

# NEW HAMPSHIRE MINIMUM WAGE LAW

Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 279, as amended

Exempt from RSA 279 are:

Employees engaged in Household Labor, Domestic Labor, Farm Labor, Outside Sales Representatives, Summer Camps for Minors, Newspaper Carriers, Non-Professional Ski Patrol and Golf Caddies.

**\$4.75 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1996**      **\$5.15 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1997**

Employees Sixteen Years of Age or Under shall not be paid less than 75% of applicable minimum wage.

**OVERTIME PAY.** Those employees covered by RSA 279, with the following exceptions, shall in addition to their regular compensation, be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all time worked in excess of 40 hours in any one week:

- (a) Any employee employed by an amusement, seasonal, or recreational establishment if:
  - (1) it does not operate for more than 7 months in any calendar year; or
  - (2) during the preceding calendar year, its average receipts for any 6 months of such year were not more than 33 1/3 percent of its average receipts for the other 6 months of such year.
- (b) Any employee of employers covered under the provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Tipped employees of a restaurant, hotel, motel, inn or cabin, who customarily and regularly receive more than \$20 a month in tips directly from the customers will receive a base rate from the employer of not less than \$2.38 per hour. With any change to the minimum wage after the effective date of this section, the employer is responsible to pay employees \$2.38 per hour or 45 percent of the applicable minimum wage whichever is higher. If an employee shows to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the actual amount of wages received at the end of each pay period did not equal the minimum wage for all hours worked, the employer shall pay the employee the difference to guarantee the applicable minimum wage.

**RECORDS.** Every employer of employees shall keep a true and accurate record of the hours worked daily by each, wages paid to each, and classification of employment when necessary.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT LAW

No youth under the age of 18 shall be employed or permitted to work without first obtaining a New Hampshire Youth Employment Certificate except for his/her parents, grandparents, guardian, or at work defined as casual or farm labor, or a **17 year old who has graduated from high school or who has obtained a general equivalency diploma. Certificates shall be obtained by an employer within 3 business days of the first day of employment. Copies of certificates shall be kept on file by all employers of youths.**

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