

Prevailing Wage Opinion Letter 12-04-07

I am writing in response to your request for this Office's written opinion regarding the applicability of the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law, G.L. c. 149, §§26-27. Specifically, you have asked what job classification applies to installation of interior ceramic tile. The project in question is the construction of the XXXX Elementary School in XXXX, Massachusetts. Workers will be installing ceramic tile on the floors and walls of the school bathrooms.

The Division of Occupational Safety (DOS) sets prevailing wage rates for public works projects based on "collective bargaining agreements in the private construction industry between organized labor and employers. See G.L. c. 149, §26. Additionally, DOS looks to these agreements to establish craft jurisdictions. For the City of XXXX, the agreement between the Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen Local Union No. 3 and the Marble, Tile and Terrazzo Contractors Association of Massachusetts establishes the craft jurisdiction for the work you have described. The appropriate job classification is *Marble Masons, Tilelayers & Terrazzo Mech.*

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