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California's Minimum Wage Increases to \$10 per Hour

Oakland—The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) reminds California's employers and workers that effective January 1, 2016, the state's minimum wage will increase to \$10 per hour.

"This increase in the minimum wage is California's second increase in 18 months. Those earning minimum wage will now have a bit more to take home every paycheck," said Labor Commissioner Julie Su. The [Labor Commissioner's Office](#) is a division of DIR.

Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation on September 25, 2013, raising California's minimum wage to \$9 per hour on July 1, 2014, with a final adjustment to \$10 per hour on January 1, 2016. It marked the first increase in California's hourly minimum since 2008, when the minimum wage was raised 50 cents to \$8.

State law requires employers to post information on wages, hours and working conditions at a worksite area accessible to employees. Notices for the wage orders in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) can be downloaded and printed from the [Workplace postings](#) page on the DIR website.

Almost all employees in California must be paid the minimum wage as required by state law. Workers who are paid less than the minimum wage may file a [wage claim](#) with the [Labor Commissioner's](#) office.

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DIR's Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE), also known as the [Labor Commissioner's Office](#), enforces prevailing wage rates and apprenticeship standards in public works projects, inspects workplaces for wage and hour violations, adjudicates wage claims, investigates retaliation complaints, issues licenses and registrations for businesses and educates the public on labor laws.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR's Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734). The California Workers' Information line at 866-924-9757 provides recorded information in English and Spanish on a variety of work-related topics.

Members of the press may contact Erika Monterroza or Peter Melton at (510) 286-1161, and are encouraged to [subscribe to get email alerts](#) on DIR's press releases or other departmental updates.

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