HR Compliance: Overtime Ruling Update

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FLSA Overtime Ruling: History



2016: Overtime ruling was deemed unlawful days prior to implementation date



2019: Salary threshold was increased to \$684/week (level prior to 7/1/2025)



2024: DOL issues final ruling increasing the salary threshold on 7/1 and 1/1/2025



2024: Federal court in TX hearing cases challenging the DOL's update



DOL Overtime Ruling

| Date: | Most salaried workers earning less than: |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Currently (before 7/1/2024) | \$684/week (\$35,568/year) |
| July 1, 2024 | \$844/week (\$43,888/year) |
| January 1, 2025 | \$1,128/week (\$58,656/year) |

WHAT CHANGED ON JULY 1st?

Effective July 1, 2024, the minimum salary threshold required for the exemption from overtime will increase from **\$684** to **\$844** per week or \$43,888 / year.

Effective July 1, 2024, the minimum total compensation requirement for the HCE exemption will increase to \$132,964 / year.



Salary + Duties Test = Exempt

Salary Basis Test

Salary is predetermined, fixed and not subject to reduction

Salary Level Test

Employee receives at least the required minimum salary

Duties Test

Employee duties match the duties outlined by the exemption

White Collar Exemption



Future Updates Every 3 Years

The final rule includes a mechanism to **automatically update the salary and total compensation** thresholds **every three years** to be determined by the DOL using earnings data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The next update will take place on **July 1**, **2027**.



Repercussions of Non-Compliance

- Backpay If discovered, Employer would be responsible for all back pay due for OT
- Payroll Taxes Employer would be responsible for Employer +
 Employee portion of payroll taxes
- Lookback Period The DOL can review records dating back 3 years
- Penalties and Fees DOL can impose penalties. Employer could be responsible for attorney fees



How to Prepare

- Review the final rule and guidance. The DOL has published a copy of the <u>final</u> rule (PDF) and answers to <u>frequently asked questions</u>.
- **Review current classifications.** Take this opportunity to review all exempt classifications to ensure that employees still qualify under the existing duties tests.
- Evaluate the impact on your business. This includes identifying those employees who currently earn less than \$844 per week (second half of 2024) and \$1,128 per week (2025) and are classified as exempt from overtime.
- Watch for potential updates. The final rule will likely face legal challenges. We will be monitoring the status of the rule closely.



Overtime Ruling FAQ

- Can we have a "No Overtime" Policy?
- How do we calculate hours for employees who don't track hours?
- How does this new rule interact with state wage laws?
- Do bonuses/commissions count toward the salary threshold?





THANKS FOR ATTENDING!

