



## **Alaska Minimum Wage Increases January 1, 2017**

Pursuant to Alaska Statute 23.10.065(a), the Alaska minimum wage is adjusted annually for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding January-December calendar year. The CPI increased 0.5 percent in 2015 and as a result, **the Alaska minimum wage will increase from \$9.75 per hour to \$9.80 per hour, effective January 1, 2017.**

No less than the current Alaska minimum wage must be paid for all hours worked in a pay period, regardless of how the employee is paid - - whether by time, piece, commission, or otherwise. All actual hours worked by the employee in his or her pay period multiplied by the current Alaska minimum wage is the very least an employee may lawfully be compensated. However, there are some limited exceptions.

This increase in the Alaska minimum wage applies to all private sector employees, including those employed by for-profit, not-for-profit or non-profit businesses. In addition, Alaska Statute 23.10.065(b) requires that public school bus drivers must be compensated at no less than twice the current Alaska minimum wage per hour.

Alaska Statute 23.10.065(a) prohibits employers from applying tips received by employees toward the Alaska minimum wage.

For more information concerning any of the following topics, including the contact information for the Alaska Wage and Hour Administration, please visit our website at:

<http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/whhome.htm>.

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