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***SECTION 8***  
***PREVAILING WAGE RATES***

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## **PREVAILING WAGES**

The Contractor agrees that each individual employed by the Contractor or any Subcontractor and engaged in work on the project under this Contract shall be paid the prevailing wage established by the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Industrial Compliance (<https://wagehour.com.ohio.gov/w3/webwh.nsf/wrlogin/?openform>). This shall occur regardless of any contractual relationship which may be said to exist between the Contractor or any Subcontractor and such individual.

The Prevailing Wage Determination Schedule for this project is attached. If the Contractor needs a wage determination for any trade not included herein, he shall contact the Owner's Prevailing Wage Coordinator.

## Prevailing Wage Determination Cover Letter

County:  

Determination Date:

Expiration Date:

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE PREVAILING RATES OF WAGES ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FAIRLY ESTIMATED TO BE MORE THAN THE AMOUNT IN O.R.C. SEC. 4115.03 (b) (1) or (2), AS APPLICABLE.

Section 4115.05 provides, in part: “Where contracts are not awarded or construction undertaken within ninety days from the date of the establishment of the prevailing wages, there shall be a redetermination of the prevailing rate of wages before the contract is awarded.” The expiration date of this wage schedule is listed above for your convenience only. This wage determination is not intended as a blanket determination to be used for all projects during this period without prior approval of this Department.

Section 4115.04, Ohio Revised Code provides, in part: “Such schedule of wages shall be attached to and made a part of the specifications for the work, and shall be printed on the bidding blanks where the work is done by contract...”

The contract between the letting authority and the successful bidder shall contain a statement requiring that mechanics and laborers be paid a prevailing rate of wage as required in Section 4115.06, Ohio Revised Code.

The contractor or subcontractor is required to file with the contracting public authority upon completion of the project and prior to final payment therefore an affidavit stating that he has fully complied with Chapter 4115 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The wage rates contained in this schedule are the “Prevailing Wages” as defined by Section 4115.03, Ohio Revised Code (the basic hourly rates plus certain fringe benefits). These rates and fringes shall be a minimum to be paid under a contract regulated by Chapter 4115 of the Ohio Revised Code by contractors and subcontractors. The prevailing wage rates contained in this schedule include the effective dates and wage rates currently on file. In cases where future effective dates are not included in this schedule, modifications to the wage schedule will be furnished to the Prevailing Wage Coordinator appointed by the public authority as soon as prevailing wage rates increases are received by this office.

“There shall be posted in a prominent and accessible place on the site of work a legible statement of the Schedule of Wage Rates specified in the contract to the various classifications of laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed, said statement to remain posted during the life of such contract.” Section 4115.07, Ohio Revised Code.

Apprentices will be permitted to work only under a bona fide apprenticeship program if such program exists and if such program is registered with the Ohio Apprenticeship Council.

Section 4115.071 provides that no later than ten days before the first payment of wages is due to any employee of any contractor or subcontractor working on a contract regulated by Chapter 4115, Ohio Revised Code, the contracting public authority shall appoint one of his own employees to act as the prevailing wage coordinator for said contract. The duties of the prevailing wage coordinator are outlined in Section 4115.071 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4115.05 provides for an escalator in the prevailing wage rate. Each time a new rate is established, that rate is required to be paid on all ongoing public improvement projects.

A further requirement of Section 4115.05 of the Ohio Revised Code is: “On the occasion of the first pay date under a contract, the contractor shall furnish each employee not covered by a collective bargaining agreement or understanding between employers and bona fide organizations of Labor with individual written notification of the job classification to which the employee is assigned, the prevailing wage determined to be applicable to that classification, separated into the hourly rate of pay and the fringe payments, and the identity of the prevailing wage Coordinator appointed by the public authority. The contractor or subcontractor shall furnish the same notification to each affected employee every time the job classification of the employee is changed.”

Work performed in connection with the installation of modular furniture may be subject to prevailing wage.

**THIS PACKET IS NOT TO BE SEPARATED BUT IS TO REMAIN COMPLETE AS IT IS SUBMITTED TO YOU. (Reference guidelines and forms are included in this packet to be helpful in the compliance of the Prevailing Wage law.)**

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## PREVAILING WAGE THRESHOLD LEVELS IMPORTANT NOTICE

Before advertising for bids, contracting, or undertaking construction with its own forces, to construct a public improvement, the Public Authority shall have the Ohio Department of Commerce-Division of Industrial Compliance, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration determine the prevailing rates of wages for workers employed on the public improvement. The wage determination must be included in the project specifications and printed on the bidding blanks where work is done by contract.

<b>“New” construction threshold for <i>Building Construction</i>:</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
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<b>“Reconstruction, enlargement, alteration, repair, remodeling, renovation, or painting” threshold level for <i>Building Construction</i>:</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
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**As of January 1, 2022:**

<b>“New” construction that involves <i>roads, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches and other works connected to road or bridge construction</i> threshold level has been adjusted to:</b>	<b>\$96,091</b>
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<b>“Reconstruction, enlargement, alteration, repair, remodeling, renovation, or painting” that involves <i>roads, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches and other works connected to road or bridge construction</i> threshold level has been adjusted to:</b>	<b>\$28,789</b>
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- A) Thresholds are to be adjusted biennially by the Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce.
- B) Biennial adjustments to threshold levels are made according to the Building Cost for Skilled Labor Index published by McGraw-Hill’s Engineering News-Record, but may not increase or decrease more than 3% for any year.

If there are questions concerning this notification, please contact:

Ohio Department of Commerce  
 Division of Industrial Compliance  
 Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration  
 6606 Tussing Road, PO Box 4009  
 Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9009  
 Phone: 614-644-2239  
 Fax: 614-728-8639  
[www.com.ohio.gov](http://www.com.ohio.gov)



## PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

### General Information

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

Ohio's prevailing wage laws apply to all public improvements financed in whole or in part by public funds when the total overall project cost is fairly estimated to be more than \$91,150 for new construction that involves roads, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches and other works connected to road or bridge construction or \$27,309 for reconstruction, enlargement, alteration, repair, remodeling, renovation, or painting of a public improvement that involves roads, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches and other works connected to road or bridge construction.

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

### Penalties for violation

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

### Intentional Violations

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

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



## Responsibilities

- A. Pay the prevailing rate of wages as shown in the wage rate schedules issued by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, for the classification of work being performed.
  1. Wage rate schedules include all modifications, corrections, escalations, or reductions to wage rates issued for the project.
  2. Overtime must be paid at time and one-half the employee's base hourly rate. Fringe benefits are paid at straight time rate for all hours including overtime.
  3. Prevailing wages must be paid in full without any deduction for food, lodging, transportation, use of tools, etc.; unless, the employee has voluntarily consented to these deductions in writing. The public authority and the Director of Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration - must approve these deductions as fair and reasonable. Consent and approval must be obtained before starting the project.
  
- B. Use of Apprentices and Helpers cannot exceed the ratios permitted in the wage rate schedules.
  1. Apprentices must be registered with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.
  2. Contractors must provide the Prevailing Wage Coordinator a copy of the Apprenticeship Agreement for each apprentice on the project.
  
- C. Keep full and accurate payroll records available for inspection by any authorized representative of the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, and Labor, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration or the contracting public authority, including the Prevailing Wage Coordinator. Records should include but are not limited to:
  1. Time cards, time sheets, daily work records, etc.
  2. Payroll ledger\journals and canceled checks\check register.
  3. Fringe benefit records must include program, address, account number, & canceled checks.
  4. Records made in connection with the public improvement must not be removed from the State for one year following the completion of the project.
  5. Out-of-State Corporations must submit to the Ohio Secretary of State the full name and address of their Statutory Agent in Ohio.
  
- D. Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule must be posted on the job site where it is accessible to all employees.
  
- E. Prior to submitting the initial payroll report, supply the Prevailing Wage Coordinator with your project dates to schedule reporting of your payrolls.
  
- F. Supply the Prevailing Wage Coordinator a list of all subcontractors including the name, address, and telephone number for each.
  1. **Contractors are responsible for their subcontractors' compliance with requirements of Chapter 4115 of the Ohio Revised Code.**



- G. Before employees start work on the project, supply them with written notification of their job classification, prevailing wage rate, fringe benefit amounts, and the name of the Prevailing Wage Coordinator for the project. A copy of the completed signed notification should be submitted to Prevailing Wage Coordinator.
- H. Supply all subcontractors with the Prevailing Wage Rates and changes.
- I. Submit certified payrolls within two (2) weeks after the initial pay period. Payrolls must include the following information:
  - 1. Employees' names, addresses, and social security numbers.
    - a. Corporate officers/owners/partners and any salaried personnel who do physical work on the project are considered employees. All rate and reporting requirements are applicable to these individuals.
  - 2. Employees' work classification.
    - a. Be specific about the laborers and/or operators (Group)
    - b. For all apprentices, show level/year and percent of journeyman's rate
  - 3. Hours worked on the project for each employee.
    - a. The number of hours worked in each day and the total number of hours worked each week.
  - 4. Hourly rate for each employee.
    - a. The minimum rate paid must be the wage rate for the appropriate classification. The Department's Wage Rate Schedule sets this rate.
    - b. All overtime worked is to be paid at time and one-half for all hours worked more than forty (40) per week.
  - 5. Where fringes are paid into a bona fide plan instead of cash, list each benefit and amount per hour paid to program for each employee.
    - a. When the amount contributed to the fringe benefit plan and the total number of hours worked by the employee on all projects for the year are documented, the hourly amount is calculated by dividing the total contribution of the employer by the total number of hours worked by the employee.
    - b. When the amount contributed to the fringe benefit is documented but not the total hours worked, the hourly amount is calculated by **dividing the total yearly contribution by 2080**.
  - 6. Gross amount earned on all projects during the pay period.
  - 7. Total deductions from employee's wages.
  - 8. Net amount paid.
- J. The reports shall be certified by the contractor, subcontractor, or duly appointed agent stating that the payroll is correct and complete; and that the wage rates shown are not less than those required by the O.R.C. 4115.
- K. Provide a Final Affidavit to the Prevailing Wage Coordinator upon the completion of the project.



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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING CERTIFIED PAYROLL REPORTS

### General

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

Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor Bureau of Wage & Hour Administration 6606 Tussing Rd. P. O. Box 4009 Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-9009 Phone: (614) 644-2239

### Certified Payroll Heading

Employer name and address: Company's full name and address. Indicate if the company is a subcontractor, if so list the name of the General or Prime. Project: Name and location of the project, including county. Contracting Public Authority: Name and address of the contracting public authority. Week Ending: Month, day, and year for last day of reporting period. Payroll #: Indicates first, second, third, etc. payroll filed by the company for the project. Page indicator: number of pages included in the report. Project Number: Determined by the public authority. If there is no number leave blank.

### Information by Column

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

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