

REGISTER OF WAGE DETERMINATIONS UNDER  
THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT  
By direction of the Secretary of Labor

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
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Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage of \$10.15 for calendar year 2016 applies to all contracts subject to the Service Contract Act for which the solicitation was issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.15 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2016. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Area: Iowa Statewide

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Wisconsin Statewide

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**\*\*Fringe Benefits Required Follow the Occupational Listing\*\***

Employed on contract for Nursing Home services.

OCCUPATION CODE - TITLE	FOOTNOTE	RATE
(not set) - Kitchen Helper		7.25
(not set) - Laundry Worker		7.25
(not set) - Maid/Porter		7.25
(not set) - Nursing Aide/Orderly		7.25

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ALL OCCUPATIONS LISTED ABOVE RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

HEALTH & WELFARE: \$4.27 per hour or \$170.80 per week or \$740.13 per month

VACATION: 1 week paid vacation after 1 year of service with a contractor or successor; and 2 weeks after 2 years. Length of service includes the whole span of continuous service with the present contractor or successor, wherever employed and with the predecessor contractors in the performance of similar work at the same Federal facility. (Reg. 29 CFR 4.173)

HOLIDAYS: A minimum of seven paid holidays per year: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Day after Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. (A contractor may substitute for any of the named holidays another day off with pay in accordance with a plan communicated to the employees involved.) (See 29 CFR 4.174)

**\*\* UNIFORM ALLOWANCE \*\***

If employees are required to wear uniforms in the performance of this contract (either by the terms of the Government contract, by the employer, by the state or local law, etc.), the cost of furnishing such uniforms and maintaining (by laundering or dry cleaning) such uniforms is an expense that may not be borne by an employee where such cost reduces the hourly rate below that required by the wage determination. The Department of Labor will accept payment in accordance with the following standards as compliance:

The contractor or subcontractor is required to furnish all employees with an adequate number of uniforms without cost or to reimburse employees for the actual cost of the uniforms. In addition, where uniform cleaning and maintenance is made the responsibility of the employee, all contractors and subcontractors subject to this wage determination shall (in the absence of a bona fide collective bargaining agreement providing for a different amount, or the furnishing of contrary affirmative proof as to the actual cost), reimburse all employees for such cleaning and maintenance at a rate of \$3.35 per week (or \$.67 cents per day). However, in those instances where the uniforms furnished are made of "wash and wear" materials, may be routinely washed and dried with other personal garments, and do not require any special treatment such as dry cleaning, daily washing, or commercial laundering in order to meet the cleanliness or appearance standards set by the terms of the Government contract, by the contractor, by law, or by the nature of the work, there is no requirement that employees be reimbursed for uniform maintenance costs.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE RATE

Standard Form 1444 (SF-1444)

## Conformance Process:

The contracting officer shall require that any class of service employee which is not listed herein and which is to be employed under the contract (i.e., the work to be performed is not performed by any classification listed in the wage determination), be classified by the contractor so as to provide a reasonable relationship (i.e., appropriate level of skill comparison) between such unlisted classifications and the classifications listed in the wage determination. Such conformed classes of employees shall be paid the monetary wages and furnished the fringe benefits as are determined (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(i)). Such conforming procedure shall be initiated by the contractor prior to the performance of contract work by such unlisted class(es) of employees (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(ii)). The Wage and Hour Division shall make a final determination of conformed classification, wage rate, and/or fringe benefits which shall be retroactive to the commencement date of the contract (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(iv)(C)(vi)). When multiple wage determinations are included in a contract, a separate SF-1444 should be prepared for each wage determination to which a class(es) is to be conformed.

The process for preparing a conformance request is as follows:

- 1) When preparing the bid, the contractor identifies the need for a conformed occupation(s) and computes a proposed rate(s).
- 2) After contract award, the contractor prepares a written report listing in order the proposed classification title(s), a Federal grade equivalency (FGE) for each proposed classification(s), job description(s), and rationale for proposed wage rate(s), including information regarding the agreement or disagreement of the authorized representative of the employees involved, or where there is no authorized representative, the employees themselves. This report should be submitted to the contracting officer no later than 30 days after such unlisted class(es) of employees performs any contract work.
- 3) The contracting officer reviews the proposed action and promptly submits a report of the action, together with the agency's recommendations and pertinent information including the position of the contractor and the employees, to the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, for review (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(ii)).
- 4) Within 30 days of receipt, the Wage and Hour Division approves, modifies, or disapproves the action via transmittal to the agency contracting officer, or notifies the contracting officer that additional time will be required to process the request.
- 5) The contracting officer transmits the Wage and Hour decision to the contractor.
- 6) The contractor informs the affected employees.

Information required by the Regulations must be submitted on SF-1444 or bond paper.

When preparing a conformance request, the "Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations" (the Directory) should be used to compare job definitions to ensure that duties requested are not performed by a classification already listed in the wage determination. Remember, it is not the job title, but the required tasks that determine whether a class is included in an established wage determination. Conformances may not be used to artificially split, combine, or subdivide classifications listed in the wage determination.

**\*\* OCCUPATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCA DIRECTORY OF OCCUPATIONS \*\***

### Kitchen Helper

Performs one or more of the following unskilled kitchen duties: Cleans worktables, meat blocks, refrigerator, and grease trays; sweeps, mops kitchen floors; obtains and distributes supplies and utensils; and watches and stirs cooking foods to prevent burning. Carries dirty utensils to be washed and returns cleaned utensils and polished silver to proper place in kitchen. Cleans pots and kitchen utensils. Washes dishes by hand or machine. Carries out garbage. Delivers food trays to patients on resident floor and collects dirty dishes from trays. Assists in setting up trays. Dishes up food. Cuts, peels, and washes fruits and vegetables. Makes toast and beverages.

### Laundry Worker

Performs one or a combination of the nonsupervisory duties required to operate the establishment's laundry facilities. Examples of such duties are: Operating washing or dry-cleaning machines; pressing garment or flat-work by hand or machine; operating an extractor to remove moisture from material; and marking and sorting garments of flat-work.

### Maid/Porter

Cleans and services establishment premises. Performs one or more of the following duties: Cleans, mops, and waxes floors. Dusts furniture and equipment. Cleans window sills, empties trash baskets, and arranges furniture and equipment in an orderly fashion. Scours and polishes, bathtubs, sinks, mirrors, and similar equipment, replenishing supplies of soap and towels. Polishes brass and cleans and polishes glass panels in doors and partitions. Keeps utility storage rooms in good order by cleaning lockers and equipment, arranging supplies, and sweeping and mopping floors. Performs a variety of related duties.

### Nursing Aide/Orderly

Performs routine duties in the care of patients (or residents) usually under the supervision of a registered or practical nurse. Duties involve most of the following: Bathing bed patients or assisting them in bathing; caring for patient's hair and nails; feeding or assisting patients in eating and bringing patients between-meal nourishment; assisting patients with bedpans and urinals; keeping records of patients' food intake and output as directed; assisting patients in dressing and undressing; assisting patients in walking and transporting patients by wheelchair and stretcher; and cleaning and sterilizing instruments and equipment. May clean rooms, make occupied or unoccupied beds, and take and record temperature, pulse, and respiration rate.