WORKSHEET FOR COMPUTING AMOUNT OF WAGES EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENT, EXECUTION AND PAYMENT ORDERS

This form is to be completed by a plaintiff or judgment creditor. It should be based on information provided by or obtained from the defendant or judgment debtor (employee) by means of business records, testimony or discovery, including a written financial statement.

COMPUTATION DATA

Employee's weekly "disposable earnings" [1] A. _____

Employee's weekly "gross wages" [2] B. _____

Federal minimum hourly wage [3] C. _____

Massachusetts minimum hourly wage [4] D. _____

COMPUTATION

1. _____ (A) multiplied by 25% = 1. $_____

2. _____ (A) minus (_____ (C) multiplied by 30) = 2. $_____

3. _____ (B) multiplied by 15% = 3. $_____

4. _____ (B) minus (greater of _____ (C) or _____ (D) multiplied by 50) = 4. $_____

The **MAXIMUM** amount of weekly wages subject to attachment, execution or a payment order is the **LOWEST** of the amounts set forth in 1, 2, 3, and 4, above, namely: $ _____

NOTES:

1. This is the amount of wages or salary used for computing the exemption under federal law. "Disposable earnings" are gross wages or salary minus amounts required by law to be withheld. See 15 U.S.C.A. §§ 1671 – 1677.
2. This is the term used for computing the wage exemption under Massachusetts law. See G.L. c. 246, § 28.
3. See 29 U.S.C. 206.
4. See G.L. c. 151, § 1. The minimum wage is $11/hr. until 12/31/18; $12/hr. as of 1/1/19; $12.75/hr. as of 1/1/20; $13.50/hr. as of 1/1/21; $14.25/hr. as of 1/1/22; and $15/hr. as of 1/1/23.