

Prevailing Wage Opinion Letter 05-20-05

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Your letter to the Director of the Departments of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD) has been forwarded to me for a response. The Division of Occupational Safety (DOS), an agency under the DLWD, is responsible for responding to inquiries concerning the applicability of the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Laws, M.G.L. c. 149, §§26-27H.

At your request, I have enclosed some general information about the state prevailing wage laws for contractors working on public construction projects in Massachusetts. Please be advised that there is no classification for "playground contractor" or "playground installer" on our wage schedules. The appropriate wage would be determined by the activity performed, e.g. a contractor performing carpentry work must be paid the carpenter wage rate.

I hope this information has been helpful. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Lisa C. Price
Deputy General Counsel