



WAGE ORDER NO. RB-IVA-DW-04

PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM WAGE RATE INCREASE FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS IN REGION – IVA

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. RB-IVA-DW-03 took effect on July 16, 2022;

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Section 3(A), Rule II of the Omnibus Rules on Minimum Wage Determination*, in the absence of any petition for a minimum wage adjustment, the Board may *motu proprio* initiate wage review;

WHEREAS, the Board during its meeting on December 14, 2023, *motu proprio*, decided to commence the minimum wage determination process and review the current minimum wage rate for domestic workers;

WHEREAS, after due notice to all stakeholders, the Board conducted regional public consultation on January 09, 2024 in San Pedro City, Laguna, and regional public hearing on January 11, 2024 in Trece Martires City, Cavite to assess and determine the propriety of issuing a new wage order for domestic workers;

WHEREAS, after a thorough review and evaluation of the results of the consultation and public hearing, 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;

WHEREAS, the Board unanimously decided to update its current wage matrix by making it more responsive to geo-classification per *RA No. 6727* as part of the Board's wage determination function. While the terms "Growth Corridor Area" and "Emerging Growth Area and Resource-Based Area" under Wage Order No. RB-IV-A-DW-03 were removed under the new wage order, the present (2) area classifications of: 1) Cities and First-Class Municipalities; and 2) other municipalities were retained;

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

Section 1. Amount of Increase. Upon effectivity of this Wage Order, domestic workers in the Region shall receive one thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) per month on top of their current minimum wage rates. There shall be no diminution of monthly wage rates.

By operation of law, Carmona (Cavite) and Calaca (Batangas) were reclassified from first class municipalities to component cities. Same increase amounting to Php1,000 shall be applied despite its reclassification.



Section 2. New Minimum Wage Rates. The new monthly minimum wage of domestic workers in the Region upon effectivity of this Wage Order shall be as follows:

Current Area Classification	New Area Classification	WO NO. RB-IVA-DW-03	WAGE ORDER NO. RB-IVA-DW-04	
		Current Minimum Wage Rate	Basic Wage Adjustment	New Minimum Wage Rate
			Upon Effectivity	
Growth Corridor Area <i>(cities and first class municipalities)</i>	Cities and First Class Municipalities	5,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
Emerging Growth Area and Resource-Based Area <i>(other municipalities)</i>	Other Municipalities	4,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00

Section 3. 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 are provided access to education and given an allowance incidental to education; and
- (d) Any other person who performs work occasionally or sporadically and not on an occupational basis.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. Non-Applicability of Exemption. This Wage Order does not allow any exemption.

Section 7. Competency- Based Pay. Household employers and their domestic workers may voluntary 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 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.

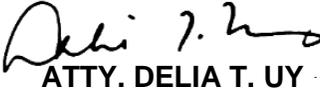
Section 9. Effectivity. This Wage Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved this 22nd day of January, 2024 in Calamba City, Laguna.

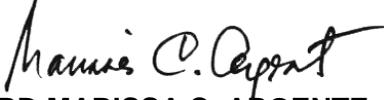

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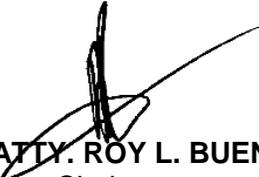
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