

**CHAPTER 59****INDUSTRIAL HOME WORK LAW****Authority**

N.J.S.A. 34:6-120 et seq., specifically 34:6-137.17.

**Source and Effective Date**

R.2008 d.284, effective August 26, 2008.  
See: 40 N.J.R. 1758(a), 40 N.J.R. 5812(a).

**Chapter Expiration Date**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1b, Chapter 59, Industrial Home Work Law, expires on August 26, 2015. See: 43 N.J.R. 1203(a).

**Chapter Historical Note**

Chapter 59, Industrial Home Work Law, was adopted as the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, pursuant to authority delegated at N.J.S.A. 34:6-136.7, and was adopted and became effective prior to September 1, 1969.

Chapter 59, Industrial Home Work Law, expired on September 2, 2002.

Chapter 59, Industrial Home Work Law, was adopted as new rules by R.2003 d.106, effective March 3, 2003. See: 34 N.J.R. 4020(a), 35 N.J.R. 1275(a).

Chapter 59, Industrial Home Work Law, was readopted as R.2008 d.284, effective August 26, 2008. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS****12:59-1.1 Purpose; authority**

These rules and regulations supplement the Industrial Home Work Law, Chapter 308, Laws of 1941 and are promulgated by virtue of Section 17 of said law.

**12:59-1.2 Compliance by distributors**

All New Jersey distributors of industrial home work must comply with the laws and rules and regulations governing

employment of women and minors in the home and factory as well as the general factory laws.

**12:59-1.3 Distribution of industrial home work**

The distribution of industrial home work to a home worker can only occur from a factory or business located in New Jersey.

**12:59-1.4 Limitation on number of home workers**

The number of home workers that is permitted for any one employer is restricted to one-third of the employees in the factory or business.

**12:59-1.5 Employer's permit; home worker's certificate**

(a) Under no circumstances can industrial home work be distributed unless:

1. An employer is in possession of a valid employer's permit;
2. The home worker is in possession of a valid home worker's certificate where such industrial home work is distributed to said home worker by the employer;
3. Where subsequent distribution is intended, such person is in possession of a valid employer's permit.

(b) The employer's permit must be kept on file on the premises from which the industrial home work is distributed.

**12:59-1.6 Applications**

(a) Requests for application forms for an employer's permit and home worker's certificates must be made by an employer and completed applications for employer's permit and permit fee and home workers' certificates must be mailed by the employer to:

Division of Wage and Hour Compliance  
Department of Labor and Workforce  
Development  
PO Box 389  
John Fitch Plaza  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0389

(b) The Division of Wage and Hour Compliance will not recognize any applications for home workers certificates if requests are made directly by the home worker.

(c) To eliminate any question concerning the validity of home workers' certificates, employers must file applications for home worker's certificate with the Division of Wage and Hour Compliance. A home worker's certificate is valid for one employer only. Where a home worker does work for several employers, each employer must procure a home worker's certificate from the Division of Wage and Hour Compliance for the said home worker.

Amended by R.2008 d.284, effective October 6, 2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 1758(a), 40 N.J.R. 5812(a).

Updated the address in (a); in (b), substituted "Wage and Hour Compliance" for "Labor"; and in (c), substituted "Division of Wage and Hour Compliance" for "Bureau of the Division of Labor" and for "Division of Labor".

### 12:59-1.7 Workmen's Compensation Insurance

All employers of home workers must provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance coverage for all such home workers.

### 12:59-1.8 Employment of minors

(a) No minor under 16 years of age is permitted to manufacture industrial home work in either the factory or in the home.

(b) All minors between 16 and 18 years of age who are engaged in the manufacture of industrial home work at any place (factory, business or home) must comply with the following requirements:

1. An employment certificate must be secured and kept on file by the employer. These certificates are procurable from the issuing officer in the school district where the minor resides.

2. Such minors may not work in excess of eight hours per day or 40 hours per week and cannot be employed more than six consecutive days.

3. Male minors may not work before 6:00 A.M. nor after 10:00 P.M. Female minors may not work before 7:00 A.M. nor after 10:00 P.M.

4. The employer must post an abstract of the Child Labor Law and a schedule of hours of work for minors in the place where the minor is directly employed.

5. The employer must keep an accurate work time record for such minors showing:

- i. Name of minor;
- ii. Address of minor;
- iii. Date of birth;
- iv. Time of commencing and stopping work and time allowed for meal periods;
- v. Wages paid to minors.

(c) Such minors must receive a 30-minute meal period after five consecutive hours of work.

(d) The employer is responsible for compliance with the provisions of the Child Labor Law insofar as any phase of industrial home work operations may be concerned.

### 12:59-1.9 Records to be kept

(a) Each employer (including distributors or independent contractors and any person who sells or causes to be sold to

another person any articles or materials for the purpose of having such articles or materials manufactured within this State in a home and of then rebuying such articles or materials, after such manufacture, either by himself or by someone designated by him) shall keep the following complete and accurate records in one book, said records to be kept for a period of one year:

1. Names of all persons engaged in industrial home work directly or indirectly for or in behalf of such employer;
2. Address of all places where such persons work;
3. All articles or materials directly or indirectly distributed to such persons;
4. All articles or materials manufactured by such persons;
5. The net cash wages received by each home worker and such piecework rates at which each home worker is compensated;
6. All independent contractors to whom materials to be manufactured by industrial home work have been furnished (this includes distributors and other persons who may be engaged in resale transaction as indicated in this Section);
7. The number of the employer's permit or home worker's certificate, whichever is applicable;
8. Daily hours of work by each home worker on all articles or materials furnished by the employer. Time spent in transporting articles or materials to and from the home from and to the point of distribution will be considered working time when same is done by the home worker and must appear on the time record.

(b) The records required under this section shall be available for inspection during regular business hours.

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See: 40 N.J.R. 1758(a), 40 N.J.R. 5812(a).

Added (b); and deleted footnote 1 and the footnote reference in the section catchline.

### 12:59-1.10 Home worker time record

Each home worker must furnish the employer with a statement in writing showing hours worked each day, shown by date, on such articles or materials. This time record must be transcribed by the employer to work time record for home worker as noted above.

### 12:59-1.11 Limitations on female employees' hours

Female employees (including home workers) are not permitted to work more than 10 hours in any one day, 54 hours per week.

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See: 40 N.J.R. 1758(a), 40 N.J.R. 5812(a).

Substituted "10" for "ten".