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## **Domestics**

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*This Employment Standards Factsheet is also available in a [printable pdf format](#)*

### **Definition of a Domestic**

A **domestic** is a person who

- a) is employed at an employer's private residence to provide cooking, cleaning, child care or other prescribed services, and
- b) resides at the employer's private residence.

### **Coverage of Domestics**

Domestics receive all rights and benefits under the *Employment Standards Act* and Regulation. These benefits include overtime pay, statutory holidays and holiday pay, annual vacations and vacation pay, and minimum wage.

Effective November 1, 2001, the minimum wage is \$8 per hour.

### **Written Agreement Required**

There must be a written employment agreement between a domestic and an employer.

The agreement must set out the domestic's duties, hours of work, wages and charges for room and board. The employer must give the domestic a copy of this agreement.

If a domestic works more hours than the agreement requires, the domestic must be paid extra for these hours.

Maximum charges for room and board are set by the Regulation. These charges must not be more than \$325 per month.

### **Registration of Domestics**

A domestic's employer must inform the Employment Standards Branch of the employer's and the domestic's name, address and telephone number. This must be done within 30 days of the domestic starting work.

Every six months, the employer must notify the Branch of any changes to this information. This notification may be registered at any Employment Standards Branch office.

More information about employment of domestic workers is available at <http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/domestics/> on the Internet.