# **DELAWARE** *Employment Laws*

## **Minimum Wage**

## **Regular Rate:**

effective 06-01-15 - \$8.25/hour effective 01-01-19 - \$8.75/hour effective 10-01-19 - \$9.25/hour

## Youth Rate (Ages 14-17) and Training Rate: (adults, 1st 90 days on the job)

effective 01-01-19 - \$8.25/hour effective 10-01-19 - \$8.75/hour

#### **EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVE TIPS**

The minimum cash wage payable to employees who receive tips is \$2.23 per hour, effective 10/1/96.

The employer must be able to prove that the employee received the balance of the full minimum rate in tips.

**NOTE:** Delaware's minimum cash wage for tipped employees is greater than the cash wage required by federal law. Employers must pay Delaware's higher rate.

Tips may not be taken or retained by an employer except as required by law. Tip-pooling is permitted (under certain conditions) in an amount not to exceed 15% of the actual tips received by the employee.

#### **MINIMUM WAGE EXEMPTIONS:**

- Employees in agriculture.
- Employees in domestic service in or about private homes.
- Employees of the United States Government.
- Outside commission paid salespeople.
- Bona fide executives, administrators, and professionals.
- Employees engaged in fishing and fish processing at sea.
- Volunteer workers (for educational, religious or non-profit organizations).
- Junior camp counselors employed by non-profit summer camp programs.

### **RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS:**

Employers must keep records (including rate of pay, hours worked, and amount paid for each employee for three (3) years.

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