

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Title I Fiscal Officers
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: January 8, 2016

Subject: **Minimum Wage Increase**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the increase to the minimum wage in Massachusetts to \$10.00 an hour.

Background: Workers in Massachusetts must now be paid a minimum wage of \$10 an hour, up from the previous minimum of \$9. The wage increase takes effect under legislation that was approved in 2014, and that also calls for another increase in 2017, to \$11 an hour.

Also starting Friday, workers who earn tips of \$20 or more a month must be paid at least \$3.35 an hour, and along with their tips, their wage must total at least \$10 an hour. If not, employers are required to make up the difference.

State officials said violations should be reported to the attorney general's Fair Labor Division.

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Attachment: Minimum Wage Poster