

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 06-53**

Policy  Information

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Associate Directors  
DCS Field Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Susan V. Lawler, Director  
Division of Career Services

**Date:** August 11, 2006

**Subject:** Massachusetts Minimum Wage Increase

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**Purpose:** To provide notice to Local workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a change in the Commonwealth's minimum wage level.

**Background:** The Commonwealth's minimum wage will increase from \$6.75 per hour to \$7.50 per hour on January 1, 2007. It will increase to \$8.00 per hour on January 1, 2008. While the federal minimum wage level for covered, non-exempt employees remains \$5.15 per hour, Massachusetts employers must observe the higher state minimum wage level for their Massachusetts' employees.

**Action**

**Required:** Please assure that all appropriate staff are informed of the content of this issuance.