

Prevailing Wage Rate Determination Information

The following information is from Chapter 2258 Texas Government Code:

2258.021. Right to be Paid Prevailing Wage Rates.

- (a) A worker employed on a public work by or on behalf of the state or a political subdivision of the state shall be paid:
 - (1) not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed; and
 - (2) not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for legal holiday and overtime work.
- (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to maintenance work.
- (c) A worker is employed on a public work for the purposes of this section if the worker is employed by a contractor or subcontractor in the execution of a contract for the public work with the state, a political subdivision of the state, or any officer or public body of the state or a political subdivision of the state.

2258.023. Prevailing Wage Rates to be Paid by Contractor and Subcontractor; Penalty.

- (a) The contractor who is awarded a contract by a public body or a subcontractor of the contractor shall pay not less than the rates determined under Section 2258.022 to a worker employed by it in the execution of the contract.
- (b) A contractor or subcontractor who violates this section shall pay to the state or a political subdivision of the state on whose behalf the contract is made, \$60 for each worker employed for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the contract. A public body awarding a contract shall specify this penalty in the contract.
- (c) A contractor or subcontractor does not violate this section if a public body awarding a contract does not determine the prevailing wage rates and specify the rates in the contract as provided by Section 2258.022.
- (d) The public body shall use any money collected under this section to offset the costs incurred in the administration of this chapter.
- (e) A municipality is entitled to collect a penalty under this section only if the municipality has a population of more than 10,000.

2258.051. Duty of Public Body to Hear Complaints and Withhold Payment.

A public body awarding a contract, and an agent or officer of the public body, shall:

- (1) take cognizance of complaints of all violations of this chapter committed in the execution of the contract; and
- (2) withhold money forfeited or required to be withheld under this chapter from the payments to the contractor under the contract, except that the public body may not withhold money from other than the final payment without a determination by the public body that there is good cause to believe that the contractor has violated this chapter.

Prevailing Wage Rates - School Construction Trades
Effective March 1, 2016
Texas Gulf Coast Area

Classification	Hourly Rate
Asbestos Worker	\$15.42
Bricklayers; Masons	\$18.34
Carpenters/Caseworker	\$21.50
Carpet Layers/Floor Installers	\$20.03
Concrete Finishers	\$16.13
Data Comm / Telecom Installer	\$23.50
Drywall Installers; Ceiling Installers	\$16.69
Electricians	\$22.44
Elevator Mechanics	\$30.00
Fire Proofing Installer	\$19.13
Glaziers	\$19.87
Heavy Equipment Operators	\$18.18
Insulators	\$16.16
Ironworkers	\$18.14
Laborers, General	\$11.81
Lather / Plasterer	\$18.03
Light Equipment Operators	\$15.21
Metal Building Assemblers	\$17.53
Millwrights	\$20.69
Painters/Wall Covering Installers	\$15.75
Pipefitters	\$25.70
Plumbers	\$26.50
Roofers	\$18.80
Sheet Metal Workers	\$20.46
Sprinkler Fitters	\$25.10
Steel Erector	\$19.33
Terrazzo Workers	\$19.67
Tile Setters	\$19.83
Waterproofers/Caulkers	\$19.00

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**Prevailing Wage Rates
Worker Classification Definition Sheet**

Asbestos Worker	Worker who removes & disposes of asbestos materials.
Bricklayers/Masons	Craftsman who works with masonry products, stone, brick, block or any material substituting for those materials & accessories.
Carpenter / Caseworker	Worker who builds wood structures or structures of any material which has replaced wood. Includes rough & finish carpentry, hardware and trim.
Carpet Layer / Floor Installer	Worker who installs carpets and/or floor coverings-vinyl tile.
Concrete Finisher	Worker who floats, trowels and finishes concrete.
Data Comm / Telecom Installer	Worker who installs data/telephone & television cable and associated equipment and accessories.
Drywall / Ceiling Installer	Worker who installs metal framed walls & ceilings, drywall coverings, ceiling grids & ceilings.
Electrician	Skilled craftsman who installs or repairs electrical wiring & devices. Includes fire alarm systems & HVAC electrical controls.
Elevator Mechanic	Craftsman skilled in the installation & maintenance of elevators.
Fire Proofing Installer	Worker who sprays or applies fire proofing materials.
Glazier	Worker who installs glass, glazing and glass framing.
Heavy Equipment Operator	Includes, but not limited to, all Cat tractors, all derrick-powered, all power operated cranes, back-hoe, back-filler, power operated shovel, winch truck, all trenching machines.
Insulator	Worker who applies, sprays or installs insulation.
Iron Worker	Skilled craftsman who erects structural steel framing & installs structural concrete Rebar.
Laborer / Helper	Worker qualified for only unskilled or semi-skilled work. Lifting, carrying materials & tools, hauling, digging, clean-up.
Lather / Plasterer	Worker who installs metal framing & lath. Worker who applies plaster to lathing and installs associated accessories.
Light Equipment Operator	Includes, but not limited to, air compressors, truck crane driver, flex plane, building elevator, form grader, concrete mixer (less than 14cf), conveyer.
Metal Building Assembler	Worker who assembles pre-made metal buildings.
Millwright	Mechanic specializing in the installation of heavy machinery, conveyance, wrenches, dock levelers, hydraulic lifts & align pumps.
Painter / Wall Covering Installer	Worker who prepares wall surfaces & applies paint and/or wall coverings, tape and bedding.
Pipefitter	Trained worker who installs piping systems, chilled water piping & hot water (boiler) piping, pneumatic tubing controls, chillers, boilers & associated mechanical equipment.
Plumber	Skilled craftsman who installs domestic hot & cold water piping, waste piping, storm system piping, water closets, sinks, urinals, and related work.
Rofer	Worker who installs roofing materials, Bitumen (asphalt & coal tar) felts, flashings, all types roofing membranes & associated products.
Sheet Metal Worker	Worker who installs sheet metal products. Roof metal, flashings & curbs, ductwork, mechanical equipment and associated metals.
Sprinkler Fitter	Worker who installs fire sprinkler systems & fire protection equipment.
Steel Erector	Worker who erects and dismantles structural steel frames of buildings and other structures
Terrazzo Worker	Craftsman who places & finishes Terrazzo.
Tile Setter	Worker who prepares wall and/or floor surfaces & applies ceramic tiles to these surfaces.
Waterproofer / Caulker	Worker who applies water proofing material to buildings. Products include sealant, caulk, sheet membrane, liquid membranes, sprayed, rolled or brushed.