DELAWARE MINIMUM WAGE

Employees Who Receive Tips

The minimum cash wage payable to employees who receive tips is $2.23 per hour, effective 10/1/96. The employer must be able to prove that the employee received the balance of the full minimum rate in tips.

Note: Delaware’s minimum cash wage for tipped employees is greater than the cash wage required by federal law. Employers must pay Delaware’s higher rate.

Tips may not be taken or retained by an employer except as required by law.

Tip-pooling is permitted (under certain conditions) in an amount not to exceed 15% of the actual tips received by the employee.

Minimum Wage Exemptions:

- Employees in agriculture.
- Employees in domestic service in or about private homes.
- Employees of the United States Government.
- Outside commission paid salespeople.
- Bona fide executives, administrators, and professionals.
- Employees engaged in fishing and fish processing at sea.
- Volunteer workers (for educational, religious or non-profit organizations).
- Junior camp counselors employed by non-profit summer camp programs.

Record Keeping Requirements:

Employers must keep records (including rate of pay, hours worked, and amount paid for each employee for three (3) years.

It is unlawful to retaliate against an employee because (s)he has made a complaint or given information to the Dept of Labor about possible labor law violations.

Employers are required by law to display this official poster in a place accessible to employees and where they regularly pass.

Violations of Delaware Labor Laws could result in fines of up to $10,000 per violation.

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