

**HR COMPLIANCE AUDIT CHECKLIST
For California Employers**

Organization: _____

Organization representatives: _____

Attorneys assigned: _____

Date of review: _____

I. HIRING

A. Selection and Screening

- Job descriptions
- Advertising
- Job postings
 - Pay scale disclosures
- Employment application
- Pre-employment drug/alcohol testing
 - Consent form
 - Sampling procedures
- Other pre-employment tests
- Interviewing procedures
- Salary history bans
- Background checks
 - Notice to employees
 - Disclosure and authorization forms
- Reference checks
- Inquiries regarding arrests and convictions
 - "Ban the Box" laws
 - San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance

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B. Onboarding

- Employment Offer
- Employment agreement
- Non-disclosure agreement
- Confidentiality agreement
- Probationary period
- Employee orientation
- New hire notices
 - Labor Code 2810.5 New Hire Notice
 - Required pamphlets (*see Employment Law Toolkit*)
- Arbitration Agreements

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II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Collective bargaining agreements
- Employee handbook
 - At-will policy
 - Equal employment opportunity (EEO) policy
 - Updated to include latest protected classes (i.e. hair texture/styles)?
 - Anti-harassment
 - Updated to comply with recent FEHA regulations?
 - Complaint and investigation procedures
 - Other harassment/respect policies
 - Bullying policy
 - Lactation accommodation
 - Reasonable accommodation policy
 - Retaliation protections
 - Acknowledgement of handbook form
- Posters (*see Employment Law Toolkit*)
- Harassment training

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III. OTHER EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

- Paid sick leave
- Vacation or PTO
- Leave of absence
- Absenteeism/tardiness control
 - Beware disability protections
- No solicitation/no distribution
 - Beware NLRA protections
 - Bulletin boards
- Conflicts of interest
- Receipt of gifts from third parties
- Trade secrets
- Confidentiality
- Privacy
- Electronic communications
- Social media
- Conduct/discipline
- Open door
- Whistleblower policy and procedures
- Personnel record review

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IV. EFFECTIVE EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT

- Performance reviews
- Cannabis use and testing
- Promotions/transfers
- Discipline
- Regular supervisor training
- Employee training, retraining
- Continuing education
- Tuition assistance
- Flexible scheduling
 - Family Friendly Workplace Ordinance compliance (San Francisco)
- Pay Data Reporting

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V. WAGE AND HOUR

- Employee classifications
 - Exempt
 - Non-Exempt
 - Independent contractor
 - Volunteer
 - Intern
- Salary schedule
- Hourly wage schedule
- Commissions
- Bonuses and incentives
- Holiday pay
- Vacation/PTO
 - Eligibility
 - Accrual
 - Scheduling
 - Reconciling PTO with paid sick leave ordinances
- Paid sick leave
 - San Francisco Paid Sick Leave Ordinance – and other cities (e.g. Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland)
 - California Labor Code
- Other non-working day pay
- Travel time

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- Premium pay
 - Call-in pay
 - Reporting time pay
 - Call-back pay
 - Overtime
 - Scheduling
 - Rates
 - Shift premiums
- Rest breaks
- Meal periods
- Pay days
- Definition of work week
- Off the clock
- Expense reimbursement
 - Personal cell phone use for work purposes?

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VI. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- Medical
- Disability
- Pregnancy/maternity
- Family
 - California Family Rights Act
 - San Francisco Paid Parental Leave
- Military
- Personal
- Bereavement
 - Reproductive Loss Leave
- Jury duty
- Voting
- Child school activities
- Other leaves (paid and unpaid)
- Physical examinations/inquiries (current employees)
 - Fitness for duty
 - Transfer/promotions
- Return to work
 - Medical certifications
 - GINA Safe-harbor language

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VII. Employment Termination

- Layoff
 - Recall rights
- Disciplinary discharge
- Voluntary quit
- Severance pay
- Severance agreement/release
 - Non-disparagement and confidentiality clause
- Final paycheck
 - Wages
 - Vacation
 - Deductions
 - Timing
- COBRA notification
- Exit interview
- Termination Certification form
- Termination checklist
- Recordkeeping on former employees (see records retention chart)

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VIII. ISSUES FOR FOLLOW-UP

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