# FEDERAL Labor Laws

#### United States Department of Labor **Your Rights Under USERRA**

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

#### **REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS**

USERRA

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- you ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service; you have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- you return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
- you have not been separated from service with a disgualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

## **RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION**

- are a past or present member of the are obligated to serve in the uniformed uniformed service; service;
- have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- then an employer may not deny you:
  - initial employment; promotion; or
    - any benefit of employment
  - retention in employment;
- because of this status.

reemployment;

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION**

- If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.
- Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for serviceconnected illnesses or injuries.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

- The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.
- For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its website at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at https://webapps.dol.gov/elaws/vets/userra.
- If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the internet at this address: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/userra/poster Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees.

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# **Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!**

#### All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a workrelated injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job

### **Employers must**:

 Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.

United States Department of Labor **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT** 

### **FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE \$7.25 PER HOUR BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009**

**ENFORCEMENT** 

#### The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

#### **OVERTIME PAY**

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At least 11/2 times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

#### **CHILD LABOR**

An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work in nonfarm jobs declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Youths 14 and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs with certain work hours restrictions. Different rules apply in agricultural employment.

#### **TIP CREDIT**

Employers of "tipped employees" who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage credit based on tips received by their employees. Employers must pay tipped employees a cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour if they claim a tip credit against their minimum wage obligation. If an employee's tips combined with the employer's cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour do not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer must make up the difference.

#### **PUMP AT WORK**

The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing employee to express breast milk for their nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time the employee needs to express breast milk. Employers must provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by the employee to express breast milk.

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participate in any proceeding under the FLSA.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** 

Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

protections and correctly classified independent contractors are not.

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The Department has authority to recover back wages and an equal amount in liquidated damages

in instances of minimum wage, overtime, and other violations. The Department may litigate and/or

recommend criminal prosecution. Employers may be assessed civil money penalties for each willful or

repeated violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law. Civil money penalties

may be assessed for each child labor violation that results in the death or serious injury of any minor

employee, and such assessments may be doubled when the violations are determined to be willful

or repeated. The law also prohibits retaliating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or

Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum wage, and/or overtime

pay provisions. Certain narrow exemptions also apply to the pump at work requirements.

Special provisions apply to workers in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern

Some state laws provide greater employee protections; employers must comply with both.

actually employees under the FLSA. It is important to know the difference between the two

because employees (unless exempt) are entitled to the FLSA's minimum wage and overtime pay

Certain full-time students, student learners, apprentices, and workers with disabilities may be

paid less than the minimum wage under special certificates issued by the Department of Labor.

Some employers incorrectly classify workers as "independent contractors" when they are

may also be assessed for violations of the FLSA's child labor provisions. Heightened civil money penalties



Discrimination

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

#### Know Your Rights: Workplace Discrimination is Illegal

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces Federal laws that protect you from discrimination in employment. If you believe you've been discriminated against at work or in applying for a job, the EEOC may be able to help.

Conduct that coerces, intimidates, threatens, or interferes with

(including accommodation) or pregnancy accommodation

What can You Do if You Believe Discrimination has

Occurred?

because there are strict time limits for filing a charge of discrimination (180 or

300 days, depending on where you live/work). You can reach the EEOC in any

Contact the EEOC promptly if you suspect discrimination. Do not delay,

someone exercising their rights, or someone assisting or encouraging

someone else to exercise rights, regarding disability discrimination

#### Who is Protected?

- Employees (current and former), including managers and temporary employees
- Job applicants Union members and applicants for membership in a union

What Types of Employment Discrimination are Illegal? Under the EEOC's laws, an employer may not discriminate against you, regardless of your immigration status, on the bases of:

Race

- Reliaion
- National origin
- Sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, sexual orientation, or gender identity)
- Age (40 and older)
- Disability
- Genetic information (including employer requests for, or purchase, use, or disclosure of genetic tests, genetic services, or family medical history)
- Retaliation for filing a charge, reasonably opposing discrimination, or participating in a discrimination lawsuit, investigation, or proceeding Interference, coercion, or threats related to exercising rights
- regarding disability discrimination or pregnancy accommodation

#### What Organizations are Covered?

- Most private employers
- State and local governments (as employers) Educational institutions (as employers)
- Staffing agencies

#### What Employment Practices can be Challenged as

#### **Discriminatory**?

- All aspects of employment, including: Discharge, firing, or lay-off
- Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or physical conduct)
- Hiring or promotion
- Assignmen
- Pay (unequal wages or compensation)
- Failure to provide reasonable accommodation for a disability; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition; or a sincerelyheld religious belief, observance or practice Benefits
- Job training
- Classification
- Referral
- Obtaining or disclosing genetic information of employees
- Requesting or disclosing medical information of employees
- Conduct that might reasonably discourage someone from opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or participating in an investigation or proceeding

- **Submit** an inquiry through the EEOC's public portal: https://publicportal.eeoc.gov/Portal/Login.aspx
- Call 1-800-669-4000 (toll free) 1-800-669-6820 (TTY) 1-844-234-5122 (ASL video phone)
- an EEOC field office (information at Visit www.eeoc.gov/field-office)
- info@eeoc.gov E-Mail

Additional information about the EEOC, including information about filing a charge of discrimination, is available at *www.eeoc.gov*.



The Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) enforces the nondiscrimination and affirmative action commitments

of companies doing business with the Federal Government. If you are applying for a job with, or are an employee of, a company with a Federal contract or subcontract, you are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

#### Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, National Origin

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination bv Federal contractors based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

#### Asking About, Disclosing, or Discussing Pay

Executive Order 11246, as amended, protects applicants and employees of Federal contractors from discrimination based on inquiring about, disclosing, or discussing their compensation or the compensation of other applicants or employees.

#### Disability

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment by Federal contractors. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship to the employer. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination by Federal contractors under these Federal laws. Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under OFCCP's authorities should contact immediatelv

and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended,

38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits employment discrimination against, and requires

affirmative action to recruit, employ, and advance in employment, disabled

veterans, recently separated veterans (i.e., within three years of discharge or

release from active duty), active duty wartime or campaign badge veterans, or

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210

of employment, including the executive level.

Protected Veteran Status

Armed Forces service medal veterans.

#### 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free)

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services. OFCCP may also be contacted by submitting a question online to OFCCP's Help Desk at *https://ofccphelpdesk.dol.gov/s/*, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor and on OFCCP's "Contact Us" webpage at https://www.dol.aov/agencies/ofccp/contact.

#### **PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL** FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### Race, Color, National Origin, Sex

In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

#### **Individuals with Disabilities**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. Discrimination is prohibited in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the iob.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

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- hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request a confidential OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate (or have your representative participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

This poster is available free from OSHA.

# Contact OSHA. We can help.

- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Notify OSHA within 8 hours of a workplace fatality or within 24 hours of any work-related inpatient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

On-Site Consultation services are available to small and medium-sized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.



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# United States Department of Labor **Employee Rights**

The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment.

#### PROHIBITIONS

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Employers are generally prohibited from requiring or requesting any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test, and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other rights under the Act.

#### **EXEMPTIONS**

Federal, State and local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities. The Act permits polygraph (a kind of lie detector) tests to be administered in the private sector, subject to restrictions, to certain prospective employees of security service firms (armored car, alarm, and guard), and of

pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers. The Act also permits polygraph testing, subject to restrictions, of certain employees of private firms who are reasonably suspected of involvement in a workplace incident (theft, embezzlement, etc.) that resulted in economic loss to the employe

The law does not preempt any provision of any State or local law or any collective bargaining agreement which is more restrictive with respect to lie detector tests

#### **Employee Polygraph Protection Act EXAMINEE RIGHTS**

Where polygraph tests are permitted, they are subject to numerous strict standards concerning the conduct and length of the test. Examinees have a number of specific rights, including the right to a written notice before testing, the right to refuse or discontinue a test, and the right not to have test results disclosed to unauthorized persons.

#### ENFORCEMENT

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The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties against violators. Employees or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

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