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1. Employee earns at least twice the California State minimum wage (for 2025 that is \$1320 per week or \$68,640 per year)	Yes □ If yes, answer question 2.	No □ If no, employee is non-exempt. Skip to question 6.
2. Employee's weekly wage is fixed. In other words, the employee earns the same amount (at least twice the State minimum wage) no matter how many hours a day or days a week the employee works.* * Special rules apply for pay for certain kinds of time off; see Administrative Handbook 5.6.1.1	Yes If yes, answer question 3.	No If no, employee is non-exempt. Skip to question 6.
3. Employee customarily and regularly exercises discretion and independent judgment.	Yes □ If yes, answer questions 4 and 5	No If answers to questions 1-3 include a "no," employee is non-exempt. Skip to question 6.
4. Employee spends more than 50% of the time directing, supervising, managing 2 or more employees (not volunteers); has authority to hire, discipline, and fire or has significant input into these decisions.	Yes □ If yes to questions 1-4, employee is exempt. No need to answer 5a-d	No If answers to questions 1-4 include a "no," employee is non-exempt. Skip to question 6.
5a. Employee is State-licensed or certified and practices law, medicine, dentistry, optometry, architecture, engineering, teaching, or accounting.	Yes If yes to questions 1-3 and 5a employee is exempt. No need to answer 5b, c or d	No If answers to questions 1-5a include one or more "no," employee is non-exempt. Skip to question 6.
5b. Employee is primarily engaged in a "learned" profession – i.e., the work requires a prolonged course of specialized intellectual instruction and study, as distinguished from a general academic education and from an apprenticeship.	Yes If answers to questions 1-3 and 5b are "yes" employee is exempt. No need to answer 5c or d.	No If answers to questions 1-5b include one or more "no," employee is non-exempt. Skip to question 6.
5c. Employee does work that is artistic, creative, original and	Yes	No 🗆

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depends primarily on the invention, imagination, or talent of the employee.	If answers to questions 1-3 and 5c are "yes" employee is exempt. No need to answer 5d.	If answers to questions 1-5c include one or more "no," employee is non-exempt. Skip to question 6.
5d. Employee spends more than 50% of the time doing office work directly related to: (i) significant management	Yes □ If answers to questions 1-3	No □ If answers to questions 1-5d
policies or general business operations of the employer, or (ii) the academic instruction or	and 5d are "yes" employee is exempt.	include one or more "no," employee is non-exempt. Skip to question 6.
training engaged in by an educational institution; and (iii) regularly and directly assists	[note: determining if an employee fits this classification is	
an executive or administrator, or (iv) performs, under only general supervision, work along	complicated; consult with Human Resources before checking "yes"]	
specialized or technical lines requiring special training, experience, or knowledge, or		
(v) executes, under only general supervision, special assignments and tasks.		

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS APPLY ONLY TO NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES				
6. Is the non-exempt employee scheduled to work more than 5 hours in a day?	Yes □ If yes, the employee must be provided with: • a 10 minute paid rest break (does not need to be recorded on a time card) • a 30-minute meal break (must be recorded on a time card; need not be paid) • however, if employee works 6 hours or less, employee may voluntarily waive the meal break in writing – see meal break waiver request.pdf (la-archdiocese.org)	Employee must be provided with a 10 minute paid rest break roughly half way through the scheduled work day		

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7. Is the employee scheduled to work more than 8 hours in a day?	Yes □ Employee must be paid time-and-a-half	No □ No overtime pay is due
	for all time worked over 8 hours in a day	, ,
8. Is the employee scheduled to work more than 12 hours in a day?	Yes □ Employee must be paid double time for all time worked over 12 hours in a day • Employee is entitled to a second 30-minute meal break (must be recorded on time card; need not be paid) • However, if employee is scheduled to work 10 hours or less, employee may voluntarily waive the second meal break	No □ No overtime pay is due
9. Is the employee scheduled to work more	Yes	No 🗆
than 40 hours in a week?	Employee must be paid time-and-a-half for all hours worked over 40 in a week • If the 40 hours include time worked more than 8 hours a day during this work week, no additional overtime pay is due if employee is paid overtime for the more than 8-hour day (i.e., no "pyramiding" of overtime)	No overtime pay is due
10. Employee is going to chaperone or conduct an overnight retreat	Overtime pay rules in questions 6-9 apply. The employee's work schedule for the week before or after the overnight retreat may be adjusted to reduce total hours worked during that particular pay period	