

Colorado Labor Law Poster

COLORADO Department of Labor and Employment
COLORADO OVERTIME & MINIMUM PAY STANDARDS ORDER (“COMPS Order”) #38, POSTER & NOTICE
Effective 1/1/22; must update annually; new poster available each mid-December

Colorado Minimum Wage: \$12.56/hour, or \$9.54 for Tipped Employees, in 2022 (Rule 3)
• The minimum wage is adjusted each year for inflation, so the above amounts are for only 2022.
• All employees must be paid at least the minimum wage (unless exempt in Rule 2), whether paid hourly or another way (salary, commission, piecework, etc.), except unemancipated minors can be paid 15% under full minimum wage.
• Use the highest standard if other labor laws also apply, such as Denver’s minimum wage (\$15.87 in 2022).

Overtime: 1½ times regular pay rates for hours over 40 weekly, 12 daily, or 12 consecutive (Rule 4)
• Overtime is required each week over 40 hours, or day over 12, even if 2 or more weeks or days average fewer hours.
• Employees cannot provide time off (“comp time”) instead of overtime hours.
• Key variances/exemptions (all are detailed in Rules 2.3-2.4):
• Modified overtime in a small number of health care jobs, exemption for certain heavy vehicle drivers
• No 40-hour weekly overtime in downhill ski/snowboard jobs (but 56-hour overtime for many under federal law)
• Agriculture, as of 11/1/22: overtime after 60 hours; half-hour paid break in days over 12 hours, extra pay if over 15

Meal Periods: 30 minutes uninterrupted and duty-free, for shifts over 5 hours (Rule 1.9)
• Can be unpaid, but only if employees are completely relieved of all duties, and allowed to pursue personal activities.
• If work makes uninterrupted meal periods impractical, eating on-duty must be permitted, and the time must be paid.
• To the extent practical, meal periods must be at least 1 hour after starting and 1 hour before ending shifts.

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 to the extent practical.
• Rest periods are time worked for minimum wage and overtime purposes, and if employers do not authorize and permit rest periods, they must pay extra for time that would have been rest periods, including for non-hourly-paid employees.
• Key variances/exemptions:
• In some circumstances, 10-minute rest periods can be divided into two 5-minute (Rule 5.2.1)
• Agriculture: certain work requires more breaks; other is exempt (Rule 2.3, & Agricultural Labor Conditions Rules)

Time Worked: Pay for time employers allow performing labor/service for their benefit (Rule 1.9)
• All time on-premises, on duty, or at workplaces (but not just letting off-duty employees be on-premises), including:
• putting on/removing work clothes/gear (but not clothes worn outside work), cleanup/setup, or other off-clock duty,
• waiting for assignments at work, or receiving or sharing work-related information,
• security/safety screening, or clocking/checking in or out, or
• waiting for any of the above tasks.
• Travel for employer benefit is time worked; normal home/work travel is not (details in Rule 1.9.2)
• Sleep time, if sufficiently uninterrupted and lengthy, can be excluded in certain situations (details in Rule 1.9.3).

Deductions, Credits, Charges, & Withheld Pay (Rule 6, and Article 4 of C.R.S. Title 8)
• Final pay: Owed promptly (if a termination by employer) or at next pay date (if employee resigned).
• Vacation pay: Departing employees must be paid all accrued and unused vacation pay, including paid time off usable for vacation, without deducting or declaring forfeiture based on cause for termination, lack of resignation notice, etc.
• Deductions from pay: Allowed if listed below or in C.R.S. 8-4-105 (including deductions required by law, in a written agreement for the benefit of the employee, for theft in a police report, or for property loss after an audit)
• Tip credits: Employers can pay up to \$3.02 under minimum wage (\$9.54 in 2022, or \$12.85 in Denver), if: (a) tips (not mandatory service charges) raise pay to full minimum, & (b) tips aren’t diverted to non-tipped staff/workers
• Meal credits/deductions: Allowed for the cost or value (without employer profit) of voluntarily accepted meals
• Lodging credits/deductions: Allowed if housing is voluntarily accepted by the employee, primarily for the employee’s (not the employer’s) benefit, recorded in writing, and limited to \$25 or \$100 per week (based on housing type)
• Uniforms: Must be provided at no cost unless they are ordinary clothes without special material or design; employers must pay for any special cleaning required, and cannot require deposits or deduct for ordinary wear and tear

Exemptions from COMPS (Rule 2.2 lists all; key exemptions are below)
• Executives/supervisors, administrators, and professionals paid at least a salary (not hourly wages) of \$45,000 in 2022 (\$50,000 in 2023, \$55,000 in 2024, then inflation-adjusted), except \$39,920/hour for highly technical computer work
• Other highly compensated, non-manual-labor employees paid at least 2.25 the above salary (\$101,250 in 2022)
• 20% owners, or at a nonprofit the highest-paid/highest-ranked employee, if actively engaged in management
• Various (not all) types of salespersons, taxi drivers, camp/outdoor education field staff, or property managers

Record-Keeping & Notices of Rights (Rule 7)
• Employers must give all employees (and keep for three years) pay statements that include time worked, pay rate (including any tips and credits), and total pay.
• This year’s poster must be displayed where easily accessible, or if not practical (such as for remote workers), provided within one month of beginning work and when employees request a copy.
• Employers must include a copy of this poster, or a COMPS Order, in any employment handbook or manual.
• Violation of notice of rights rules (posting or distribution), including by providing information undercutting this poster, may yield fines and/or ineligibility for employee-specific credits, deductions, or exemptions in COMPS.

Complaint & Anti-Retaliation Rights (Rule 8)
• Employees can send the Division (contact info below) complaints or tips about violations, or file lawsuits in court.
• Employers cannot retaliate against, or interfere with, employees exercising their rights.
• Anonymous tips are accepted; anonymity or confidentiality are protected if requested (Wage Protection Rule 4.7).
• Owners and other individuals with control over work may be liable for certain violations — not just the business, even if the business is a corporation, partnership, or other entity separate from its owners(s) (Rule 1.6).
• Immigration status is irrelevant to these labor rights: the Division will not ask or report status in investigations or rulings, and it is illegal for anyone to use immigration status to interfere with these rights (Wage Protection Rule 4.8).

This Poster is a summary and cannot be relied on as complete labor law information. For all rules, fact sheets, translations, questions, or complaints, contact:

DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS & STATISTICS, ColoradoLaborLaw.gov, cdle_labor_standards@state.co.us, 303-318-8441 / 888-390-7936

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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT DIVISION OF LABOR www.colorado.gov/cdle/labor

Pay periods can be no greater duration than a calendar month or 30 days, whichever is longer. Paydays must occur no later than 10 days following the close of each pay period. 8-4-103, C.R.S.

EMPLOYEES ARE PAID ON REGULAR PAYDAYS AS FOLLOWS:

Time: Every Friday
Place: Direct Deposit

This form is provided as a courtesy by the Colorado Division of Labor. Other Notice of Paydays Posters may be acceptable provided that they contain the elements and information required by 8-4-107, C.R.S.

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

Effective 1/1/22; may be updated annually; up-to-date poster available each mid-December

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

Coverage: All Colorado employers, of any size, must provide paid leave.
• Employees earn 1 hour of paid leave per 30 hours worked (“accrued leave”), up to 48 hours a year.
• Up to 80 hours of supplemental leave applies in a public health emergency (PHE), until 4 weeks after the PHE ends.*
• Regular hours and pay set the rate of accrual and compensation for leave, during which benefits continue.
• Up to 48 hours of unused accrued leave carries over for use the next year.
• For details on specific situations (irregular hours, non-hourly pay, etc.), see Wage Protection Rule 3.5, 7 CCR 1103-7.

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) has a family member experiencing a condition described in category (1) or (2); or
(4) in a PHE, a public official closed the workplace, or the school or place of care of the employee’s child.

In a public health emergency (PHE), employees can use supplemental PHE leave for the following needs:
(1) self-isolating or work exclusion due to exposure, symptoms, or diagnosis of the communicable illness in the PHE;
(2) seeking a diagnosis, treatment, or care (including preventive care) of such an illness;
(3) being unable to work due to a health condition that may increase susceptibility to or risk of such an illness; or
(4) caring for a child or other family in category (1)-(3), or whose school or child care is unavailable due to the PHE.

During a PHE, employees still earn up to 48 hours of accrued leave and may use supplemental leave before accrued leave.
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 “forceable” leave.** Employees may adopt “reasonable procedures” in writing as to how employees should provide notice if they require “forceable” leave, but cannot deny paid leave for noncompliance with such a policy.

• **An employer can require documentation to show that leave was for a qualifying reason only if leave was taken for four or more consecutive work days (i.e., days on which an employee would have worked, not calendar days).**
• **Documentation is not required to take paid leave,** but can be required as soon as an employee can provide it after returning to work or separating from work (whichever is sooner). **No documentation can be required for PHE leave.**
• **To document leave for an employee’s (or an employer’s family member’s) health-related need,** an employer may provide: (1) a document from a health or social services provider if services were received and document can be obtained in reasonable time and without added expense; otherwise (2) the employee’s own writing.

• **To document that an employee (or an employer’s family member) required leave for a need related to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or criminal harassment,** an employer may provide: a document or writing under (1) above (e.g., from a provider of legal or shelter services) or (2) above, or a legal document (e.g., a restraining order or police report).

This Poster summarizes two Colorado workplace public health laws, SB 20-205 (paid leave), and HB 20-1415 (whistleblowing & personal protective equipment). 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.

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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WARNING

IF YOU ARE INJURED ON THE JOB, WRITTEN NOTICE OF YOUR INJURY MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR EMPLOYER WITHIN FOUR WORKING DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-43-102(1) AND (1.5), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.

IF THE INJURY RESULTS FROM YOUR USE OF ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, YOUR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION DISABILITY BENEFITS MAY BE REDUCED BY ONE-HALF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-42-112.5, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.

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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, 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 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.

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, or a protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race, such as braids, locs, twists, light coils or curls, cornrows, Bantu knots, Afros, and headwraps. eff. 9/13/20.

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; VITTD RELAY: 711;
FAX: 303-894-7830; EMAIL: DORA_CCRD@STATE.CO.US
EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY ACT OCCURRED.

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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 coloradoui.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 became unemployed and wish to file for unemployment insurance benefits, go to coloradoui.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 coloradoui.gov/employer, then click on Forms / Publications.

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COLORADO Department of Regulatory Agencies Colorado Civil Rights Division
Colorado Law Prohibits Discrimination in places of: PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION
C.R.S. § 24-34-601 et seq.
PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION MEANS: ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS engaged in any SALES to the PUBLIC and ANY PLACE OFFERING SERVICES, FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES, ADVANTAGES, or ACCOMMODATIONS to the PUBLIC.
IT IS A DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE AND UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO: REFUSE, WITHHOLD FROM, or DENY to an individual or a group FULL and EQUAL ENJOYMENT of the GOODS, SERVICES, FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES, ADVANTAGES, or ACCOMMODATIONS of a place of public accommodation.
BECAUSE OF: DISABILITY, RACE, CREED, COLOR, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN or ANCESTRY.

SERVICE ANIMALS C.R.S. § 24-34-803:
SERVICE ANIMAL DESIGNATION IS LIMITED TO A DOG OR MINIATURE HORSE — EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS ARE NOT SERVICE ANIMALS.
THE DOG MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY TRAINED TO PERFORM TASK(S) OR WORK RELATED TO A DISABILITY. THE MERE PRESENCE OF THE DOG MEANT TO PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT/THERAPY/ AND/OR COMPANIONSHIP IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE DEFINITION OF A SERVICE ANIMAL.
AN ENTITY MAY NOT REQUIRE OR REQUEST A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR OTHER DESIGNATION CONFIRMING STATUS AS A SERVICE ANIMAL. AN ENTITY MAY MAKE THE FOLLOWING INQUIRIES:
1) IS THIS DOG A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINED TO PERFORM A TASK(S) OR WORK RELATED TO A DISABILITY?
2) WHAT IS THE TASK OR WORK THE DOG IS TRAINED TO PERFORM?

A SERVICE ANIMAL MUST BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF ITS HANDLER AT ALL TIMES. THE HANDLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THE SERVICE ANIMAL, INCLUDING TOILETING, FEEDING, AND OTHERWISE CARING FOR THE DOG.
A SERVICE ANIMAL MAY BE DENIED ENTRY IF ITS PRESENCE WOULD RESULT IN A FUNDAMENTAL ALTERATION OF THE NATURE OF THE ENTITIES OPERATIONS AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF A STERILE ENVIRONMENT. THE MERE PRESENCE OF A SERVICE ANIMAL IS NOT GROUNDS FOR A VIOLATION OF THE HEALTH CODE. SERVICE ANIMALS MUST BE ALLOWED IN DINING AREAS AND IN SELF SERVICE FOOD LINES. AN ENTITY MAY NOT CHARGE FEES FOR ALLOWING A SERVICE ANIMAL TO BE PRESENT.

RETALIATION PROHIBITED:
A PERSON WHO OPPOSES DISCRIMINATION, OR WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF DISCRIMINATION HAS ENGAGED IN PROTECTED ACTIVITY AND RETALIATION FOR ENGAGING IN A PROTECTED ACTIVITY IS PROHIBITED BY COLORADO LAW.

COLO. CIVIL RIGHTS COMMUN RULE 20.4 — DISCRIMINATION SIGNAGE IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION:
No person shall post or permit to be posted in any place of public accommodation any sign which states or implies the following: “WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO ANYONE” — 3CCR708-1

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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT DIVISION OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COLORADO WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INFORMATION

Your employer has workers’ compensation coverage for employees through:

Workers’ compensation is a type of insurance coverage that employers must provide to their employees. The cost of workers’ compensation insurance is paid entirely by the employer and may not be deducted from an employee’s wages.


If you are injured or sustain an occupational disease while at work, you may be entitled to compensation benefits as provided by law. **WRITTEN NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR EMPLOYER WITHIN 4 WORKING DAYS OF THE ACCIDENT.** If you don’t report your injury or occupational disease promptly your benefits may be reduced.

If you are unable to work as the result of a work-related injury or occupational disease, compensation (wage replacement) benefits will be based on 2/3 of your average weekly wage up to a maximum set by law. No compensation is payable for the first 3 days’ disability unless the period of disability exceeds two weeks.

You are entitled to reasonable and necessary medical treatment of compensable injuries or occupational diseases. If you notify your employer of an injury or occupational disease and are not offered medical care, you may select the services of a licensed physician or chiropractor.

You may file a Worker’s Claim for Compensation with the Division of Workers’ Compensation. To obtain forms or information regarding the workers’ compensation system, you may call Customer Service at 303.318.8700, or toll-free at 1-888-390-7936 or visit our website at www.colorado.gov/cdle/dwc.

COLORADO DIVISION OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
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Any information provided below comes from your employer and is specific to this place of employment:

Compliance Check ✓ Scan this code with your smartphone to verify compliance.

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