



WAGE ORDER NO. ROVII-D.W.03

PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM WAGE RATE INCREASE FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS IN REGION - VII

WHEREAS, Section 24 of *Republic Act No. 10361, otherwise known as the Domestic Workers Act or Batas Kasambahay*, mandated the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board to review, and if proper, determine and adjust the minimum wage rates of domestic workers;

WHEREAS, the current Wage Order No. **ROVII-D.W. 02** took effect on **January 5, 2020**;

WHEREAS, the Board received on March 21, 2022 a petition filed by Cebu Labor Coalition (CELAC), Lonbisco Employees Organization (LEO), Metaphil Workers Union (MWU), and Unionbank Employees Association (UBEA), seeking a Php 1,500.00 per month minimum wage increase for all domestic workers in the region;

WHEREAS, after due notice to all stakeholders, the Board conducted the following:

Consultation

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 22, 2022	DEPED EcoTech Center, Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City, Cebu

Public Hearings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Stakeholder</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 12, 2022	Northern Cebu	Capitancillo Café and Restaurant, 2nd Flr, R& F Pension House, M H Del Pilar, Pelaez St., Bogo City, Cebu
April 25, 2022	Bohol	The MetroCentre Hotel and Convention Center, C.P Garcia North Ave., Tagbilaran City, Bohol
April 29, 2022	Negros Oriental and Siquijor	Bethel Guest House, Rizal Blvd., Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental
May 6, 2022	Metro Cebu and Southern Cebu	DEPED EcoTech Center, Sudlon, Lahug Cebu City, Cebu

WHEREAS, after a thorough review and evaluation of the results of the consultation and public hearings, existing socio-economic conditions in the region, the needs of the domestic workers and their families, as well as the employer's capacity to pay, the Board deemed it necessary to increase the prevailing minimum wage rates for domestic workers.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested under *RA No. 10361*, RTWPB-VII hereby issues this Wage Order.

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Section 1. New Minimum Wage Rates. Upon effectivity of this Wage Order, the new monthly minimum wage of domestic workers in the Region shall be as follows:

Area/Location	Current Minimum Wage Rate	New Wage Increase	New Minimum Wage Rate
Chartered Cities and First Class Municipalities	5,000.00	500.00	5,500.00
Other Municipalities	4,000.00	500.00	4,500.00

Section 2. Coverage. This Wage Order shall apply to all domestic workers, whether on a live-in or live-out arrangement, such as but not limited to:

- (a) General househelp;
- (b) Yaya;
- (c) Cook;
- (d) Gardener;
- (e) Laundry person; and
- (f) Any person who regularly performs domestic work in one household on an occupational basis.

The following are not covered:

- (a) Service providers;
- (b) Family drivers;
- (c) Children under foster family arrangement; and
- (d) Any other person who performs work occasionally or sporadically and not on occupational basis.

Section 3. Payment of Wages. The wages of the domestic worker shall be paid in cash at least once a month. No deductions shall be made other than those mandated by law.

Section 4. Application to Private Employment Agencies (PEAs). In the case of hiring/contracting of domestic workers services through licensed PEAs, the wage rate prescribed in this Order shall be borne by the principals or clients of the PEAs and the contract shall be deemed amended accordingly. In the event that the principals or clients fail to pay the prescribed wage rate, the PEAs shall be jointly and severally liable with his principal or client.

Section 5. Non-Applicability of Exemption. This Wage Order does not allow any exemption.

Section 6. Appeal to the Commission. Any party aggrieved by this Wage Order may file a verified appeal with the National Wages and Productivity Commission (NWPC), through RTWPB-VII, not later than ten (10) days from the publication of this Wage Order, subject to the provisions of *Rule V of the Omnibus Rules on Minimum Wage Determination*.

Section 7. Competency- Based Pay. Household employers and their domestic workers may voluntarily and mutually agree to adopt a competency-based pay scheme in setting and adjusting the pay of domestic workers over and above the applicable minimum wage.

Section 8. Penal Provision. Any person, corporation, trust, firm, partnership, association or entity who withholds the payment of the prescribed minimum wage or otherwise commits any of the unlawful acts enumerated under Republic Act No. 10361 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, shall be dealt with in accordance with the said law, and such other laws as may be deemed applicable.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Wage Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED. This 24th day of May, 2022.

Done in Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines.


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