

## Minimum Wage

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State and local governments must pay their employees a minimum wage of not less than \$7.25 per hour as of July 24, 2009. Under the act, “employees do not have to be paid on an hourly basis merely because the statute specifies a minimum wage on this basis. Employees may be paid on an hourly, salaried, commission, monthly, piecework or any other basis as long as pay covering each work week equals or exceeds the minimum wage standard. The minimum wage need not be paid in cash; it can be paid in whole or in part in board, lodging or other facilities.” 29 C.F.R. § 531.27.

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