

# Equal Employment Opportunity is **THE LAW**

## **Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Employment Agencies and Labor Organizations**

Applicants to and employees of most private employers, state and local governments, educational institutions, employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

### **RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), or national origin. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose undue hardship.

### **DISABILITY**

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protect qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship.

### **AGE**

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, protects applicants and employees 40 years of age or older from discrimination based on age in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment.

### **SEX (WAGES)**

In addition to sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, prohibits sex discrimination in the payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work, in jobs that require equal skill, effort, and responsibility, under similar working conditions, in the same establishment.

### **GENETICS**

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on genetic information in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. GINA also restricts employers' acquisition of genetic information and strictly limits disclosure of genetic information. Genetic information includes information about genetic tests of applicants, employees, or their family members; the manifestation of diseases or disorders in family members (family medical history); and requests for or receipt of genetic services by applicants, employees, or their family members.

### **RETALIATION**

All of these Federal laws prohibit covered entities from retaliating against a person who files a charge of discrimination, participates in a discrimination proceeding, or otherwise opposes an unlawful employment practice.

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATION HAS OCCURRED**

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. To preserve the ability of EEOC to act on your behalf and to protect your right to file a private lawsuit, should you ultimately need to, you should contact EEOC promptly when discrimination is suspected:

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), 1-800-669-4000 (toll-free) or 1-800-669-6820 (toll-free TTY number for individuals with hearing impairments). EEOC field office information is available at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov) or in most telephone directories in the U.S. Government or Federal Government section. Additional information about EEOC, including information about charge filing, is available at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov).

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## Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts

Applicants to and employees of companies with a Federal government contract or subcontract are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

### **RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits job discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

### **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

### **DISABLED, RECENTLY SEPARATED, OTHER PROTECTED, AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERANS**

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (within

three years of discharge or release from active duty), other protected veterans (veterans who served during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized), and Armed Forces service medal veterans (veterans who, while on active duty, participated in a U.S. military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded).

### **RETALIATION**

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination under these Federal laws.

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under the authorities above should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY). OFCCP may also be contacted by e-mail at [OFCCP-Public@dol.gov](mailto:OFCCP-Public@dol.gov), or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

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## Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

### **RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX**

In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

### **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. Discrimination is prohibited in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

## Basic Leave Entitlement

FMLA requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to eligible employees for the following reasons:

- For incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care or child birth;
- To care for the employee's child after birth, or placement for adoption or foster care;
- To care for the employee's spouse, son or daughter, or parent, who has a serious health condition; or
- For a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job.

## Military Family Leave Entitlements

Eligible employees with a spouse, son, daughter, or parent on active duty or call to active duty status in the National Guard or Reserves in support of a contingency operation may use their 12-week leave entitlement to address certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include attending certain military events, arranging for alternative childcare, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings.

FMLA also includes a special leave entitlement that permits eligible employees to take up to 26 weeks of leave to care for a covered servicemember during a single 12-month period. A covered servicemember is a current member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who has a serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty on active duty that may render the servicemember medically unfit to perform his or her duties for which the servicemember is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; or is in outpatient status; or is on the temporary disability retired list.

## Benefits and Protections

During FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee's health coverage under any "group health plan" on the same terms as if the employee had continued to work. Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to their original or equivalent positions with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms.

Use of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an employee's leave.

## Eligibility Requirements

Employees are eligible if they have worked for a covered employer for at least one year, for 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months, and if at least 50 employees are employed by the employer within 75 miles.

## Definition of Serious Health Condition

A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either an overnight stay in a medical care facility, or continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the employee's job, or prevents the qualified family member from participating in school or other daily activities.

Subject to certain conditions, the continuing treatment requirement may be met by a period of incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days combined with at least two visits to a health care provider or one visit and a regimen of continuing treatment, or incapacity due to pregnancy, or incapacity due to a chronic condition. Other conditions may meet the definition of continuing treatment.

## Use of Leave

An employee does not need to use this leave entitlement in one block. Leave can be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule when medically necessary. Employees must make reasonable efforts to schedule leave for planned medical treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the employer's operations. Leave due to qualifying exigencies may also be taken on an intermittent basis.

## Substitution of Paid Leave for Unpaid Leave

Employees may choose or employers may require use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. In order to use paid leave for FMLA leave, employees must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

## Employee Responsibilities

Employees must provide 30 days advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave when the need is foreseeable. When 30 days notice is not possible, the employee must provide notice as soon as practicable and generally must comply with an employer's normal call-in procedures.

Employees must provide sufficient information for the employer to determine if the leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that the employee is unable to perform job functions, the family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider, or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave. Employees also must inform the employer if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified. Employees also may be required to provide a certification and periodic recertification supporting the need for leave.

## Employer Responsibilities

Covered employers must inform employees requesting leave whether they are eligible under FMLA. If they are, the notice must specify any additional information required as well as the employees' rights and responsibilities. If they are not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for the ineligibility.

Covered employers must inform employees if leave will be designated as FMLA-protected and the amount of leave counted against the employee's leave entitlement. If the employer determines that the leave is not FMLA-protected, the employer must notify the employee.

## Unlawful Acts by Employers

FMLA makes it unlawful for any employer to:

- Interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under FMLA;
- Discharge or discriminate against any person for opposing any practice made unlawful by FMLA or for involvement in any proceeding under or relating to FMLA.

## Enforcement

An employee may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

FMLA does not affect any Federal or State law prohibiting discrimination, or supersede any State or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family or medical leave rights.

**FMLA section 109 (29 U.S.C. § 2619) requires FMLA covered employers to post the text of this notice. Regulations 29 C.F.R. § 825.300(a) may require additional disclosures.**



For additional information:  
1-866-4US-WAGE (1-866-487-9243) TTY: 1-877-889-5627  
**WWW.WAGEHOUR.DOL.GOV**





# ALABAMA CHILD LABOR LAWS

All employers are required to have on display a Class I Certificate to hire minors age 14/15 and/or a Class II Certificate to hire minors age 16/17. To apply for a certificate(s) go to [www.labor.alabama.gov](http://www.labor.alabama.gov)



| Minimum Age   | 14 Years of Age (under 14 MAY NOT WORK)   |  |
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|   | Minors Age 14/15  | Minors Age 16/17   |
| <b>Employment Certificate</b><br>(Renewed annually)   | <b>Class I Certificate</b><br>To employ minors age 14/15  | <b>Class II Certificate</b><br>To employ minors age 16/17  |
| <b>Work Time Restrictions</b><br>(Minors under age 19)  | <b>During the Months when Public Schools are in Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No more than 3 hours after school</li><li>• No more than 8 hours on a non-school day.</li><li>• No more than 6 days per week</li><li>• No more than 18 hours per week</li><li>• Not before 7am or after 7pm each day</li><li>• <b>Not during school hours</b> (8am-3pm)</li></ul> <b>During the Summer Months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No more than 8 hours a day</li><li>• No more than 6 days per week</li><li>• No more than 40 hours per week</li><li>• Not before 7am or after 9pm each day</li></ul> | <b>During the Months when Public Schools are in Session</b><br>Minors 16-17-18 years old, who are enrolled in public or private school, may <b>NOT</b> work after 10pm or before 5am on any night preceding a school day.<br><br><b>During the Summer Months</b><br>No hour restrictions during summer break |
| <b>Breaks</b>   | No person 14 or 15 years of age shall be employed for more than five hours continuously without a documented 30 minute meal or rest period.   | No break law for age 16 and above.   |
| <b>Occupations</b>  | May work in retail, clerical and child care occupations. See AL §25-8-33 to 35 for a detailed list of prohibited occupations.   | See AL §25-8-43 for a detailed list of prohibited occupations.   |
| • Children of parents who own their own business are <b>NOT</b> exempt from Alabama Child Labor Law (Exception: AL §25-8-44(c), 25-8-35(9)) |   |  |

## Inspections by the Department of Labor

The Department has the right to enter, without warrant or notice, any business establishment for the purpose of routine inspections. These visits shall be conducted as frequently as needed to insure that minors are employed in compliance with this chapter. The Department shall enforce this chapter and shall administer fines and/or prosecution for any violation of this chapter.

## Alcoholic Beverages

Employees must be:

21 years of age to serve alcoholic beverages for the consumption on premises (19 if licensee is RVP certified).

18 years of age to work in that part of an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold or served for consumption on premises.

Exception: Minors 16 and older may be employed in such establishments as busboy, janitors, dishwashers, cooks, hostesses, or seaters.

14/15 year olds **MAY NOT** work in an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold, served, or dispensed for consumption on premises.

This notice is to be posted in a conspicuous place. This notice is for reference only. For full text please consult AL §25-8-32 to 63. Any difference in state or federal law regarding child labor, the law providing the most protection to the minor takes precedence.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Alabama Department of Labor, Child Labor Division  
100 North Union Street Ste. 620, Montgomery, AL 36130  
(334) 242-3460 [www.labor.alabama.gov](http://www.labor.alabama.gov)

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# This Employer Participates in E-Verify



This employer will provide the Social Security Administration (SSA) and, if necessary, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), with information from each new employee's Form I-9 to confirm work authorization.

**IMPORTANT:** If the Government cannot confirm that you are authorized to work, this employer is required to provide you written instructions and an opportunity to contact SSA and/or DHS before taking adverse action against you, including terminating your employment.

Employers may not use E-Verify to pre-screen job applicants or to re-verify current employees and may not limit or influence the choice of documents presented for use on the Form I-9.

In order to determine whether Form I-9 documentation is valid, this employer uses E-Verify's photo screening tool to match

the photograph appearing on some permanent resident and employment authorization cards with the official U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) photograph.

If you believe that your employer has violated its responsibilities under this program or has discriminated against you during the verification process based upon your national origin or

citizenship status, please call the Office of Special Counsel at 1-800-255-7688 (TDD: 1-800-237-2515).

## NOTICE:

**Federal law requires all employers to verify the identity and employment eligibility of all persons hired to work in the United States.**

**Employment Verification.**  **Done.**

For more information on E-Verify, please contact DHS at:

**1-888-464-4218**



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# Este Empleador Participa en E-Verify



Este empleador le proporcionará a la Administración del Seguro Social (SSA), y si es necesario, al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS), información obtenida del Formulario I-9 correspondiente a cada empleado recién contratado con el propósito de confirmar la autorización de trabajo.

**IMPORTANTE:** En dado caso que el gobierno no pueda confirmar si está usted autorizado para trabajar, este empleador está obligado a proporcionarle las instrucciones por escrito y darle la oportunidad a que se ponga en contacto con la oficina del SSA y, o el DHS antes de tomar una determinación adversa en contra suya, inclusive despedirlo.

Los empleadores no pueden utilizar E-Verify con el propósito de realizar una preselección de aspirantes a empleo o para hacer nuevas verificaciones de los empleados actuales, y no deben

restringir o influenciar la selección de los documentos que sean presentados para ser utilizados en el Formulario I-9.

## A V I S O:

**La Ley Federal le exige a todos los empleadores que verifiquen la identidad y elegibilidad de empleo de toda persona contratada para trabajar en los Estados Unidos.**

A fin de poder determinar si la documentación del Formulario I-9 es válida o no, este empleador utiliza la herramienta de selección fotográfica de E-Verify para comparar la fotografía que aparece en algunas de las tarjetas de residente y autorizaciones de empleo, con las fotografías oficiales del Servicio de Inmigración y Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos (USCIS).

Si usted cree que su empleador ha violado sus responsabilidades bajo este programa, o ha discriminado en contra suya durante el proceso de verificación debido a su lugar de origen o condición de ciudadanía, favor ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de Asesoría Especial llamando al 1-800-255-7688 (TDD: 1-800-237-2515).

**Employment Verification.**  **Done.**

Para mayor información sobre E-Verify, favor ponerse en contacto con la oficina del DHS llamando al:

**1-888-464-4218**



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# IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO WORK, Don't let anyone take it away.



**If you have a legal right to work in the United States, there are laws to protect you against discrimination in the workplace.**

**You should know that –**

No employer can deny you a job or fire you because of your national origin.

Unless mandated by law or government contract, employers cannot require you to be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident or refuse any legally acceptable documents.

If any of these things have happened to you, you may have a valid charge of discrimination that can be filed with the OSC. Contact the OSC for assistance in your own language.

Call 1-800-255-7688. TDD for the hearing impaired is 1-800-237-2515.

In the Washington, D.C., area, please call 202-616-5594, TDD 202-616-5525

Or write to:  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Special Counsel - NYA  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530

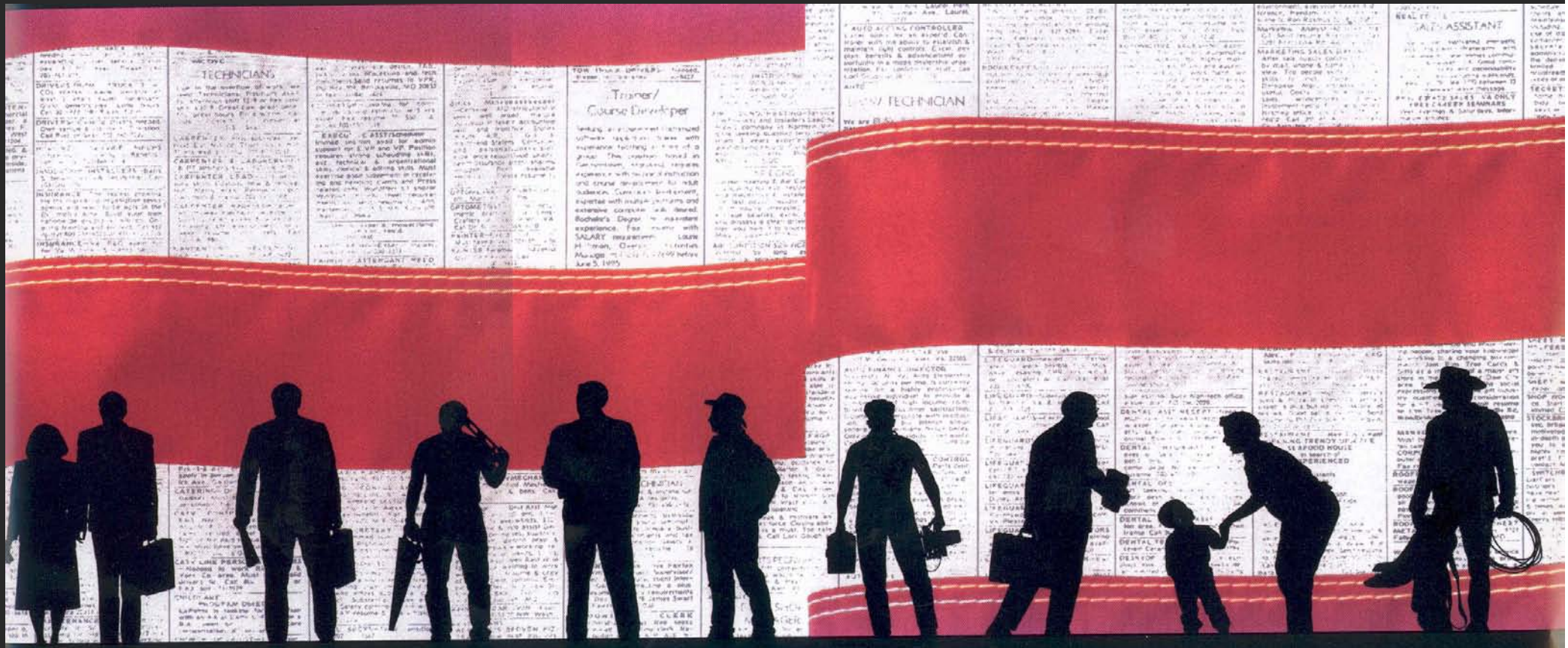
**U.S. Department of Justice  
Civil Rights Division**

Office of Special Counsel for  
Immigration-Related Unfair  
Employment Practices





# SI USTED TIENE DERECHO A TRABAJAR, no deje que nadie se lo quite.



**Si tiene derecho a trabajar legalmente en los Estados Unidos, existen leyes para protegerlo contra la discriminación en el trabajo.**

## **Debe saber que –**

Ningún patrón puede negarle trabajo, ni puede despedirlo, debido a su país de origen o su condición de inmigrante.

En la mayoría de los casos, los patrones no pueden exigir que usted sea ciudadano de los Estados Unidos o residente permanente o negarse a aceptar documentos válidos por ley.

Si se ha encontrado en cualquiera de estas situaciones, usted podría tener una queja válida de discriminación. Comuníquese con OSC para obtener ayuda en español.

## **Llame al 1-800-255-7688.**

La línea telefónica para personas con problemas de audición, es

1-800-237-2515. En Washington, D.C., llame al **202-616-5594**, o al

202-616-5525 (personas con problemas de audición), o escriba a la Oficina del Consejero Especial, División de Derechos Civiles, P.O. Box 27728, Washington, DC 20038-7728.

**Departamento de Justicia  
De los Estados Unidos,  
División de Derechos Civiles**

Oficina del Consejero Especial

