

COLORADO LABOR LAW POSTINGS



FAIR EMPLOYMENT



COLORADO
Department of
Regulatory Agencies
Colorado Civil Rights Division

Colorado Law Prohibits Discrimination in: EMPLOYMENT

C.R.S. § 24-34-401 *et seq.*

IT SHALL BE A DISCRIMINATORY OR UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE:

to REFUSE TO HIRE, to DISCHARGE, to PROMOTE or DEMOTE, to HARASS during the course of employment, or to discriminate IN MATTERS of COMPENSATION, TERMS, CONDITIONS, or PRIVILEGES of employment.

BECAUSE OF:

DISABILITY, RACE, CREED, COLOR, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, RELIGION, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN or ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, or, in certain circumstances, MARRIAGE TO A COWORKER.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES:

An employee with a disability is entitled to a reasonable accommodation(s) which is necessary to perform the essential functions of the job. An accommodation is not reasonable if its provision would result in an undue hardship on the employer's business.

PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT — C.R.S. § 24-34-402.3

An employee with a health condition(s) related to pregnancy or physical recovery from childbirth is entitled to a reasonable accommodation(s) necessary to perform the essential functions of the job. An accommodation is not reasonable if its provision would result in an undue hardship on the employer's business.

RETALIATION PROHIBITED — C.R.S. § 24-34-402(e)

It is a discriminatory act to retaliate against a person who opposes a discriminatory practice or who participates in a discrimination investigation, proceeding or hearing.

SHARING WAGE INFORMATION PROTECTED — C.R.S. § 24-34-402(i)

An employer shall not discharge, discipline, discriminate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with an employee or person due to an inquiry, disclosure or discussion of wages. An employer shall not require an employee to waive the right to disclose wage information.

CROWN Act of 2020:

Discrimination on the basis of one's race includes hair texture, hair type, hair length or a protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race, such as braids, locs, twists, tight coils or curls, cornrows, Bantu knots, Afros, and headwraps. eff. 6/3/24.

**TO FILE A COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
THE COLORADO CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION; 1560 BROADWAY, LOBBY WELCOME CENTER,
SUITE # 110, DENVER, CO 80202**

MAIN PHONE: 303-894-2997; HOTLINE ESPANOL: 720-432-4294; TOLL-FREE: 800-262-4845; V/TTD RELAY: 711;
FAX: 303-894-7830; EMAIL: DORA_CCRD@STATE.CO.US

**EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN 300 DAYS
AFTER THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY ACT OCCURRED.**

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7/2024

MINIMUM WAGE



COLORADO
Department of
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COLORADO WAGE & HOUR RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The COMPS Order (Colorado Overtime & Minimum Pay Standards) Poster & Notice

Effective 1/1/2026

Use new version released by each December

Colorado Minimum Wage: \$15.16 per hour in 2026, updated yearly (COMPS Rule 3)

- Must pay at least minimum wage for all time worked, whether by hour, salary, commission, piece rate, etc.
- Use the highest minimum wage applicable; ColoradoLaborLaw.gov lists all local minimum wages
- 15% lower is allowed for unemancipated minors — but not for some local minimum wages

Overtime: 1½ regular rate after 40 weekly hours, or 12 daily or consecutive (Rule 4)

- Can't give time off instead of overtime pay; can't average overtime and non-overtime weeks (or days)
- Agriculture: Overtime after 48 hours (56 at some highly seasonal sites); extra breaks and pay on long days
- Some (not all) jobs in health, ski, and heavy vehicles are partly or fully exempt (Rules 2.3-2.4)

Meal Periods: 30 minutes uninterrupted & duty-free, in shifts over 5 hours (Rule 5.1)

- Can be unpaid only for employees completely relieved of duty, and allowed do personal activities
- If work doesn't allow uninterrupted meal periods: must allow eating on duty, on paid time
- As much as practical, meal periods must be at least 1 hour after starting shifts, and 1 hour before ending

Rest Periods: 10 minutes, paid, every 4 hours (Rule 5.2)

# Work Hours:	Up to 2	>2, up to 6	>6, up to 10	>10, up to 14	>14, up to 18	>18, up to 22	>22
# Rest Periods:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

- Need not be off-site, but must not include work, and should be in the middle of the 4 hours if practical
- Rest periods count as time worked, including for minimum wage and overtime
- Extra pay is owed for rest period time not authorized or permitted, including for employees not paid hourly
- Break rules differ for some agricultural work (Rule 2.3, & the Agricultural Labor Conditions Rules)

Deductions, Credits, Charges, & Withheld Pay (Rule 6, & Colorado Wage Act)

- Final pay: Owed promptly (if a termination by employer) or at next pay date (if employee resigned)
- Unused vacation: Must pay to departing employees, even if fired for cause or resigned without notice
- Tip credit: Can lower hourly pay up to \$3.02 if tips (not service charges) aren't diverted to untipped staff
- Meals: Can charge cost or value (without profit) of voluntarily accepted meals
- Lodging: Can charge \$25-\$100 weekly (by housing type) if voluntary and primarily for employee benefit
- Uniforms: Can't charge or require deposits for special uniforms, special cleaning, or ordinary wear and tear
- Other deductions: Only for items in CRS 8-4-105; not for poor work, breakage, quitting without notice, etc.

PAID LEAVE AND WHISTLEBLOWER



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**Colorado Workplace Public Health Rights Poster:
PAID LEAVE, WHISTLEBLOWING, & PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Updated July 14, 2023

may be updated periodically

THE HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES ACT ("HFWA"): Paid Leave Rights

Coverage: All Colorado employers, of any size, must provide paid leave

- All employees earn 1 hour of paid leave per 30 hours worked ("accrued leave"), up to 48 hours a year.
- Employees are required to be paid their regular pay rate during leave, and the employer must continue their benefits.
- Up to 48 hours of unused accrued leave carries over for use during the next year.
- For details on specific situations (irregular hours, non-hourly pay, etc.), see Wage Protection Rule 3.5, 7 CCR 1103-7.
- Up to 80 hours of supplemental leave applies in a public health emergency (PHE), until 4 weeks after the PHE ends.*

Employees can use accrued leave for the following safety or health needs:

- (1) a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition that prevents work, including diagnosis or preventive care;
- (2) domestic abuse, sexual assault, or criminal harassment leading to health, relocation, legal, or other services needs;
- (3) caring for a family member experiencing a condition described in category (1) or (2);
- (4) grieving, funeral/memorial attendance, or financial/legal needs after a death of a family member;
- (5) due to inclement weather, power/heat/water loss, or other unexpected occurrence, the employees needs to either (a) evacuate their residence, or (b) care for a family member whose school or place of care was closed; or
- (6) in a PHE, a public official closed the workplace, or the school or place of care of the employee's child.

Employer Policies (Notice; Documentation; Incremental Use; Privacy; and Paid Leave Records)

- **Written notice and posters.** Employers must (1) provide notice to new employees no later than other onboarding documents/policies; and (2) display updated posters, and provide updated notices to current employees, by end of year.
- **Notice for "foreseeable" leave.** Employers may adopt "reasonable procedures" in writing as to how employees should provide notice if they require "foreseeable" leave, but cannot deny paid leave for noncompliance with such a policy.
- **An employer can require documentation to show that accrued leave was for a qualifying reason only if leave was for four or more consecutive work days** (i.e. days when an employee would have worked, not calendar days).
- **Documentation is not required to take accrued leave**, but can be required as soon as an employee returns to work or separates from work (whichever is sooner). **No documentation can be required for PHE leave.**
- **To document leave for an employee's (or an employee's family member's) health-related need**, an employee may provide: (1) a document from a health or social services provider if services were received and a document can be obtained in reasonable time and without added expense; **otherwise** (2) the employee's own writing.
- **Documentation as to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or criminal harassment** can be a document or writing under (1) above (e.g. legal or shelter services provider) or (2) above, or legal document (restraining order, police report, etc.).
- **If an employer reasonably deems an employee's documentation deficient**, the employer must: (A) notify the employee within seven days of either receiving the documentation or the employee's return to work or separation (whichever is sooner), and (B) give the employee at least seven days to cure the deficiency.
- **Incremental Use.** Depending on employer policy, employees can use leave in either hourly or six-minute increments.

Time Worked: All on-duty or on-premises time that must be paid (Rule 1.9)

- Cleanup or setup (examples: put on or remove clothes, or gear, worn only at work)
- Checking in or out (timeclock, security or safety screening, etc.), or waiting to do so
- Receiving or sharing work information, or wait for tasks — but not just off-duty time on premises
- Travel for employer benefit — but not normal commuting (Rule 1.9.2)
- Sleep time required to be on-site — but not if lengthy and uninterrupted (Rule 1.9.3)

Exemptions from COMPS (Rule 2.2 lists all; highlights below)

- Executive/supervisor, administrator, or professional: \$57,784 (updated yearly) in salary (not hourly pay)
- Other high-level work: non-manual jobs paid 2½ times the above salary; ½ owners who actively manage
- Some (not all) salespeople, computer professionals, drivers, camp/outdoor ed staff, or property managers
- Duties to pay wages, including most limits on deductions, still apply if exempt from COMPS

Employer Responsibilities (Rule 7)

- Give employees pay statements (total pay, rate, tips, credits, and time worked), and keep for 3 years
- Display this poster/notice where easily seen (or give to employees); also include in any handbook/manual
- Use translations (available from this Division) of this poster/notice for employees with limited English
- Not giving (or undercutting) posters or notices may disallow employer credits, deductions, or exemptions
- Individuals with control over work may be liable for wages and violations, even at incorporated employers

Complaint & Anti-Retaliation Rights (Rule 8)

- File complaints in the Division or Court, or send the Division confidential tips
- Retaliation, or actions interfering with rights, may yield fines or other consequences
- Immigration status is irrelevant to these rights, and can't be used to interfere with rights

Contact Us:

DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS & STATISTICS
303-318-8441 / 888-390-7936 / cdle_labor_standards@state.co.us (English or Spanish)

For all laws,
guidance,
& complaints:
ColoradoLaborLaw.gov

Spanish
guidance &
complaints:
LeyesLaboralesDeColorado.gov

This notice
in other
languages:
cdle.colorado.gov/LaborStandardsPosters

PAYDAY NOTICE



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NOTICE OF PAYDAYS**As Required by C.R.S. §§ 8-4-107, -103**

Employers must provide notice to employees of the regular paydays and the time and place of payment. Employers must post, and keep posted, this notice where employees can easily see it: at the workplace if practicable, the employer's payment office, or if easily accessible to employees, electronically. Employers are required to post a new notice any time paydays or time or place of payment change.

Pay periods must be no longer than a calendar month or 30 days, whichever is longer. Paydays must be no later than 10 days following the close of each pay period.

EMPLOYEES ARE PAID ON REGULAR PAYDAYS AS FOLLOWS:

Payday: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

This form is provided as a courtesy by the Colorado Department of Labor, Division of Labor Standards and Statistics. Other Notice of Paydays posters are acceptable provided that they contain the elements and information required by C.R.S. § 8-4-107.

For more information about rights and responsibilities under Colorado wage and hour law, contact the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Labor Standards and Statistics: 303-318-8441 / 888-390-7936 / cdle_labor_standards@state.co.us (English or Spanish).

All laws, guidance
and complaints:

ColoradoLaborLaw.gov



Spanish guidance
and complaints:

LeyesLaboralesDeColorado.gov



Other labor standards
posters:

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**NOTICE TO WORKERS****YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE:**

- Properly classified as an employee or an independent contractor
- Paid accurately and timely for the services you perform

There are resources available to you if you believe you are being subject to improper classification or inaccurate payment practices by your employer. For more information, go to WorkRight.cdle.co.

Employers are required to follow the law when paying hourly wages, overtime, and properly covering you for unemployment insurance and workers' compensation purposes. As a worker, you have certain rights as an employee vs. independent contractor.

Improper classification (often called misclassification) of employees as independent contractors and other labor law violations create many problems, both for law-abiding businesses and for workers in Colorado.

If you believe you have been improperly classified as an independent contractor and are really performing duties that fit the criteria of an employee, visit colorado.gov/cdle/TipForm, or call us at 303-318-9100 and select Option 4. To be classified as an employee, you must meet the criteria in Colorado Revised Statute 8-70-115. You can read the law online and find out more at coloradoul.gov/ProperClassification.

As an employee, you are entitled to unemployment insurance benefits if you become unemployed through no fault of your own. Your employer contributes to unemployment insurance and cannot deduct this from your wages.

If you become unemployed and wish to file for unemployment insurance benefits, go to coloradoul.gov and click on File a Claim. If your hours of work and pay are reduced, you may be entitled to partial unemployment benefits.

If you cannot access a computer, call one of the following numbers: 303-318-9000 (Denver-metro area) or 1-800-388-5515 (outside Denver-metro area); hearing impaired 303-318-9016 (TDD Denver-metro area) or 1-800-894-7730 (TDD outside Denver-metro area).

EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO POST THIS NOTICE

Colorado Employment Security Act, 8-74-101(2); Regulations Concerning Employment Security 7.3.1 through 7.3.5
Employers can download copies of this poster at coloradoul.gov/employer, then click on Forms / Publications.



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IT STARTS WITH YOU
Building a better Colorado

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

**FAMLI Program Notice**

Colorado's Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI)
Paid time for the moments that matter

You may qualify for FAMLI paid leave if you earned \$2,500 over the previous year, and need to:

- Care for a new child through birth, adoption, or foster placement
- Care for your own serious health condition
- Care for a family member with a serious health condition
- Support a family member preparing for military deployment
- Seek safety or support related to domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault
- Care for a newborn in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or higher level of care

What You Pay

For 2026, your employer sends 0.44% of your wages to the FAMLI benefit fund. This shows up on your paystub as "FAMLI premium."

Your Rights

- If you've worked for your employer for 180 days, your job is protected when you return.
- Your employer may not retaliate, interfere, or discriminate against you for using FAMLI benefits.
- If something feels wrong, you can file a complaint by contacting the FAMLI Division.
- If your claim is denied, you can file a reconsideration at myfamliplus.state.co.us.

COLORADO
Family and Medical Leave
Insurance Program (FAMLI)
Department of Labor and Employment

updated December 2025

**Notificación del Programa FAMLI**

Seguro de Licencia Médica y de Familia en el Estado de Colorado (FAMLI)
Tiempo pagado para los momentos que importan

Usted puede calificar para la licencia con paga de FAMLI, si ha devengado \$2,500 durante el año previo y necesita:

- Cuidar de un recién nacido, por adopción o colocación de crianza.
- Cuidar de su propia condición de salud seria.
- Cuidar a un miembro de la familia que tenga una condición de salud seria.
- Brindar a apoyo a un miembro de la familia que se prepara para despliegue militar.
- En busca de seguridad o apoyo relacionado con violencia de familia, acoso o agresión sexual.
- Cuidar a un recién nacido en una Unidad de Cuido Intensivo Neonatal o cuido de mayor seriedad.

Lo que usted paga

Para el año 2026, su empleador envía 0.44% de sus ganancias al fondo de beneficios de FAMLI. Esto se refleja en su talonario de cheque como "Prima FAMLI".

Sus derechos

- Si usted ha trabajado para su empleador por 180 días, su trabajo está protegido para cuando regrese.
- Su empleador no puede tomar represalias, interferir o discriminar en su contra, por hacer uso de sus beneficios de FAMLI.
- Si hay algo con lo que usted no está de acuerdo, puede presentar quejella comunicándose con la División de FAMLI.
- Si le niegan su quejella, puede presentar una reconsideración ante myfamliplus.state.co.us.

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Actualizado en diciembre de 2025

¿Cuánto tiempo de licencia puede tomarse?

12 Semanas	Hasta 12 semanas al año.
4 Semanas	Hasta 4 semanas adicionales por motivo de embarazo o complicaciones en el alumbramiento.
12 Semanas	Hasta 12 semanas adicionales por licencia de cuido neonatal.

Usted puede tomarse toda la licencia de una sola vez, intermitentemente o en horario reducido. La Licencia de FAMLI puede reducir el tiempo de licencia de FAMLI que usted tenga disponible.

Lo que usted recibirá

- Paga semanal hasta 90% de su salario (escala variable, basado en sus ingresos)
- Beneficios que no son tributables en el Estado de Colorado. Los impuestos federales pueden que correspondan.
- Usted puede estimar su beneficio semanal en famli.colorado.gov

Cómo solicitar

Solicitar en: myfamliplus.state.co.us

Cuando sea posible, dar por lo menos 30 día de aviso, o notificar a su empleador en cuanto sea posible.

Conocer más: famli.colorado.gov
Para asistencia, llámar a: 1-866-263-2654
Visitar: 707 17th St., Suite 150, Denver, CO.

This Poster summarizes two Colorado workplace public health laws: C.R.S. § 8-13-3-401 et seq., (paid leave) and C.R.S. § 8-14-4-101 et seq. (healthy and safety whistleblowing) including amendments current as of the date of this poster. It does not cover other health or safety laws, rules, and orders, including under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), or from local public health agencies. Contact those agencies for such health and safety information.

*In a PHE, employees gain additional hours of leave for inability to work, testing, quarantine, caring for family in such situations, and related needs. No PHE is now in effect; this poster will be updated if one is declared.

This poster must be displayed where easily accessible to workers, shared with remote workers, provided in other languages as needed, and replaced with any annually updated versions.

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