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PREVAILING WAGE GUIDE FOR CONTRACTORS

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PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

This is a summary of prevailing wage contractors' responsibilities. For more detailed information please refer to Chapter 4115 of the Ohio Revised Code

General Information

Ohio's prevailing wage laws apply to all public improvements financed in whole or in part by public funds when the total overall project cost is fairly estimated to be more than \$250,000 for new construction or \$75,000 for reconstruction, enlargement, alteration, repair, remodeling, renovation, or painting.

Ohio's prevailing wage laws apply to all public improvements financed in whole or in part by public funds when the total overall project cost is fairly estimated to be more than \$84,314 for new construction that involves roads, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches and other works connected to road or bridge construction or \$25,261 for reconstruction, enlargement, alteration, repair, remodeling, renovation, or painting of a public improvement that involves roads, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches and other works connected to road or bridge construction.

- a) Thresholds are to be adjusted biennially by the Administrator of Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration
- b) Biennial adjustments to threshold levels are made according to the Price Deflator for Construction Index, United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census*, but may not increase or decrease more than 3% for any year

Penalties for violation

Violators are to be assessed the wages owed, plus a penalty of 100% of the wages owed.

Intentional Violations

If an intentional violation is determined to have occurred, the contractor is prohibited from contracting directly or indirectly with any public authority for the construction of a public improvement. Intentional violation means "a willful, knowing, or deliberate disregard for any provision" of the prevailing wage law and includes but is not limited to the following actions:

- Intentional failure to submit payroll reports as required or knowingly submitting false or erroneous reports.
- Intentional misclassification of employees for the purpose of reducing wages.
- Intentional misclassification of employees as independent contractors or as apprentices.
- Intentional failure to pay the prevailing wage.
- Intentional failure to comply with the allowable ratio of apprentices to skilled workers as required by the regulations established by Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration.
- Intentionally employing an officer, of a contractor or subcontractor, that is known to be prohibited from contracting, directly or indirectly, with a public authority.

Responsibilities

- A. Pay the prevailing rate of wages as shown in the wage rate schedules issued by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, for the classification of work being performed.
 1. Wage rate schedules include all modifications, corrections, escalations, or reductions to wage rates issued for the project.
 2. Overtime must be paid at time and one-half the employee's base hourly rate. Fringe benefits are paid at straight time rate for all hours including overtime.
 3. Prevailing wages must be paid in full without any deduction for food, lodging, transportation, use of tools, etc.; unless, the employee has voluntarily consented to these deductions in writing. The public authority and the Director of Ohio Department of

Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration - must approve these deductions as fair and reasonable. Consent and approval must be obtained before starting the project.

- B. Use of Apprentices and Helpers cannot exceed the ratios permitted in the wage rate schedules.
 - 1. Apprentices must be registered with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.
 - 2. Contractors must provide the Prevailing Wage Coordinator a copy of the Apprenticeship Agreement for each apprentice on the project.

- C. Keep full and accurate payroll records available for inspection by any authorized representative of the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration or the contracting public authority, including the Prevailing Wage Coordinator. Records should include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Time cards, time sheets, daily work records, etc.
 - 2. Payroll ledger\journals and canceled checks\check register.
 - 3. Fringe benefit records must include program, address, account number, & canceled checks.
 - 4. Records made in connection with the public improvement must not be removed from the State for one year following the completion of the project.
 - 5. Out-of-State Corporations must submit to the Ohio Secretary of State the full name and address of their Statutory Agent in Ohio.

- D. Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule **must** be posted on the job site where it is accessible to all employees.

- E. Prior to submitting the initial payroll report, supply the Prevailing Wage Coordinator with your project dates to schedule reporting of your payrolls.

- F. Supply the Prevailing Wage Coordinator a list of all subcontractors including the name, address, and telephone number for each.
 - 1. **Contractors are responsible for their subcontractors' compliance with requirements of Chapter 4115 of the Ohio Revised Code.**

- G. Before employees start work on the project, supply them with written notification of their job classification, prevailing wage rate, fringe benefit amounts, and the name of the Prevailing Wage Coordinator for the project. A copy of the completed signed notification should be submitted to Prevailing Wage Coordinator.

- H. Supply all subcontractors with the Prevailing Wage Rates and changes.

- I. Submit certified payrolls within two (2) weeks after the initial pay period. Payrolls must include the following information:
 - 1. Employees' names, addresses, and social security numbers.
 - (a) Corporate officers/owners/partners and any salaried personnel who do physical work on the project are considered employees. All rate and reporting requirements are applicable to these individuals.
 - 2. Employees' work classification.
 - (a) Be specific about the laborers and/or operators (Group)
 - (b) For all apprentices, show level/year and percent of journeyman's rate
 - 3. Hours worked on the project for each employee.
 - (a) The number of hours worked in each day and the total number of hours worked each week.
 - 4. Hourly rate for each employee.
 - (a) The minimum rate paid must be the wage rate for the appropriate classification. The Department's Wage Rate Schedule sets this rate.

- (b) All overtime worked is to be paid at time and one-half for all hours worked more than forty (40) per week.
 - 5. Where fringes are paid into a bona fide plan instead of cash, list each benefit and amount per hour paid to program for each employee.
 - (a) When the amount contributed to the fringe benefit plan and the total number of hours worked by the employee on all projects for the year are documented, the hourly amount is calculated by dividing the total contribution of the employer by the total number of hours worked by the employee.
 - (b) When the amount contributed to the fringe benefit is documented but not the total hours worked, the hourly amount is calculated by **dividing the total yearly contribution by 2080**.
 - 6. Gross amount earned on all projects during the pay period.
 - 7. Total deductions from employee's wages.
 - 8. Net amount paid.
- J. The reports shall be certified by the contractor, subcontractor, or duly appointed agent stating that the payroll is correct and complete; and that the wage rates shown are not less than those required by the O.R.C. 4115.
- K. Provide a Final Affidavit to the Prevailing Wage Coordinator upon the completion of the project.

PREVAILING WAGE NOTIFICATION to EMPLOYEE

4115.05...the contractor or subcontractor shall furnish each employee **NOT covered by a collective bargaining agreement** written notification of the job classification to which the employee is assigned, the prevailing wage determined to be applicable to that classification, separated into the hourly rate of pay and the fringe payments, and the identity of the prevailing wage coordinator appointed by the public authority. The contractor or subcontractor shall furnish the same notification to each affected employee every time the job classification of the employee is changed.

Project Name:	Job Number:
Contractor:	
Project Location:	
Prevailing Wage Coordinator	Employee
Public Authority:	Name:
Name of PWC:	Street:
Street:	City:
City:	State/Zip:
State/Zip:	Phone:
	Email:
Phone:	Last 4 Digits of SS #:

You will be performing work on this project that falls under these classifications. You will be paid the appropriate rate for the type of work you are performing.

Classification:	Prevailing Wage Rate Total Package:	Minus your fringe benefits *:	Your hourly base rate and overtime:
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Hourly fringe benefits paid on your behalf by this company (Yearly amount the **company pays** divided by 2080):

Fringe	Amount	Fringe	Amount
Health Insurance		Vacation	
Life Insurance		Holiday	
Pension		Sick Pay	
Other (Specify)		Training	
Other (Specify)		Total Hourly Fringes *	

Contractor's Signature:	Date:
Employee's Signature:	Date:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING CERTIFIED PAYROLL REPORTS

General

Contractors and subcontractors are required by law to submit certified payroll reports for work on projects covered by Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law. This form meets the reporting requirements established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4115. The use of this form is not mandatory; employers may submit their own forms provided that all of the required information is included. This form may be reproduced, or additional copies obtained from:

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Certified Payroll Heading

Employer name and address: Company's full name and address... Indicate if the company is a subcontractor.

Subcontractor: Check and list the name of the General Contractor or Prime.

Project: Name and location of the project, including county.

Contracting Public Authority: Name and address of the contracting public authority... (Owner of the project).

Week Ending: Month, day, and year for the last day of the reporting period.

Payroll #: Indicate first, second, third, etc. payroll filed by the company for the project.

Page Indicator: number of pages included in the report.

Project Number: Determined by the public authority... if there is no number leave it blank.

Payroll Information by Column

- Employee Name, Address and Social Security number:** This information must be provided for all employees that perform physical labor on the project. Corporate officers, partners, and salaried employees are considered employees and must be paid the prevailing rate. Individual sole proprietors do not have to pay themselves prevailing rate but must report their hours on the project.
- Work Class:** List classification of work actually performed by employee. If unsure of work classification, consult the Ohio department of Commerce, Wage and Hour Bureau. Employees working more than one classification should have separate line entries for each classification. Indicate what year/level for Apprentices. Be specific when using laborer and operator classifications; for example, Backhoe Operator or Asphalt Laborer.
- Hours Worked, Day & Date:** In the first row of column 3 enter days of pay period example; M T W T H F S S. The second row is for the date that corresponds with each day for the pay period. In the employee information section enter the number of hours worked on the prevailing wage project and which day the hours were worked. Separate rows are labeled for (ST) straight time hours and (OT) overtime hours. All hours worked after 40, must be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.
- Project Total Hours:** Total the hours entered for pay period.
- Base Rate:** Enter actual rate per hour paid to the employee. The overtime hourly rate is time and one-half the base rate listed in the prevailing wage schedule plus fringe benefits at straight time rate. The prevailing wage schedule lists the base rate plus fringe benefit amounts. These amounts added together equal the total prevailing wage rate. Employers must pay this total amount in one of three ways.
 - Total rate may be paid in entirety in the base rate to the employee; in which case, the cash designation will be checked for fringe benefits.
 - Total rate may be paid as listed in prevailing wage rate schedule with total fringe amounts paid approved plans.
 - Total rate may be paid with a combination of base rate and fringe payments to approved plans in amounts other than those listed in schedule.
- Project Gross:** Enter total gross wages earned on the project for straight time and overtime. Project hours X base rate should equal project gross.
- Fringes:** If fringe benefits are paid in the hourly base rate, indicate this by marking the **Cash** space. If fringe benefits are paid to approved plans as listed in the prevailing wage rate schedule, mark the space **Approved Plans**. If fringe benefits are paid partially in the base rate and partially to approved plans, mark the space **Cash & Approved plans**. List the hourly amount paid to approved plans for each fringe. If payments are not made on a per hour basis, **calculate the hourly fringe credit by dividing the yearly employer contribution by** the lesser of: hours actually worked in the year (these must be documented) or **2080**. Fringe benefits include: **Employer's share** of health insurance, life insurance, retirement plan, bonus/profit sharing, sick pay, holiday pay, personal leave, vacation, and education/training programs. If unsure of a possible fringe benefit, contact the Ohio Department of Commerce - Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor - Bureau of Wage & Hour Administration.
- Total Hours All Jobs:** Total all hours worked during the pay period including non-prevailing wage jobs.
- Total Gross All Jobs:** Gross amount earned in the pay period for all hours worked.
- Self explanatory.
- Self explanatory.

Certified Payroll Report

Report for: Check if Subcontractor¹⁾ Contract No: _____ Payroll No: _____
 Company:¹⁾ _____ If Sub, GC/Prime Contractor Name: _____
 Address: _____ Project Name & Location: _____ Week Ending: _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Public Authority (Owner): _____
 Phone No: _____ Sheet:²⁾ _____ of _____

1. Employee Name, Address, & SS# (Last 4 digits if permitted)	2. Work Class ³⁾	3. Prevailing Wage Project Hours Worked - Day & Date							4. Total Hours	5. Base Rate	6. Project Gross	7. Fringes: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Plans <input type="checkbox"/> Cash & Approved Plans						Weekly Payroll Amount			
		Fringe Rate Your Company Pays Per Hour						8. Total Hrs for all Jobs				9. Total Gross on All Jobs	10. Total Deductions	11. Net Pay on All Jobs							
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1) By signing below, I certify that: (1) I pay, or supervise the payment of the employees shown above; (2) during the pay period reported on this form, all hours worked on this project have been paid at the appropriate prevailing wage rate for the class of work done; (3) the fringe benefits have been paid as indicated above; (4) no rebates or deductions have been or will be made, directly or indirectly from the total wages earned, other than permissible deductions as defined in ORC Chapter 4115; and (5) apprentices are registered with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. I understand that the willful falsification of any of the above statements may subject the Contractor or Subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution.

Type or Print Name and Title _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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DO NOT REDO FORM AND CHANGE RATES IF AN ERROR HAS BEEN MADE! SUBMIT A CORRECTED REPORT

*** CORRECTED ***

Fill out all other areas of the form as usual

Total Hours being corrected for this indiv.

Difference in base rate & corrected base rate if applicable

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Report for: Check if Subcontractor¹⁾ Contract No: _____ Payroll No: _____
 Company:¹⁾ _____ If Sub, GC/Prime Contractor Name: _____
 Address: _____ Project Name & Location: _____ Week Ending: _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Public Authority (Owner): _____ Sheet²⁾ _____ of _____
 Phone No: _____

1. Employee Name, Address, & SS# (Last 4 digits if permitted)	2. Work Class ³⁾	3. Prevailing Wage Project Hours Worked - Day & Date	4. Total Hours	5. Base Rate	6. Project Gross	7. Fringes: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Plans <input type="checkbox"/> Cash & Approved Plans						Weekly Payroll Amount						
						H&W	Pens	Vac	Hol	Other	Total	8. Total Hrs for all Jobs	9. Total Gross on All Jobs	10. Total Deductions	11. Net Pay on All Jobs			
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Put the period that is being corrected, i.e.: Oct 26 to Nov 02, not individual weekly dates

Difference in fringes & corrected fringes if applicable.

The net paid will be the total of difference paid and the total hours being corrected. Provide check # in the margin.

1) By signing below, I certify that: (1) I pay, or supervise the payment of the employees shown above; (2) during the pay period reported on this form, all hours worked on this project have been paid at the appropriate prevailing wage rate for the class of work done; (3) the fringe benefits have been paid as indicated above; (4) no rebates or deductions have been or will be made, directly or indirectly from the total wages earned, other than permissible deductions as defined in ORC Chapter 4115; and (5) apprentices are registered with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. I understand that the willful falsification of any of the above statements may subject the Contractor or Subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution.

Type or Print Name and Title Complete Signature Sign Date Date

¹⁾ 11/14 jc

²⁾ Attach additional sheets as necessary.

³⁾ Type in continuous line, text will wrap.

Send cover letter stating what happened along with a signed letter from the employee acknowledging that they were underpaid, received payment, check or transaction number. Contractor provided cancelled endorsed bank check.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - This process may be different if the Public Authority is using **LCPtracker** or some other online system to collect Certified Payroll Report from the contractors.



Affidavit of Compliance

PREVAILING WAGES

I, _____
(Name of person signing affidavit) (Title)

do hereby certify that the wages paid to all employees of

(Company Name)

for all hours worked on the

(Project name and location)

project, during the period from _____ to _____ are in
(Project Dates)

compliance with prevailing wage requirements of Chapter 4115 of the Ohio Revised Code. I further certify that no rebates or deductions have been or will be made, directly or indirectly, from any wages paid in connection with this project, other than those provided by law.

(Signature of Officer or Agent)

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this _____ day of _____,
20_____.

(Notary Public)

The above affidavit must be executed and sworn to by the officer or agent of the contractor or subcontractor who supervises the payment of employees. This affidavit must be submitted to the owner (public authority) before the surety is released or final payment due under the terms of the contract is made.