

## 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 6)	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	\$10.44	\$4.13
January 1, 2022	\$13.00	\$11.90	\$10.90	\$5.13
January 1, 2023	\$14.00	\$12.70	\$11.70	NO CHANGE
January 1, 2024	\$15.00	\$13.50	\$12,50	NO CHANGE
January 1, 2025	TBD	\$14.30	\$13,40	TBD
January 1, 2026	TBD	\$15.00	\$14.20	TBD
January 1, 2027	TBD	TBD	\$15.00	TBD

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

Exempt from the overtime entitlement are

- executive, administrative, and professional employees
- employees engaged in labor on a farm or relative to raising or care of livestock; and
- · limousine drivers.

## 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.

First processing of farm products

Hotel and motel

Food service (restaurant industry)

Seasonal amusement

These regulations are contained in N.J.A.C. 12:56-11.1 et seq.

## **Exemptions**

Exempt from the statutory minimum wage rate are full-time students employed by the college or university at which they are enrolled at not less than 85% of the effective minimum wage rate; outside sales person; sales person of motor vehicles; part time employees primarily engaged in the care and tending of children in the home of the employer; and minors under 18 (except that minors under 18 in the first processing of farm products, hotels, motels, restaurants, retail, beauty culture, laundry, cleaning, dyeing, light manufacturing and apparel occupations are covered by the wage order rates as above and vocational school graduates with special permits under the Child Labor Law are covered by the statutory rate).

Employees at summer camps, conferences and retreats operated by any nonprofit or religious corporation or association are exempt from minimum and overtime rates during the months of June, July, August and September.

## Labor on a Farm at Piece-Rate

Employees engaged on a piece-rate basis to labor on a farm shall be paid for each day worked not less than the minimum hourly wage rate multiplied by the total number of hours worked.

## **Penalties**

Any employer who violates any provisions of this act shall be guilty of a disorderly persons violation and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000.

As an alternative to or in addition to any other sanctions provided by law for violations, the Commissioner is authorized to assess and collect administrative penalties, up to a maximum of \$250 for a first violation and up to a maximum of \$500 for each subsequent violation.

The employer shall also pay the Commissioner an administrative fee equal to not less than 10% or more than 25% of any payment due to employees.

Penalties for violation of this order are set forth in N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a22.

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## **New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development**

To be posted in a conspicuous place

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

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

Executive and supervisory employees, however, may be paid at least once a calendar month.

Payment shall be made on regular paydays designated in advance.

When a payday falls on a non-work day, payment shall be made on the immediately preceding work day, unless otherwise provided for in a collective bargaining agreement.

The end of the pay period for which payment is made on a regular payday shall be not more than 10 working days before such regular payday.

If payment is by check, suitable arrangements must be made for cashing the check without difficulty and for the full amount.

- Employees leaving or terminated for any reason, including labor disputes, shall be paid all wages due not later than the regular payday for the period in which the termination occurred.
- An additional 10 days may be allowed in the event of a labor dispute involving payroll employees.
- Employees paid on an incentive system shall be paid a reasonable approximation of wages due until exact amounts can be computed.
- Payment may be made through regular pay channels or by mail if requested by the employee.

It shall be unlawful to make any agreement for payment other than as provided in this act, except to pay at shorter intervals or to pay wages in advance.

Wages due a deceased employee may be paid to the survivors in the order of preference as outlined in the statute.

## No Deductions Shall Be Made From Employees' Wages Except:

Amounts authorized by New Jersey or United States Law or payments to correct payroll errors. Contributions or payments authorized by employees either in writing or under a collective bargaining agreement for:

Employee welfare • Insurance • hospitalization • medical or surgical or both • pension • retirement • profit-sharing plans • plans establishing individual retirement annuities on a group or individual basis • individual retirement accounts at any State or federally chartered bank, savings bank, or savings and loan association • company-operated thrift plans • security option or security purchase plans to buy marketable securities • employee personal savings accounts such as a credit union, savings fund society, savings and loan or building and loan association • Christmas, vacation or other savings funds.

Purchase of company products or employer loans in accordance with a periodic payment schedule contained in the original purchase or loan agreement • safety equipment • U.S. government bonds • costs and fees to replace employee identification for access to sterile or secured areas of airports • contributions for organized and recognized charities • rental of work clothing or uniforms or for laundering or dry cleaning of work clothing or uniforms • labor union dues and fees • health club membership fees • child care services.

## All Employers Shail:

Notify employees at time of hiring the rate of pay and the regular payday.

Notify employees of changes in pay rates or paydays prior to the changes.

Furnish each employee with statement of deductions each pay period.

Make and keep records for employees, including wages and hours, and make such records available for inspection.

Provide employees at time of hiring a required notice (form number MW-400) describing the employer's obligation to maintain and report records regarding wages, benefits, taxes and other contributions and assessments.

The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall enforce and administer the provisions of this act and the Commissioner or an authorized representative shall have the power to make all necessary inspections of establishments and records.

Any employer who knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this act shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000. Each day during which any violation of this act continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

As an alternative to or in addition to any other sanctions provided by law for violations, the Commissioner is authorized to assess and collect administrative penalties, up to a maximum of \$250 for a first violation and up to a maximum of \$500 for each subsequent violation.

The employer shall also pay the Commissioner an administrative fee equal to not less than 10% or more than 25% of any payment due to employees.

The Commissioner may, after affording the employer or successor firm notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), issue a written determination directing any appropriate agency to suspend any one or more licenses that are held by the employer or successor firm, for a period of time determined by the Commissioner.

Please Note: The Division of Wage and Hour Compliance does not investigate or inquire into the legal status of any worker. The Division applies New Jersey's labor laws without regard to a worker's legal status. The Division does not share information with "Immigration".

## Enforced by:

(609) 292-2305

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New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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

Wage Payment Law (N.J.S.A. 34:11-4.1 et seq.) and

Wage and Hour Law (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et seq.)

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

- 1. The name of the employee;
- 2. The address of the employee;
- 3. The birth date of the employee if the employee is under the age of 18;
- 4. The total hours worked by the employee each day and each workweek;
- 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. Regarding each employee who receives gratuities, the total gratuities received by the employee during the payroll week;
- 7. Regarding each employee who receives gratuities, daily or 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 covered by the report, and (f) the total amount of gratuities received; and
- 8. Regarding each employee for whom the employer claims credit for food or lodging as a cash substitute for the employee who receives food or lodging supplied by the employer, information substantiating the cost of furnishing such food or lodgings, including but not limited to the nature and amount of any expenditures entering into the computation of the fair value of the food or lodging and the date required to compute the amount of the depreciated investment in any assets allocable to the furnishing of the lodgings, including the date of acquisition or construction, the original cost, the rate of depreciation and the total amount of accumulated depreciation on such assets.

The employer may use any system of time keeping provided that it is a complete, true and accurate record.

The employer must keep the wage and hour records described above for a period of six years.

The employer must keep the wage and hour records described above at the place of employment or in a central office in New Jersey.

Prevailing Wage Act (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq.)

The Prevailing Wage Act applies to employers only under certain circumstances.

Specifically, it applies only when an employer enters into a contract in excess of the prevailing wage contract threshold amount for any public work (as the term "public work" is defined at N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26) to which any

public body is a party or for public work to be done on a property or premises owned by a public body or leased or to be leased by a public body.

Each public works contractor must submit to the public body or lessor which contracted for the public works project a certified payroll record containing the following employee information:

- 1. Name;
- 2. Address;
- 3. Social security number;
- 4. Craft or trade:
- 5. Actual hourly rate of pay;
- 6. Actual daily, overtime and weekly hours worked in each craft or trade;
- 7. Gross pay:
- 8. Itemized deductions;
- 9. Net pay paid to the employee;
- 10. Any fringe benefits paid to approved plans, funds or programs on behalf of the employee; and
- 11. Fringe benefits paid in cash to the employee.

Each public works contractor must, within 10 days of payment of wages, submit the certified payroll record to the public body or the lessor which contracted for the public works project.

Each public works contractor which employs one or more apprentices on a public works project must maintain with its records written evidence that the apprentice or apprentices are registered in an approved apprenticeship program while performing work on the project.



Unemployment Compensation Law (N.J.S.A. 43:21-1 et seq.),

Temporary Disability Benefits Law (N.J.S.A. 43:21-25 et seq.) and

Family Leave Insurance Benefits Law, P.L. 2008, c. 17.

<u>Payroll records</u>: Each employing unit must maintain a record for each worker engaged in employment, which record must contain the following information about the worker:

- 1. Full name, address and social security number;
- 2. Total remuneration paid in each pay period showing separately cash, including commissions and bonuses; the cash value of all compensation in any medium other than cash; gratuities received regularly in the course of employment if reported by the employee, or if not so reported, the minimum wage rate prescribed under applicable laws of this State or of the United States, or the amount of remuneration actually received by the employee, whichever is higher, and service charges collected by the employer and distributed to workers in lieu of gratuities and tips;
- 3. An entry under the heading "special payments" of the amount of any special payments, such as bonuses and gifts, which have been paid during the pay period but which relate to employment in a prior period. The following shall be shown separately under this heading: cash payments, cash value of other remuneration, the nature of such payments, the period during which the services were performed for which special payments were payable;
- 4. The date hired, rehired and returned to work after temporary layoff;
- 5. The date separated from employment and the reason for separation;
- 6. Such information as may be necessary to determine remuneration on a calendar week basis; and
- 7. The number of base weeks (as the term "base week" is defined in N.J.S.A. 43:21-19(t)) and wages.

All records referred to in 1. through 7. above must be kept safe and readily accessible at the New Jersey place of business of the employing unit.

All records referred to in 1. through 7. above must be retained for the current calendar year and for the four preceding calendar years.

Once an employer becomes inactive, the employer must keep all records referred to in 1. through 7. above for the subsequent six quarters.

<u>Wage reporting</u>: Each employer (other than employers of domestic service workers) must electronically file a WR-30, "Employer Report of Wages Paid," with the Division of Revenue, within the Department of the Treasury, within 30 days after the end of each quarter. The WR-30 lists the name, social security number and wages paid to each employee and the number of base weeks worked by the employee during the calendar quarter.

Each employer of domestic service workers (as the term "domestic service worker" is defined at N.J.A.C. 12:16-13.7(b)) must file an annual, rather than quarterly, WR-30 with the Division of Revenue, within the Department of the Treasury.

Contribution reporting: Each employer (other than employers of domestic service workers) must electronically file an NJ-927, "Employer's Quarterly Report," with the Division of Revenue, within the Department of the Treasury, and remit the corresponding unemployment insurance, supplemental workforce fund, workforce development partnership fund, temporary disability insurance and family leave insurance contribution payments, within 30 days after the end of each quarter. The NJ-927 lists the total of all wages paid, the wages paid in excess of the taxable maximum, the taxable wages on which contributions are due, the number of workers employed during the pay period, the number of workers insured under a "private plan" for temporary disability insurance and the number of workers insured under a "private plan" for family leave insurance.

Each employer of domestic service workers (as the term "domestic service worker" is defined in N.J.A.C. 12:16-13.11(c)) must file an annual, rather than quarterly, NJ-927H, "Domestic Employer's Annual Report," with the Division of Revenue, within the Department of the Treasury.

Temporary Disability Insurance and Family Leave Insurance information: Each employer must retain all records pertaining to any election to discontinue a private plan for temporary disability insurance and/or family leave insurance benefits and must make such records available for inspection by the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance for a one-year period from the date that the private plan is terminated.

Each employer having a private plan for temporary disability insurance and/or family leave insurance must, within 10 days after the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance has mailed the employer a request for information with respect to a period of disability, furnish the Division with any information requested or known to the employer which may bear upon the eligibility of the claimant.

Each employer having two or more approved private plans in effect during a calendar half-year or any portion thereof must, on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the close of the calendar half-year, file a report showing the amount of taxable wages paid during such calendar half-year to employees while covered under each such private plan.

Each employer who provides temporary disability insurance to its employees through a self-insured private plan must, for the six-month periods ending June 30 and December 31 of each calendar year during which the self-insured private plan is in effect, file a statement with the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance, on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the end of the respective six-month period showing:

1. The number of claims received during the six-month period,

- 2. The number of claims accepted during the six-month period,
- 3. The amount of benefits paid during the six-month period, and
- 4. Such other information as the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance may require with respect to the financial ability of the self-insurer to meet the self-insured's obligations under the plan.

On or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the close of each calendar year during which a self-insured private plan for temporary disability insurance is in effect, the employer must file a report with the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance showing:

- 1. The amount of funds available at the beginning of that year for payment of disability benefits,
- 2. The amount contributed by workers during that year,
- 3. The amount contributed by the employer during that year,
- 4. The amount of disability benefits paid during that year,
- 5. Direct cost of administration of the plan during that year, and
- 6. The number of employees covered by the plan as of December 31.

Each employer who provides family leave insurance to its employees through a self-insured private plan must for the one-year period ending December 31 of each calendar year during which a self-insured private plan is in effect file a statement with the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance, on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the end of the one-year period showing the following information with regard to each of the following types of claims: care of a sick child, care of a sick spouse, care of a sick domestic partner, care of a sick civil union partner, care of a sick parent, bonding by biological parent with a newborn child, bonding by domestic partner or civil union partner of biological parent with a newborn child, bonding by individual with newly adopted child:

- 1. The number of claims for family leave insurance benefits received during the one-year period,
- 2. The number of claims for family leave insurance benefits accepted during the one-year period,
- 3. The number of workers who received family leave insurance benefits during the one-year period,
- 4. The amount of family leave insurance benefits paid during the one-year period,
- 5. The average weekly family leave insurance benefit during the one-year period,
- 6. The amount of sick leave, vacation leave or other fully paid time, which resulted in reduced benefit duration during the one-year period,
- 7. With regard solely to family leave insurance benefit claims to care for sick family members, the amount of intermittent family leave insurance benefits paid during the one-year period, and
- 8. The average duration of family leave insurance benefits, in days, during the one-year period.

The information reported in 1. through 8. above must be broken down by sex and by age group, beginning at 25 years and under and increasing in increments of 10.

On or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the close of each calendar year during which a self-insured private plan for family leave insurance is in effect, the employer must file a report with the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance showing:

- 1. The amount of funds available at the beginning of that year for payment of family leave insurance benefits,
- 2. The amount contributed by workers during that year,
- 3. The direct cost of administration of the plan during that year,
- 4. The number of employees covered by the plan as of December 31, and
- 5. Such other information as the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance may require with respect to the financial ability of the self-insurer to meet the self-insured's obligation under the plan.

## Workers' Compensation Law (N.J.S.A. 34:15-1 et seq.)

Upon the happening of an accident or the occurrence of any occupational disease, an employer who has insurance coverage or utilizes a third-party administrator shall promptly furnish the insurance carrier or the third-party administrator with accident or occupational disease information.

Within three weeks after an accident or upon knowledge of the occurrence of an occupational disease, every insurance carrier, third-party administrator, statutory non-insured employer, including the State, counties, municipalities and school districts, and duly authorized self-insured employer not utilizing a third-party administrator must file a report designated as "first notice of accident" in electronic data interchange media with the Division of Workers' Compensation through the Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau in a format prescribed by the Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau. When filed by an insurance carrier or third-party administrator, the report must also be sent to the employer. If the employer disagrees with the report, the employer may prepare and sign an amended report and file the amended report with the insurance carrier or third-party administrator. The amended report must then be filed electronically with the Division through the Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau.

Every insurance carrier providing workers' compensation insurance and every workers' compensation self-insured employer shall designate a contact person who is responsible for responding to issues concerning medical and temporary disability benefits where no claim petition has been filed or where a claim petition has not been answered. The full name, telephone number, mailing address, email address and fax number of the contact person must be submitted to the Division of Workers' Compensation utilizing the Division's contact person form in the manner instructed on the form.

Each employer, when directed to do so by the Division of Workers' Compensation, must submit to the Division of Workers' Compensation copies of such medical certificates and reports as it may have on file.

## Gross Income Tax Act (N.J.S.A. 54A:1-1 et seq.)

Employer's Quarterly Report: The Employer's Quarterly Report, NJ-927, reports New Jersey Gross Income Tax withheld, unemployment insurance, supplemental workforce fund, workforce development partnership fund, family leave insurance and temporary disability insurance wage and withholding information.

Each employer is required to electronically file an Employer's Quarterly Report, NJ-927, for each calendar quarter, regardless of the amount of tax actually due for a particular quarter. Quarterly reports are due on the 30th day of the month following the end of each quarter.

Employers of "domestic service workers" may report and pay New Jersey Gross Income Tax withheld on an annual, rather than quarterly, basis on an NJ-927H.

<u>Records to be kept</u>: Every employer is required to keep all pertinent records available for inspection by authorized representatives of the New Jersey Division of Taxation. Such records must include the following:

- 1. The amounts and dates of all wage payments subject to New Jersey Gross Income Tax;
- 2. The names, addresses and occupations of employees receiving such payments;
- 3. The periods of their employment;
- 4. Their social security numbers;
- 5. Their withholding exemption certificates;
- 6. The employer's New Jersey Taxpayer Identification Number;
- 7. Record of weekly, monthly, quarterly remittances and/or returns and annual returns filed;

- 8. The dates and amounts of payments made; and
- 9. Days worked inside and outside of New Jersey for all nonresident employees.

## Contact Information

If an employee or an employee's authorized representative wishes to contact a State representative in order to provide information to or file a complaint with the representative regarding an employer's possible failure to meet any of the requirements set forth above, he or she may use the following contact information:

For possible failure to meet the record keeping or reporting requirements of the Wage Payment Law, Wage and Hour Law or Prevailing Wage Act:

Phone:

609-292-2305

E-mail:

wagehour@dol.nj.gov

Mail:

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Division of Wage and Hour Compliance

P.O. Box 389

Trenton, NJ 08625-0389

For possible failure to meet the record keeping or reporting requirements of the Unemployment Compensation Law, Temporary Disability Benefits Law or Family Leave Insurance Benefits Law:

Phone:

609-292-2810

E-mail:

emplaccts@dol.nj.gov

Mail:

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**Division of Employer Accounts** 

P.O. Box 947

Trenton, NJ 08625-0947

For possible failure to meet the record keeping or reporting requirements of the Workers' Compensation Law:

Phone:

609-292-2515

E-mail:

dwc@dol.nj.gov

Mail:

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Division of Workers' Compensation

P.O. Box 381

Trenton, NJ 08625-0381

For possible failure to meet the record keeping or reporting requirements of the Gross Income Tax Act:

Phone:

609-292-6400

E-mail:

nj.taxation@treas.state.nj.us

Mail:

New Jersey Department of the Treasury

Division of Taxation • Information and Publications Branch

P.O. Box 281

Trenton, NJ 08625-0281

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This notice must be conspicuously posted. Not later than December 7, 2011, each employee must also be provided a written copy of the notice or, for employees hired after November 7, 2011, a written copy of the notice must be provided at the time of the employee's hiring. See N.J.A.C. 12:2-1.3 for alternate methods of posting and distribution by electronic means.



## 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, employers must provide this type 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 for or bond with a child within 1 year of the child's birth or placement for adoption or foster care, OR to care for a family member, or someone who is the "equivalent" of family, who has a serious health condition.

Note that the New Jersey Family Leave Act **does not** provide leave for the employee's own health condition.

Employees may be eligible for additional leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

Except when emergent circumstances require shorter notice, the employee must give the employer the following notice before taking Family Leave:

- For intermittent leave, at least 15 days' notice;
- For consecutive leave to care for a newborn or a child placed for foster care or adoption, at least 30 days' notice; and
- For consecutive leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition, notice "in a reasonable and practicable manner."
- In emergent circumstances, the employee should give the employer as much notice as possible.

To ensure that the employee meets the eligibility requirements, the employer may require the employee to provide a certification from a health care provider regarding the family member's serious health condition, the date of a newborn's birth or the date of placement for adoption or foster care.

To get more information or to determine whether-you can file a complaint with DCR, visit **www.NJCivilRights.gov** or contact one of the regional offices listed below:

## **Northern Regional Office**

31 Clinton Street Newark, NJ 07102 Phone: (973) 648-2700 Fax: (973) 648-4405

## **Central Regional Office**

140 East Front Street P.O. Box 090 Trenton, NJ 08625-0090 Phone: (609) 292-4605 Fax: (609) 984-3812

## Southern Regional Office

5 Executive Campus Suite 107 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 Phone: (856) 486-4080 Fax: (856) 486-2255

## **South Shore Regional Office**

1325 Boardwalk Tennessee Ave. & Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Phone: (609) 441-3100 Fax: (609) 441-3578

## CIVILLE RIGHTS







New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

## Your employer is subject to the Family Leave Insurance

provisions of the New Jersey Temporary Disability Benefits Law

New Jersey law provides up to 6 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 or foster 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 offence or for a victim's family member.

"Family member" means a child, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner, and any other person related by blood to the employee or with whom the employee has a close association that is the equivalent of a family relationship.

"Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild or legal ward of a parent. A child gained by way of a valid written contract between the parent and a surrogate (gestational carrier) is included in this definition.

## State Family Leave Insurance Plan ("state plan")

You can get program information and an application for family leave benefits (form FL-1) online at *myleavebenefits.nj.gov*, by phone at 609-292-7060, or by mail: Division of Family Leave Insurance, P.O. Box 387, Trenton, NJ 08625-0387.

New mothers who receive temporary disability benefits through the state plan for their pregnancy will get instructions on how to file for family leave benefits after the child is born.

## Private Family Leave Insurance Plan ("private plan")

An employer may provide family leave insurance through a private insurance carrier, if this Division approves the plan. If your employer has an approved private plan, your employer must provide information about coverage and provide the forms to apply for benefits.

## Who pays for Family Leave Insurance?

Payroll contributions from employees finance this program. Family leave insurance coverage under the state plan will require contributions to be deducted from employee wages. The deductions must be noted on the employee's pay envelope, paycheck, or on some other form of notice. In 2018, the taxable wage base for family leave insurance benefits is the same as the taxable wage base for unemployment and temporary disability insurance.

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# Things You Should Know About

# **Race Discrimination in Employment**

Did you know that the 2020 layoffs hit Black and Latinx people harder leading to 16.7% unemployment among Black people and 18.9% among Latinx people, compared to 14.2% among white people?



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Your employer may not make decisions based on your race.

For example, your employer cannot pay you less than a coworker of a different race who performs substantially similar work and cannot assign or withhold duties, refuse to promote you, or require you to change your hairstyle at work because of your race.



Employers may not use neutral policies & rules to discriminate.

Neutral work policies and rules that impact individuals of one race more harshly than another are prohibited unless they are necessary for a substantial legitimate, nondiscriminatory interest. For example, due to racial disparities in the oriminal justice system, policies that reject job applicants with a criminal history could violate the LAD.



Others cannot harass The LAI you because of race.

Race-based harassment can include hostile, demeaning, or intimidating comments, offensive gestures, or use of racial slurs. For example, an employer cannot allow a customer to use a racial slur against you while you are performing your job or allow another employee to make derogatory comments about your race.



The LAD protects you against retaliation.

it is illegal for any person, including an employe, to retaliate against you for reporting possible LAD violations, filing a discrimination complaint with HR, DCR, or in court, or exercising any other rights under the LAD. Your employer is required to ensure that none of your supervisors or coworkers retaliate against you either

To find out more or to file a complaint, go to NJCiviiRights.gov or call 1.833.NJDCR4U

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## New Jersey Law Prohibits Discrimination in Employment

ON THE BASIS OF:

Race, Creed, Color, National Origin, Age, Ancestry, Nationality, Marital or Domestic Partnership or Civil Union Status, Sex, Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, Gender Identity or Expression, Disability, Liability for Military Service, Affectional or Sexual Orientation, Atypical Cellular or Blood Trait, Genetic Information (including the refusal to submit to genetic testing)

BY:

Private or State and Local Government Employers, Employment Agencies, or Labor Unions

WITH RESPECT TO:

Hiring, Promotion, Transfer, Demotion, Termination, Salary, Benefits, Other Privileges, Conditions or Terms of Employment, Layoff, Harassment, Apprenticeship and Training Programs, Job Referrals, or Union Membership

OR:

In Retaliation for Filing a Complaint, Participating or Testifying in Any Proceedings or for Opposing Any Acts Forbidden under the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination

REMEDY MAY INCLUDE:

An Order Restraining Unlawful Discrimination, Back Pay, Damages for Pain and Humiliation Experienced as a Result of Unlawful Discrimination, Punitive Damages, and Attorney's Fees

It is also unlawful to publish employment advertisements which discriminate against persons in violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.

Violations should be reported to the nearest office of the NJ Division on Civil Rights at 866-405-3050 (Toll-Free) or online www.NJCivilRights.gov

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## Conscientious Employee Protection Act "Whistleblower Act"



## Employer 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. Discloses, or threatens to disclose, to a supervisor or to a public body an activity, policy or practice of the employer or another employer, with whom there is a business relationship, that 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 law, or a rule or regulation issued under the law by the employer or another employer, 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; or
  - c. Provides information involving deception of, or misrepresentation to, any shareholder, investor, client, patient, customer, employee, former employee, retiree or pensioner of the employer or any governmental entity.
  - d. Provides information regarding any perceived criminal or fraudulent activity, policy or practice of deception or misrepresentation which the employee reasonably believes may defraud any shareholder, investor, client, patient, customer, employee, former employee, retiree or pensioner 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:
    - (1) 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;
    - (2) is fraudulent or criminal; or
    - (3) is incompatible with a clear mandate of public policy concerning the public health, safety or welfare or protection of the environment, N.J.S.A. 34:19-3.
- 2. The protection against retaliation, when a disclosure is made to a public body, does not apply unless the employee has brought the activity, policy or practice to the attention of a supervisor of the employee by written notice and given the employer a reasonable opportunity to correct the activity, policy or practice. However, disclosure is not required where the employee reasonably believes that the activity, policy or practice is known to one or more supervisors of the employer or where the employee fears physical harm as a result of the disclosure, provided that the situation is emergency in nature.

	——— CONTACT INFORMATION ————				
	Your employer has designated the following contact person				
to rec	eive written notifications, pursuant to paragraph 2 above (N.J.S.A. 34:19-4):				
Name:	Donna Dellechiaie				
Address:	omeCare Options, P.O. Box 287, Totowa, NJ 07511-0287				
	Email: compliance officer@homecareoptions.com				
Telephone N	(973) 310-9558 Confidential Voice Mail OR				
reichtione iv	(973) 270-1630 (Cell Phone)				

## This notice must be conspicuously displayed.

Once each year, employers with 10 or more employees must distribute notice of this law to their employees. If you need this document in a language other than English or Spanish, please call 609-292-7832.



## La Ley de protección al empleado consciente "Ley de protección del denunciante"



Acciones de represalia del empleador; protección de las acciones del empleado

- La ley de New Jersey prohíbe que los empleadores tomen medidas de represalia contra todo empleado que haga lo siguiente:
  - a. Divulgue o amenace con divulgar, ya sea a un supervisor o a una agencia pública toda actividad, directriz o norma del empleador o de cualquier otro empleador con el que exista una relación de negocios y que el empleado tiene motivos fundados para pensar que violan alguna ley, o en el caso de un trabajador licenciado o certificado de la salud y que tiene motivos fundados para pensar que se trata de una manera inadecuada de atención al paciente;
  - b. Facilite información o preste testimonio ante cualquier agencia pública que conduzca una investigación, audiencia o indagación sobre la violación de alguna ley, regla o reglamento que el empleador o algún otro empleador con el que exista una relación de negocios; o en el caso de un trabajador licenciado o certificado de la salud que facilite información o preste testimonio ante cualquier agencia pública que conduzca una investigación, audiencia o indagación sobre la calidad de la atención al paciente; o
  - c. Ofrece información concerniente al engaño o la tergiversación con accionistas, inversionistas, usuarios, pacientes, clientes, empleados, ex empleados, retirados o pensionados del empleador o de cualquier agencia gubernamental.
  - d. Ofrece información con respecto a toda actividad que se pueda percibir como delictiva o fraudulenta, toda directiva o práctica engañosa o de tergiversación que el empleado tenga motivos fundados para pensar que pudieran estafar a accionistas, inversionistas, usuarios, pacientes, clientes, empleados, ex empleados, retirados o pensionados del empleador o de cualquier agencia gubernamental.
  - e. Se opone o se niega a participar en alguna actividad, directriz o práctica que el empleado tiene motivos fundados para pensar que:
    - (1) viola alguna ley, o regla o reglamento que dicta la ley o en el caso de un empleado licenciado o certificado en cuidado de la salud que tiene motivos fundados para pensar que constituya atención inadecuada al paciente;
    - (2) es fraudulenta o delictiva; o
    - (3) es incompatible con algún mandato establecido por las directrices públicas relacionadas con la salud pública, la seguridad o el bienestar o la protección del medio ambiente. Artículo 34:19-3 de las Leyes comentadas de New Jersey de protección del empleado consciente (N.J.S.A., por sus siglasen inglés)
- 2. No se puede acoger a la protección contra la represalla, cuando se hace una divulgación a un organismo público, a no ser que el empleado le informe al empleador de tal actividad, política o norma a través de un aviso por escrito y le haya dado al empleador una oportunidad razonable para corregir tal actividad, política o norma. Sin embargo, no es necesaria la divulgación en los casos en que el empleado tenga indicios razonables para creer que un supervisor o más de un supervisor del empleador tienen conocimiento de tal actividad, política o norma o en los casos en los que el empleado teme que tal divulgación pueda traer como consecuencia daños físicos a su persona siempre y cuando la naturaleza de la situación sea la de una situación de emergencia.

## Su empleador ha designado a la siguiente persona para recibir notificaciones de acuerdo al paraío 2, de la ley (N.J.S.A. 34:19-4): Donna Dellechiaie Nombre: HomeCare Options, P.O. Box 287, Totowa, NJ 07511-0287 Dirección: Email: complianceofficer@homecareoptions.com (973)-310-9558-Confidential Voice Mail OR Número de teléfono: (973) 270-1630 (Cell Phone)

## Este aviso se debe exponer a la vista de todos.

Anualmente, patronos con 10 o más empleados, deberán distribuir notificación de esta ley a todos sus empleados. Si necesita este documento en algún otro idioma que no sea inglés o español; sírvase llamar al 609-292-7832.

## **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 20 days in a 12-month period, to address circumstances resulting from domestic violence or a sexually violent offense. To be eligible, the employee must have worked at least 1,000 hours during the immediately preceding 12-month period. Further, the employee must have worked for an employer in the State that employs 25 or more employees for each working day during each of 20 or more calendar workweeks in the then-current or immediately preceding calendar year.

Leave under the NJ SAFE Act may be taken by an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:25-19, or a victim of a sexually violent offense, as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.6. Leave may also be taken by an employee whose child, parent, spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner is a victim of domestic violence or a sexually violent offense.

Leave under the NJ SAFE Act may be taken for the purpose of engaging in any of the following activities as they relate to an incident of 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 or participating in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or derived from domestic violence or sexual violence; or
- (6) Attending, participating in or preparing for a criminal or civil court proceeding relating to an incident of domestic or sexual violence of which the employee or the employee's child, parent, spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner, was a victim.

Leave under the NJ SAFE Act must be used in the 12-month period immediately following an instance of domestic violence or a sexually violent offense. The unpaid leave may be taken intermittently in intervals of no less than one day. The unpaid leave shall run concurrently with any paid vacation leave, personal leave, or medical or sick leave that the employee elects to use or which the employer requires the employee to use during any part of the 20-day period of unpaid leave. If the employee requests leave for a reason covered by both the NJ SAFE Act and the Family Leave Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et seq., or the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, 20 U.S.C. 2601 et seq., the leave shall count simultaneously against the employee's entitlement under each respective law.

Employees eligible to take leave under the NJ SAFE Act must, if the necessity for the leave is foreseeable, provide the employer with written notice of the need for the leave. The employee must provide the employer with written notice as far in advance as reasonable and practicable under the circumstances. The employer has the right to require the employee to provide the employer with documentation of the domestic violence or sexually violent offense that is the basis for the leave. The employer must retain any documentation provided to it in this manner in the strictest confidentiality, unless the disclosure is voluntarily authorized in writing by the employee or is authorized by a federal or State law, rule or regulation.

The NJ SAFE Act also prohibits an employer from discharging, harassing or otherwise discriminating or retaliating or threatening to discharge, harass or otherwise discriminate against an employee with respect to the compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis that the employee took or requested any leave that the employee was entitled to under the NJ SAFE Act, or on the basis that the employee refused to authorize the release of information deemed confidential under the NJ SAFE Act.

To obtain relief for a violation of the NJ SAFE Act, an aggrieved person must file a private cause of action in the Superior Court within one year of the date of the alleged violation.

This notice must be conspicuously displayed.



## Right to be Free of Gender Inequity 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.

## **FEDERAL LAW**

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employment discrimination based on, among other things, an individual's sex. Title VII claims must be filed with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) before they can be brought in court. Remedies under Title VII may include an order restraining unlawful discrimination, back pay, and compensatory and punitive damages.

The Equal Pay Act of 1963 (EPA) prohibits discrimination in compensation based on sex. EPA claims can be filed either with the EEOC or directly with the court. Remedies under the EPA may include the amount of the salary or wages due from the employer, plus an additional equal amount as liquidated damages.

Please be mindful that in order for a disparity in compensation based on sex to be actionable under the EPA, it must be for equal work on jobs the performance of which requires equal skill, effort, and responsibility, and which are performed under similar working conditions.

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. For further information, contact the EEOC at 800-669-4000 or at <a href="https://www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a>.

## **NEW JERSEY LAW**

The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (LAD) prohibits employment discrimination based on, among other things, an individual's sex. LAD claims can be filed with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights (NJDCR) or directly in court. Remedies under the LAD may include an order restraining unlawful discrimination, back pay, and compensatory and punitive damages.

Another State law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.1 et seq., prohibits discrimination in the rate or method of payment of wages to an employee because of his or her sex. Claims under this wage discrimination law may be filed with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDLWD) or directly in court. Remedies under this law may include the full amount of the salary or wages owed, plus an additional equal amount as liquidated damages.

Please be mindful that under the State wage discrimination law a differential in pay between employees based on a reasonable factor or factors other than sex shall not constitute discrimination.

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. For more information regarding LAD claims, contact the NJDCR at 609-292-4605 or at <a href="https://www.njcivilrights.gov">www.njcivilrights.gov</a>. For information concerning <a href="https://www.njcivilrights.gov">N.J.S.A</a>. 34:11-56.1 et seq., contact the Division of Wage and Hour Compliance within the NJDLWD at 609-292-2305 or at <a href="http://wd.state.nj.us">http://wd.state.nj.us</a>.

This notice must be conspicuously displayed.



# Acknowledgment of Receipt of Gender Equity Notification

I received a copy of the gender equity notification on the date listed below. I have read it and I understand it.

Name (signature)

Name (print)

Date





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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://nj.gov/labor/ to learn which employees are covered by the law.

New employees must receive this written notice from their employer when they begin employment, and existing employees must receive it by November 29, 2018. Employers must also post this notice in a conspicuous and accessible place at all work sites, and provide copies to employees upon request.

## YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO EARNED SICK LEAVE.

## **Amount of Earned Sick Leave**

Your employer mi	ust provide up to a total of 40 hours	of earned sick leave every benefit year.	Your employer's benefit
year is:			
Si	tart of Benefit Year:	End of Benefit Year:	

## Rate of Accrual

You accrue earned sick leave at the rate of 1 hour for every 30 hours worked, up to a maximum of 40 hours of leave per benefit year. Alternatively, your employer can provide you with 40 hours of earned sick leave up front.

## **Date Accrual Begins**

You begin to accrue earned sick leave on October 29, 2018, or on your first day of employment, whichever is later. *Exception:* If you are covered by a collective bargaining agreement that was in effect on October 29, 2018, you begin to accrue earned sick leave under this law beginning on the date that the agreement expires.

## Date Earned Sick Leave is Available for Use

You can begin using earned sick leave accrued under this law on February 26, 2019, or the 120th calendar day after you begin employment, whichever is later. However, your employer can provide benefits that are more generous than those required under the law, and can permit you to use sick leave at an earlier date.

## Acceptable Reasons to Use Earned Sick Leave

You can use earned sick leave to take time off from work when:

- You need diagnosis, care, treatment, or recovery for a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or you need preventive medical care.
- You need to care for a family member during diagnosis, care, treatment, or recovery for a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or your family member needs preventive medical care.
- You or a family member have been the victim of domestic violence or sexual violence and need time for treatment, counseling, or to prepare for legal proceedings.
- You need to attend school-related conferences, meetings, or events regarding your child's education; or to attend a school-related meeting regarding your child's health.
- Your employer's business closes due to a public health emergency or you need to care for a child whose school or child care provider closed due to a public health emergency.

## Family Members

The law recognizes the following individuals as "family members:"

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

- Grandparent
- Spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner of an employee's parent or grandparent
- Sibling of an employee's spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner
- Any other individual related by blood to the employee
- Any individual whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of family

## **Advance Notice**

If your need for earned sick leave is foreseeable (can be planned in advance), your employer can require up to 7 days' advance notice of your intention to use earned sick leave. If your need for earned sick leave is unforeseeable (cannot be planned in advance), your employer may require you to give notice as soon as it is practical.

## **Documentation**

Your employer can require reasonable documentation if you use earned sick leave on 3 or more consecutive work days, or on certain dates specified by the employer. The law prohibits employers from requiring your health care provider to specify the medical reason for your leave.

## Unused Sick Leave

Up to 40 hours of unused earned sick leave can be carried over into the next benefit year. However, your employer is only required to let you use up to 40 hours of leave per benefit year. Alternatively, your employer can offer to purchase your unused earned sick leave at the end of the benefit year.

## You Have a Right to be Free from Retaliation for Using Earned Sick Leave

Your employer cannot retaliate against you for:

- Requesting and using earned sick leave
  - · Filing a complaint for alleged violations of the law
  - · Communicating with any person, including co-workers, about any violation of the law
  - · Participating in an investigation regarding an alleged violation of the law, and
  - · Informing another person of that person's potential rights under the law.

Retaliation includes any threat, discipline, discharge, demotion, suspension, or reduction in hours, or any other adverse employment action against you for exercising or attempting to exercise any right guaranteed under the law.

## You Have a Right to File a Complaint

You can file a complaint with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development online at nj.gov/labor/wagehour/complnt/filing\_wage\_claim.html or by calling 609-292-2305 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Keep a copy of this notice and all documents that show your amount of sick leave accrual and usage.

You have a right to be given this notice in English and, if available, your primary language.

For more information visit the website of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development: nj.gov/labor.

Enforced by: NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development Division of Wage and Hour Compliance, PO Box 389, Trenton, NJ 08625-0389 • 609-292-2305

This and other required employer posters are available free online at *nj.gov/labor*, or from the Office of Constituent Relations, PO Box 110, Trenton, NJ 08625-0110 • 609-777-3200.

If you need this document in Braille or large print, call 609-292-2305. TTY users can contact this department through the New Jersey Relay: 7-1-1.



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## New Jersey Law Prohibits Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation

ON THE BASIS OF:

Race, Creed, Color, National Origin, Ancestry, Nationality, Marital or Domestic Partnership or Civil Union Status, Sex, Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, Gender Identity or Expression, Affectional or Sexual Orientation, Disability, or Liability for Service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

BY:

A Proprietor, Manager, Owner, Superintendent Lessee, Agent or Employee

WITH RESPECT TO:

The Services, Facilities, Privileges, or Accommodations Provided by Public Accommodations (whether or not it has a building, headquarters, office or other place). Public Accommodations include, but are not limited to, schools,

government buildings, courts, restaurants, taverns libraries, hotels,

gymnasiums, theaters and hospitals.

**REMEDY MAY INCLUDE:** 

An Order Restraining Unlawful Discrimination, Reimbursement for Financial Loss, Damages for Pain and Humiliation Experienced as a Result of Unlawful Discrimination, Punitive Damages, and Attorney's Fees

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# Things You Should Know About

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# Race Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation

Did you know that NJ has among the inghest black maternal mortality rates in the nation & that Black infants in NJ are four times more likely than white infants to die before their first birthday?



In NJ. the LAD prohibits recedisormination & recebased harassment in most places open to the public. The New Jersey Lew Agency Lew Agency: Dissertimetion (LAB) explices in all "places of public accommodation." Which includes places like restricts rolles legarithers are often offices according to the profiles and offer medical replifices for fines few.



Race discrimination is illegal in health treatment & services.

Doctors' offices, hospitals, and other medical facilities cannot take your symptoms less seriously, provide you with less care, drug test you, or refuse to care for you because of your race (or because of the race they think you are based on your name, address, education, or other factors).



Racism cannot stop you from receiving fair service. For example, restaurants, retail stores, hotels, pharmacies, & other establishments cannot provide you with lesser service or allow their employees or customers to harses you. Also, you cannot be followed or approached in a store because of your race. Race-based harassment can include hostile, demeaning, or intimidating comments, offensive gestures, or use of racial slurs.



Racism cannot stop you from being treated equally by police officers or departments. Police officers cannot stop you or pull you over or ask you to leave a neighborhood because of your race. They cannot harass you because of your race or use racial slurs. And they cannot refuse to take a complaint because of your race, even if that complaint is against a fellow officer.



The LAD protects you against retaliation.

No one can retaliate against you for reporting possible LAD violations, filing a discrimination complaint with them, with DGR, or in court, or exercising any other rights under the LAD.

To find out more or to file a complaint, go to NJCivilRights.gov or call 1.833.NJDCR4U

NJ Office of the Attorney General NJCivilRights.gov







## New Jersey Law Prohibits Discrimination in Housing

ON THE BASIS OF:

Race, Creed, Color, National Origin, Ancestry, Nationality, Marital or Domestic Partnership or Civil Union Status, Familial Status, Sex, Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, Gender Identity or Expression, Affectional or Sexual Orientation, Disability, Source

of Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (including Section 8),

or Liability for Service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

BY:

All Persons including Real Estate Agents or Brokers, Financial Institutions, Property Owners, Landlords, or Building Superintendents, and Their Agents and Employees

WITH RESPECT TO:

- The Sale, Rental or Lease of Real Property
- Listing or Advertising of Real Property
- Receipt or Transmittal of Offers to Purchase or Rent Real Property
- Application and Terms of a Mortgage or Other Loan

**REMEDY MAY INCLUDE:** 

An Order Restraining Unlawful Discrimination, Reimbursement for Financial Loss, Damages for Pain and Humiliation Experienced as a Result of Unlawful Discrimination, Punitive Damages, and Attorney's Fees

It is also unlawful to publish real estate advertisements which express any discrimination against persons protected by the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.

Violations should be reported to the nearest office of the NJ Division on Civil Rights at 866-405-3050 (Toll-Free) or online www.NJCivilRights.gov

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# Things You Should Know About

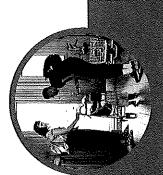
## Race Discrimination in Housing

Did you know that in New Jersey, the median net wealth for white households is \$352,000, but for Black households it is \$6 / 00 and for Latinx households it is \$7,300?



Homeownership is one of Americans' primary means of building wealth.

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The LAD protects you against racism that affects your ability to rent.

It is illegal for landlords to refuse to lease to you, charge you higher rent, offer you different amenities, steer you to certain apartments, or refuse to make repairs based on your race. They also cannot do those things because of the race they think you are based on your name, address, education, or other factors you might list on a rental application.



The LAD protects you against racism when buying or selling a home.

it is illegal for real estate agents to refuse to show you certain properties or encourage or discourage you from buying in particular neighborhoods because of your race; appraisers cannot value your home at a lesser value because of your race; and mortgage brokers or other lenders cannot offer you less favorable loan terms because of your race.



The LAD protects you from race-based harassment in housing. It is illegal for a housing provider or its employees to harass you because of your race and they must take appropriate action to address harassment they either know or should have known about, even if the harassment is by a fellow tenant. Racebased harassment can include hostile, demeaning, or intimidating comments, offensive gestures, or use of racial slurs.



The LAD protects you against retaliation.

it is illegal for anyone, including landlords, real estate agents, appraisers, mortgage brokers, or any other housing or loan provider, to retaliate against you for reporting possible LAD violations, filing a discrimination complaint with them, DCR, or in court, or exercising any other rights under the LAD.

To find out more or to file a complaint, go to NJCivilRights.gov or call 1.833.NJDCR4U

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Things You Should Know About

## The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination

- The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (LAD) prohibits discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, and other protected characteristics. The law applies in employment, housing, and places of public accommodation (generally, places open to the public, including businesses, restaurants, schools, summer camps, medical providers, etc.).
- The anti-discrimination provisions mean that an employer cannot fire someone, pay someone less money, or refuse to hire or promote someone because of their race. Similarly, a housing provider cannot refuse to rent an apartment to a couple because of their sexual orientation. And a place of public accommodation cannot refuse service to someone because of their religion.
- The LAD also prohibits bias-based harassment. That means if someone is being subjected to bias-based harassment that creates a hostile environment, an employer, housing provider, or place of public accommodation must take reasonable steps to stop the harassment if they knew or should have known about it. That includes harassment between coworkers, tenants, or patrons, not just harassment by a landlord or by a supervisor at work. The LAD also prohibits "quid pro quo" sexual harassment—where a person in a position of power demands sex or sexual favors in exchange for favorable treatment, such as continued employment or a promotion.
- The LAD prohibits retaliation against a person for complaining about discrimination or biasbased harassment, or otherwise exercising or attempting to exercise their rights under the law. For example, an employer cannot fire someone for reporting sexual harassment to human resources. And a housing provider cannot evict someone for reporting housing discrimination to DCR.
- The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights (DCR) enforces the LAD and is tasked with preventing and eliminating discrimination and bias-based harassment in New Jersey. Anyone who believes their rights under the LAD have been violated may file a complaint with DCR within 180 days of the incident.

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## You have the right to a safe and healthful workplace.

## IT'S THE LAW!











## PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

- You have the right to notify your employer or New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (NJPEOSH) about workplace hazards. You have a right to keep your name confidential upon request.
- You have the right to request a NJPEOSH inspection if you believe that there are unsafe and unhealthful conditions in your workplace. You or your representative are entitled to participate in that inspection.
- You have a right to file a complaint within 180 days for retaliation or discrimination by your employer for making safety and health complaints or for exercising your rights under the NJPEOSH Act (N.J.S.A. 34:6A-25 et seq.).
- You have a right to see NJPEOSH citations issued to your employer and your employer must post the citations at or near the place of the alleged violation.
- You have the right to copies of your medical records or records of your exposure to toxic and harmful substances or conditions.



## PUBLIC EMPLOYERS

- You must report all work-related fatalities within 8 hours; and in-patient hospitalizations, amputations, and loss-of-eye incidents within 24 hours. This information must be called in to 800-624-1644 and faxed to 609-292-3749.
- You must furnish your employees with a place of employment free from recognized hazards.
- You must comply with all occupational safety and health standards.
- You must correct identified workplace hazards and must certify that these hazards have been eliminated by the date indicated on the citation.
- You must post this notice in your workplace as per N.J.A.C. 12:110-3.5 (c).
- Through its on-site consultation and training program NJPEOSH offers employers free assistance in identifying and correcting hazards or complying with standards, without citation or penalty.

24-hour Complaint Hotline (800) 624-1644



## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

■ Occupational Safety Hazards

NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development (NJDLWD)

Office of Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (OPEOSH)

Phone: (609) 292-7036

Email: peosha@dol.nj.gov

Website: http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/isse/employer/Public\_Employees\_OSH.html

■ Occupational Health Hazards
NJ Department of Health (NJDOH)
Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH)
Phone: (609) 984-1863
Email: peosh@doh.nj.gov
Website: nj.gov/heaith/peosh

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