENCE is being taken to care or bond with a child within 1 year of the child's birth or placement for adoption or foster care, CR to care for a family member, or someone who is the "equivalent" of a family member who has a serious health condition.

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New Jersey SAFE Act

The New Jersey Security and Financial Empowerment Act (NJ SAFE Act), P.L. 2013, c. 82, provides that certain employees are eligible to receive an unpaid leave of absence, for a period not to exceed 30 days in a 12-month period, if a victim of domestic violence resulting from domestic violence or a sexually violent offense.

- (1) Seeking medical attention for, or recovering from, physical or psychological injuries caused by domestic or sexual violence to the employee or the employee's child, parent, spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner.
- (2) Obtaining services from a victim services organization for the employee or the employee's child, parent, spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner.
- (3) Obtaining psychological or other counseling for the employee or the employee's child, parent, spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner.
- (4) Participating in safety planning, temporarily or permanently relocating, or taking other actions to increase the safety from future domestic violence or sexual violence or to ensure the economic security of the employee or the employee's child, parent, spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner.
- (5) Seeking legal assistance or remedies to ensure the health and safety of the employee or the employee's child, parent, spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner, including preparing for participating in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or derived from domestic violence or sexual violence, or

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Right to be Free of Gender Inequality or Bias in Pay, Compensation, Benefits or Other Terms and Conditions of Employment

New Jersey and federal laws prohibit employers from discriminating against an individual with respect to his/her pay, compensation, benefits, or terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of the individual's sex.

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New Jersey Earned Sick Leave Notice of Employee Rights

Under New Jersey's Earned Sick Leave Law, most employees have a right to accrue up to 40 hours of earned sick leave per year. Go to <https://njlabor.org> to learn which employees are covered by the law.

Family Members

The law recognizes the following individuals as "family member"; child of a domestic partner or civil union partner

- Child (biological, adopted, or foster child; stepchild; legal ward; child of a domestic partner or civil union partner)
- Grandchild

Family Leave Insurance provisions of the New Jersey Temporary Disability Benefits Law

New Jersey law provides up to 2 weeks of family leave insurance benefits. Beginning July 1, 2020, the law will allow up to 12 weeks of continuous family leave or 56 days of intermittent leave. Employees who are covered by family leave insurance can apply for benefits to:

- bond with a child within 12 months of the child's birth or placement by adoption or foster care. The applicant, or the applicant's spouse or domestic or civil union partner, must be the child's biological, adoptive, foster or parent, unless a surrogate carried the child.
- care for a family member with a serious health condition. Supporting documentation from a health care provider is mandatory.
- care for a victim of domestic violence or a sexually violent offense or for a victim's family member.

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Conscientious Employee Protection Act "Whistleblower Act"

Employee retaliatory action; protected employee actions; employee responsibilities

1. New Jersey law prohibits an employer from taking any retaliatory action against an employee because the employee does any of the following:

- (a) Disclosures, or failures to disclose, to a supervisor or to a public body any information or practice of the employer or another employee, which the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule or regulation issued under the law, or in the case of an employee who is a licensed or certified health care professional, reasonably believes constitutes improper quality of patient care;
- (b) Provides information to, or testifies before, any public body conducting an investigation, hearing or inquiry into any violation of a law, or a rule or regulation issued under the law by the employer or another employee, with whom there is a business relationship, or in the case of an employee who is a licensed or certified health care professional, provides information to, or testifies before, any public body conducting an investigation, hearing or inquiry into quality of patient care;
- (c) Provides information involving deception or misrepresentation to, any shareholder, investor, client, patient, customer, employee, former employee, or representative of the employer or any governmental entity;
- (d) Provides information regarding any personnel records or fraudulent activity, policy or practice of deception, misrepresentation which the employee reasonably believes may defraud any shareholder, investor, client, patient, customer, employee, former employee, or representative of the employer or any governmental entity;
- (e) Objects to, or refuses to participate in, any activity, policy or practice which the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule or regulation issued under the law, or if the employee is a licensed or certified health care professional, constitutes improper quality of patient care;
- (f) Is identifiable or credible as a source of information.

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