

## Important Information on Changes to Prevailing Wage

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Governor Kasich signed H.B. 153 (biennial budget bill) into law on June 30, 2011. As part of the biennial budget bill, there were important changes made to Ohio's prevailing wage laws. In light of these changes, the Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration will be providing information on its website which is intended to provide formal guidance to the public.

The information will be general at first but will become more specific as the Department of Commerce adopts and implements new policies, administrative rules and the effective date of September 29, 2011 approaches.

One of the more significant changes made was the step increases to the prevailing wage thresholds. Effective Sept 29, 2011, new construction projects will have a threshold amount of \$125,000. On September 29, 2012, this threshold amount will increase to \$200,000 and on September 29, 2013 the threshold amount will be \$250,000. These threshold amounts are no longer subject to being adjusted biennially.

Reconstruction projects will have a threshold amount of \$38,000 effective Sept 29, 2011. On September 29, 2012, this threshold amount will increase to \$60,000 and on September 29, 2013 the threshold amount will be \$75,000. These threshold amounts are not subject to being adjusted biennially.

However, projects relating to streets, roads, sewers, water works, etc. will remain at the current threshold amounts of \$23,447 for reconstruction and \$78,258 for new construction. These threshold amounts ARE adjusted biennially and the new threshold amounts, to be determined, will be effective January 1, 2012.

Please check the web site periodically for additional information regarding changes to prevailing wage.

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