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**GENERAL WAGE DETERMINATIONS ISSUED
UNDER THE DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACTS**

**DAVIS-BACON WAGE DETERMINATION
REFERENCE MATERIAL**

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Section A

INTRODUCTION

THE DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACTS (DBRA)

The Davis-Bacon Act as amended, requires that each contract over \$2,000 to which the United States or the District of Columbia is a party for the construction, alteration, or repair of public buildings or public works shall contain a clause setting forth the minimum wages to be paid to various classes of laborers and mechanics employed under the contract. Under the provisions of the Act, contractors or their subcontractors are to pay workers employed directly upon the site of the work no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits paid on projects of a similar character. The Davis-Bacon Act directs the Secretary of Labor to determine such local prevailing wage rates.

In addition to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, Congress has added prevailing wage provisions to approximately 60 statutes which assist construction projects through grants, loans, loan guarantees, and insurance. These "related Acts" involve construction in such areas as transportation, housing, air and water pollution reduction, and health. If a construction project is funded or assisted under more than one Federal statute, the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions may apply to the project if any of the applicable statutes require payment of Davis-Bacon wage rates.

The geographic scope of the Davis-Bacon Act is limited, by its terms, to the 50 States and the District of Columbia. By the same token, the scope of each of the related Acts is determined by the terms of the particular statute under which the Federal assistance is provided. For example, Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions would apply to a construction contract located in Guam or the Virgin Islands funded under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, even though the Davis-Bacon Act itself does not apply to Federal construction contracts to be performed outside the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

WAGE DETERMINATIONS

A "wage determination" is the listing of wage rates and fringe benefit rates for each classification of laborers and mechanics which the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor has determined to be prevailing in a given area for a particular type of construction (e.g., building, heavy, highway, or residential).

The Wage and Hour Division issues two types of wage determinations: general determinations, also known as area determinations, and project determinations. The term "wage determination" is defined as including not only the original decision but any subsequent decisions modifying, superseding, correcting, or otherwise changing the rates and scope of the original decision.

General wage determinations reflects those rates determined by the Division to be prevailing in a specific geographic area for the type of construction described. General wage decisions and modifications and supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal Register, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. If a contracting agency has a proposed construction project to which a general determination would be applicable, the published determination may be used by the contracting agency without consulting the Department of Labor, provided that questions concerning its use shall be referred to the Department of Labor.

Project wage determinations are issued at the specific request of a contracting agency; each is applicable to the named project only; and expires 180 calendar days from the date of issuance unless an extension of the expiration date is requested by the agency and approved by the Wage and Hour Division. If such a determination is not used in the period of its effectiveness, it is void. Project determinations are issued in response to contracting agencies submitting to the Wage and Hour Division a Standard Form 308 requesting a wage determination.

Modifications of general and project wage determinations are issued to update data in the original determination. Where a contract will be entered pursuant to competitive bidding procedures, a modification, notice of which is published in the Federal Register less than 10 days before the opening of bids shall be effective unless the agency finds that there is not a reasonable time still available before bid opening to notify bidders of the modification and a report of the finding is inserted in the contract file. (For projects assisted under the National Housing Act, and for projects to receive housing assistance payments under section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, dates other than bid opening apply. See Regulations, [29 CFR Part 1, section 1.6](#).) If the contracting officer chooses to disregard a modification, a report of this action shall be inserted in the contract file and made available to the Wage and Hour Division upon request.

If a contract has not been awarded within 90 days after bid opening, modifications prior to award to a general wage determination in the contract shall be effective with respect to that contract unless the agency requests and obtains an extension of the 90-day period from the Wage and Hour Division.

Supersedeas Wage Determinations are issued annually to replace general decisions issued in the previous edition of the publication entitled General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. Supersedeas project wage determinations may also be issued. Supersedeas decisions affecting determinations are effective under the same circumstances as "modifications." Whereas a modification to a wage determination may make changes in only selected provisions of the wage determination, a supersedeas determination replaces the entire existing wage decision.

Notice is published in the Federal Register each week (usually on Friday) to advise the public of the publication of general wage determinations, modifications, supersedeas actions, withdrawal actions, and corrections affecting such wage determinations.

Extensions of Wage Determinations

When a general wage determination has not been awarded within 90 days after bid opening, the head of the contracting/assisting agency may request an extension of the 90 day period from the Wage and Hour Administrator. When, due to unavoidable circumstances, a project wage determination expires before award but after bid opening, the head of the contracting/assisting agency may request an extension of the expiration date of the project wage determination in the bid specifications instead of issuing a new wage determination. (For projects assisted under the National Housing Act, and for projects to receive housing assistance payment under section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, dates other than bid opening apply. See Regulations [29 CFR, Part 1, section 1.6](#).)

Extension requests should be supported by a written finding including a brief statement of the factual support, that extension of the expiration date of the determination is necessary and proper in the public interest to prevent injustice or undue hardship or to avoid serious impairment in the conduct of Government business.

The Administrator will either grant or deny the request for an extension after consideration of all the circumstances, including an examination to determine if the previously issued rates remain prevailing. If a request for the extension of a project wage determination is denied, a new wage determination will be issued to replace an expired project wage determination.

Section B

How to Interpret General Wage Determinations

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A. WAGE DETERMINATIONS ARE STRUCTURED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

Each wage determination begins with a cover sheet that defines its applicability. Included on this sheet are:

- The decision number.
- The number of the decision superseded, if applicable.
- State(s) covered.
- Type of construction (building, heavy, highway, and/or residential).
- County(ies) or city(ies) covered.
- Description of the construction to which the wage determination applies and/or construction excluded from its application.
- Record of modifications, including the initial publication date, modification numbers and dates.

In the body of each wage determination is the **listing of classifications (laborers and mechanics) and accompanying basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefit rates** that have been determined to be prevailing for the specified type(s) of construction in the geographic area(s) covered by the wage determination. Classification listings may also include classification groupings, fringe benefit footnotes, descriptions of the geographic areas to which subclassifications and different wage rates apply, and/or certain classification definitions. (See below for how to know the source of a rate.)

In wage determination modifications, an **asterisk** ("*") is used to indicate that the item marked is changed by that modification.

The wage determination appeals process is explained at the end of the wage determination. The explanation includes a description of the criteria for appeal and

where to file the appeal.

The last page of each wage determination ends with "**END OF DECISION**" centered above the last page number for the determination. Users can refer to the page number at the bottom of that page to check back to be sure that they have all the preceding pages of the determination.

B. HOW TO FIND THE WAGE RATE FOR A PARTICULAR CLASSIFICATION AND UNDERSTAND THE BASIS FOR THE WAGE RATE:

Review the wage determination in light of the following information:

1. The body of each wage determination lists the classifications and wage rates that have been found prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination.

The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "**identifiers**" that indicate whether particular rates are union or non-union rates.

Many wage determinations contain only non-union wage rates, some contain only union-negotiated wage rates, and others contain both union and non-union wage rates that have been found prevailing in the area for the type of construction covered by the wage determination.

2. Above each classification (or group of classifications) listed, an alphanumeric "identifier" and date provide information about the source of the classification(s) and wage rate(s) listed for it. (SU means the rates listed under that identifier were derived from survey data and are not union rates, although the survey data on which they are based may include both union and non-union data.)

- a. The identifier is SUAR0037A. SU indicates rates that are not union rates; AR = Arkansas; 0037A is a sequential number and character used in producing the wage determination. Dates before 1993 that appear with such "SU" identifiers were generated in producing the wage determinations and are not meaningful to users. However, a 1993 or later date will indicate that the classification(s) and wage rate(s) under that identifier were issued in the general wage determination on that date and reflect the results of a survey.

- b. Any identifier beginning with characters other than SU is used where union classification(s) and wage rate(s) have been found prevailing.

- In each such identifier, the first four letters indicate the international union (see listing, below) for the local union that negotiated the wage rates listed under that identifier. Then, there is a four-digit number that indicates the local union number. For

example, the identifier is ELEV0101A. ELEV = Elevator Constructors; 0101 = the local union number (district council number where applicable); and "A" = a character used internally in processing the wage determination. The date shown is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate entered into the automated system that generates general wage determinations.

- Special identifiers are necessary for two trades because the same local union number(s) is accompanied by different wage rates in different states. Bricklayers local union numbers are not unique nationwide, but are unique within each State. Similarly, Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 669 has negotiated different wage rates in each State within its territorial jurisdiction. Therefore, the identifiers for the Bricklayers unions are in the format "BR + state abbreviation," (referenced below as BRXX), and the identifier "SF + state abbreviation" is used for Sprinkler Fitter Local No. 669's rates.
- It is common for many local unions to negotiate wage rates for more than one classification. Where this is done, all the classifications for which that union's wage rates are determined to be prevailing will appear under the identifier for that union.
- For example, the same union may negotiate wage and fringe benefits for painters and glaziers. In such a case, the wage rate for the glazier, as well as that for the painter will be found under a classifier beginning with "PAIN." Similarly, users may need to look under an identifier beginning with "CARP" to find not only rates for carpenters, but also those for millwrights, piledrivermen and (marine) divers.

3. Following are the **identifier codes** used to reference the various craft unions. Examples of classifications for which their local unions commonly negotiate wage and fringe benefit rates are shown in parentheses.

ASBE = International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers

BOIL = International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers

BRXX = International Union of Bricklayers, and Allied Craftsmen

(bricklayers, cement masons, stone masons, tile, marble and terrazzo workers)

CARP = United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

(carpenter, millwright, piledrivermen, soft floor layers, divers)

ELEC = International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

(electricians, communication systems installers, and other low voltage specialty workers)

ELEV = International Union of Elevator Constructors

ENGI = International Union of Operating Engineers

(operators of various types of power equipment)

IRON = International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers

LABO = Laborers' International Union of North America

PAIN = International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades

(painters, drywall finishers, glaziers, soft floor layers)

PLAS = Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association of the United States and Canada

(cement masons, plasterers)

PLUM = United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada

(plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, sprinkler fitters)

ROOF = United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers

SHEE = Sheet Metal Workers International Association

SU.... =

As discussed above, the "SU..." identifier is for rates derived from survey data where the union rate(s) were not determined to be prevailing for the classification

(s) listed. (The data reported for such a classification and used in computing the prevailing rate may have included both union and non-union wage data.) Note that **various classifications**, for which non-union rates have been determined to be prevailing, may be listed in alphabetical order under this identifier, which the computer places into the wage determination in alphabetical order, as listed here.

TEAM = International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Section C

Questions and Answers on the use of Davis-Bacon

Wage Determinations

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Question. How do I obtain a wage determination for a construction project to be performed at a location not covered by a published determination?

Answer. If no general wage determination is listed for a given county and type of construction, the following procedure to obtain a project wage determination should be followed.

The Federal agency funding or financially assisting the construction project requests a wage determination under the Davis-Bacon Act or any of the related prevailing wage statutes by submitting a Standard Form (SF) 308 to the following address:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment Standards Administration
Wage and Hour Division
Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3014
Washington, D.C. 20210

In completing a SF-308, the agency must furnish:

- (1) A sufficiently detailed description of the project to indicate the type(s) of construction involved. Separate attachments, if necessary for identification of the type of project, must be furnished.
- (2) The county (or other civil subdivision) and State in which the proposed project is located. The time required for processing requests for wage determinations varies according to the facts and circumstances in each case. An agency should

anticipate that such processing will take at least 30 days.

Question. The wage determination applicable to my project does not contain a class of workers which is needed to complete construction. Can other worker classification(s) and wage rate(s) be approved for use on the project?

Answer. **Prior to bid opening**, if the only classification that will perform work on a contract is not listed on a general wage determination for the type of construction in the area, the contracting/assisting agency may submit a SF-308 request for a project wage determination for application to that project. In order to assure special treatment of a request where this circumstance exists, a note explaining the special circumstances should be made in the project description block of the SF-308. (A similar note may be made on a SF-308 request for a project wage determination, where a general wage determination is not applicable, and all of the work on the project will be performed by a particular classification, as a means to assure that a wage rate for that classification will be issued for the project).

Example: An upcoming contract calls for repainting all the residences at a military base, and there is no painter classification in the general wage schedule issued for application to residential construction in the county where the project is located. A SF-308 may be submitted by the agency for application to that contract, and a project wage determination will be issued with a painter classification and wage rate for use prior to bid opening (or the other applicable date where certain assistance programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are the basis for coverage under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts). If there is no general wage determination issued for that area and type of construction, the same procedure should be followed.

After contract award, if the contract wage determination does not contain a class of workers that is needed to complete the construction, a contractor shall submit to the contracting officer a request for the addition of the needed classification(s) of laborers or mechanics not listed in the wage determination, together with proposed wage rates and fringe benefits conformable to the wage determination.

The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract be classified in conformance with the wage determination. **An additional classification action, even if undisputed, is not valid unless the Department of Labor has approved it. If a dispute exists, the matter must be referred to the Wage and Hour Division for resolution, together with the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer.** Approval of the additional classification and the proposed wage rate and fringe benefits requires that the following criteria have been met:

- (1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by any classification in the wage determination; and
- (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
- (3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and
- (4) There is evidence of agreement on the classification and proposed wage rate among the parties involved, or the views of those involved -- the contractor(s), employees (if known) or their representative, and the contracting officer/agency -- are forwarded for consideration to the Wage and Hour Division; and
- (5) The request does not involve wage rates for apprentices or trainees.

All conformance notices should be responded to in writing within 30 days of receipt. These responses either approve or deny the request or inform the submitting agency that additional time will be required. Failure to receive a response does not constitute approval. If a response is not received, the Wage and Hour Division should be contacted directly. Every conformance request is analyzed to verify that the criteria for approval are met.

Any interested person requesting reconsideration of a conformance should present their request in writing accompanied by supporting data or other pertinent information to the Wage and Hour Division. The Wage and Hour Division should respond within 30 days or notify the requestor within this time frame that additional time is needed.

If reconsideration of a conformance action has been sought and denied, an appeal for review may be filed with the Administrative Review Board. (See [29 CFR 1.8](#) and [1.9](#), and [29 CFR Part 7](#)).

Question. How do workers on a construction site know that a project is covered by the [Davis-Bacon Act](#)? How do they know the prevailing wage to which they are entitled?

Answer. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed) and a [Davis-Bacon poster \(WH-1321\)](#) must be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen. The WH-1321 poster may be obtained at no charge from offices of the Wage and Hour Division. In the absence of such posted information, any person who wants

to determine if the project is covered should contact the federal agency funding or assisting the project or the Wage and Hour Division. Multi-year construction contracts that contain option provisions by which a contracting agency may unilaterally extend the term of the contract require inclusion of a current wage determination at the time the option is exercised. (In contrast, in situations where a contractor is given additional time to complete original contract commitments, the wage determination in that contract applies).

Question: Once construction has begun, are the workers' wage rates affected when the wage determination for the area in which the project is located is changed?

Answer. As a general rule, the wage determination incorporated into a bid solicitation and related contract award establishes the minimum wage rates and fringe benefits which must be paid for the entire term of the contract.

Where the proper wage determination is incorporated into a contract prior to award of the contract, wage determination modifications issued after bid opening are not applicable to the contract -- except in the case of a general wage determination in a contract that has not been awarded within 90 days after the bid opening and an extension of the 90-day limit has not been granted. (Specific requirements involving dates other than bid opening apply for projects assisted under the National Housing Act and for projects that receive housing assistance payments under section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937).

Upon his or her own initiative or at the request of an agency, the Administrator may correct any wage determination if he or she finds that the determination contains an inadvertent clerical error. For example, a wage determination contains a wage rate where there is a transposition of numbers, such as a fringe benefit of \$2.53 appears in the wage determination as \$2.35.

Also, the Administrator may issue a wage determination after contract award or after the beginning of construction if:

- (a) the contracting/assisting Federal agency has failed to incorporate the applicable wage determination in a contract required to contain prevailing wage rates determined in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, or has used a wage determination which by its terms or the provisions of Regulations, [29 CFR Part 1](#), clearly does not apply to the contract, or
- (b) the wrong wage determination has been incorporated in the contract because of an inaccurate description of the project or its location in the agency's SF-308 request.

Under either of these two circumstances, the agency shall either

terminate and resolicit the contract with the valid wage determination, or incorporate the valid wage determination retroactive to the beginning of construction through supplemental agreement or through change order, provided that the contractor is compensated for any increases in wages resulting from such change. The method of incorporation of the valid wage determination, and adjustment in contract price, where appropriate, should be in accordance with applicable procurement law.

Question. Is it possible for more than one wage schedule to apply to specifications for a particular contract?

Answer. Construction projects are generally classified as either Building, Heavy, Highway or Residential for purposes of issuing wage determinations. Wage schedules for one or more of these construction categories may have application to construction items contained in a proposed construction project. Guidelines for the selection of proper wage schedules are set forth in [All Agency Memoranda Nos. 130 \(March 17, 1978\) and 131 \(July 14, 1978\)](#). Any questions regarding the application of these guidelines to a particular project, or any disputes regarding the application of the wage schedules issued for the various construction categories are to be referred to the Wage and Hour Division, together with relevant information, including a complete description of the project and area practice.

Question. As the contracting officer/Federal agency representative, what is my obligation when the wage determination(s) applicable to a construction project contains multiple wage schedules (for different counties and/or types of construction)?

Answer. It is the responsibility of the contracting officer/Federal agency representative to advise contractors which schedule of prevailing wages shall be applied to the various construction items in the bid specifications. Because of the complexities in the application of multiple schedules, the contracting officer should consult with the Wage and Hour Division to resolve any questions.

Question. Can apprentices, trainees, and/or helpers work on a project covered by the Davis-Bacon or related Acts (DBRA), and what wage rates must they be paid?

Answer. Individuals who meet the following definition may be employed as **apprentices** on DBRA projects:

- (a) A person employed and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau,

or

- (b) A person in the first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been properly certified to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

Trainees employed must be persons registered in a construction occupation under a program which has been approved in advance by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, as meeting its standards for on-the-job training programs and which have been so certified by that Administration.

Information on wage rates paid to apprentices and trainees is not reflected in Davis-Bacon wage determinations. Similarly, their addition through the additional classification procedure (conformance) is neither necessary nor appropriate. On projects funded by the Federal-Aid Highway Act, apprentices and trainees certified by the Secretary of Transportation are not covered by Davis-Bacon labor standards.

The proper wage rates to be paid to apprentices and trainees are those specified by the particular programs in which they are enrolled, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman rate on the wage determination. In the event employees reported as apprentices or trainees on a covered project have not been properly registered within the meaning of the Regulations and the contract stipulations, or are utilized at the job site in excess of the ratio to journeymen permitted under the approved program, they must be paid the applicable wage rates for laborers and mechanics employed on the project performing in the classification of work they actually performed. This applies regardless of work classifications which may be listed on the submitted payrolls and regardless of their level of skill.

Helper classifications may be issued in or added to a wage determination only where the (a) the duties of the helpers are clearly defined and distinct from those of the journeyman classification and from the laborer, (b) the use of such helpers is an established prevailing practice in the area, and (c) the term "helper" is not synonymous with "trainee" in an informal training program.

Question. What wage rates must be paid to supervisory employees (foremen, superintendents, etc.) employed on a covered project?

Answer. The wage rates for bona fide supervisory employees are not regulated under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts because their duties are primarily administrative or executive in nature rather than those of laborers or mechanics. However, such employees who devote more than 20 percent of their time during a workweek to mechanic or laborer duties are laborers and mechanics for the time so spent, and must be paid at least the appropriate wage rates specified in the wage determination. Employees

who are bona fide executive, administrative, or professional employees as defined under the Fair Labor Standards Act at 29 CFR Part 541 are not covered by the Davis-Bacon Act.

Question. If it is believed that the rates on a wage determination do not accurately reflect those prevailing in the area, how may the wage determination be appealed?

Answer. Any interested person requesting reconsideration of a wage determination or of a ruling regarding application of a wage determination to a specific construction project should present their request in writing accompanied by supporting data or other pertinent information to the Wage and Hour Division. The Wage and Hour Division should respond within 30 days or notify the requestor within this time frame that additional time is needed.

An "interested person" is considered to include, without limitation:

- (1) Any contractor, or an association representing a contractor, who is likely to seek or to work under a contract containing a particular wage determination, or any laborer or mechanic, or any labor organization which represents a laborer or mechanic, who is likely to be employed or to seek employment under a contract containing a particular wage determination, and,
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local agency concerned with the administration of a proposed contract or contract containing a particular wage determination issued pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act or any of its related statutes.

If reconsideration of a wage determination has been sought and denied, an appeal for review of the wage determination or its application may be filed with the Administrative Review Board, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-1651, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Requests for review of wage determinations must be filed, and any new wage determination resulting from the appeal must be issued, before contract award or start of construction where there is no award (or under the National Housing Act, before the date of initial endorsement, or the beginning of construction, whichever occurs first; or under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, before the date of the housing assistance payments agreement, or the beginning of construction, whichever occurs first).

The Wage Appeals Board (now the Administrative Review Board) was established by the Secretary of Labor in 1963 to decide, at its discretion, appeals concerning questions of fact and law related to final decisions of the Wage and Hour Division concerning:

- Controversies over the payment of prevailing wage rates, overtime pay, or proper classifications;

- Wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts;
- Debarment cases arising under [29 CFR Part 5](#);
- Cases involving the assessment of liquidated damages under the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act;
- Appeal of any other final decision under [29 CFR Parts 1, 3, or 5](#).

The Administrative Review Board consists of three members, one of whom is designated chairman. The members are appointed by the Secretary of Labor and majority vote of the Administrative Review Board is necessary for a decision, except that a decision to hear any appeal may be made by one member. The Board can act as fully and finally as the Secretary of Labor concerning the matters within its jurisdiction. The rules prescribed in [29 CFR, Part 7](#), "Practice Before Wage Appeals Board", govern the proceedings of the Board.

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