§ 532.503 Premium pay

Premium pay means additional compensation for overtime, or Sunday work, and standby duty.

Sunday work means work performed during a regularly scheduled tour of duty within a basic workweek when any part of that work which is not overtime work is performed on Sunday.

Regular overtime work means overtime work which is a part of the regularly scheduled administrative workweek.

Regularly scheduled administrative workweek means:

(1) For full-time employees, the period within an administrative workweek within which employees are scheduled to be on duty regularly.

(2) For part-time employees, it means the days and hours within an administrative workweek during which these employees are scheduled to be on duty regularly.

Tour of duty means the hours of a day, i.e., a daily tour of duty, and the days of an administrative workweek, i.e., a weekly tour of duty, that are scheduled in advance and during which an employee is required to perform on a regularly recurring basis.

§ 532.503 Overtime pay.

(a)(1) Employees who are exempt from the overtime pay provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, shall be paid overtime pay in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5544 and this section. Employees who are non-exempt shall be paid overtime pay in accordance with part 551 of this chapter.

(2) Hours of work in excess of eight in a day are not included in computing hours of work in excess of 40 hours in an administrative workweek.

(b) Effect of leave on overtime pay. (1) Hours during which an employee is absent from duty on paid leave during time when the employee otherwise would have been required to be on duty shall be considered hours of work in determining whether the employee is entitled to overtime pay for work performed in excess of eight hours a day or 40 hours a week.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of this section paid leave includes but is not limited to:

(i) Annual or sick leave;

(ii) Authorized absence on a day off from duty granted by Executive or administrative order; or

(iii) Authorized absence on a legal holiday;

(3) Hours during which an employee is absent from duty on leave without pay during a time when he/she otherwise would have been required to be on duty shall not be considered hours of work in determining whether he/she is entitled to overtime pay for work performed in excess of eight hours in a day or 40 hours in a week.

(c) Callback overtime work. Irregular or occasional overtime work performed by an employee on a day when work was not regularly scheduled for the employee or for which the employee has been required to return to the place of employment shall be considered to be at least two hours in duration for the purpose of overtime pay, regardless of whether the employee performs work for two hours.

(d)(1) An employee regularly assigned to a night shift, who performs overtime work which extends into or falls entirely within a day shift, shall be entitled to overtime pay computed on the night rate.

(2) When the overtime is performed on a nonworkday the employee shall be entitled to overtime pay computed on the rate of the employee’s last previous regularly scheduled shift.

(e)(1) An employee regularly assigned to a rotating schedule involving work on both day and night shifts who performs overtime work which extends or falls entirely within the succeeding shift shall be entitled to overtime pay computed on the rate of the employee’s regularly scheduled shift in effect for that calendar day.

(2) When the overtime is performed on a nonworkday, the employee shall be entitled to overtime pay computed on the average rate of basic pay for all regularly scheduled shifts worked by the employee during the basic workweek.

(f) For an employee covered by 5 U.S.C. 5544, hours in a standby or on-call status or while sleeping or eating shall not be credited for the purpose of
determining hours of work in excess of 8 hours in a day.

§ 532.505 Night shift differentials.

(a) Employees shall be entitled to receive night shift differentials in accordance with section 5343 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) Absence on holidays. An employee regularly assigned to a shift for which a night shift differential is payable shall be paid the night shift differential for a period of excused absence on a legal holiday or other day off from duty granted by Executive or administrative order.

(c) Travel status. An employee regularly assigned to a shift for which a night shift differential is payable shall be paid the night shift differential for hours of the employee's tour of duty while in official travel status, regardless of whether the employee is performing work.

(d) Temporary tour of duty. (1) An employee regularly assigned to a night shift who is temporarily assigned to a day shift or to a night shift having a lower night shift differential shall continue to receive the regular night shift differential, a temporary detail for training purposes is also included—see 5 CFR 410.602.

(2) An employee regularly assigned to a night shift who is temporarily assigned to another night shift having a higher differential shall be paid the higher differential if a majority of the employee's regularly scheduled non-overtime hours of work on the temporary shift fall within hours having the higher differential.

(3) An employee regularly assigned to a day shift who is temporarily assigned to a night shift shall be paid a night shift differential.

(e) Leave with pay. (1) An employee regularly assigned to a night shift shall be paid a night shift differential during a period of leave with pay.

(2) An employee regularly assigned to a day shift who is temporarily assigned to a night shift shall be paid a night shift differential for any leave with pay taken when scheduled to work night shifts.

(3) An employee assigned to a regular rotating schedule involving work on both day and night shifts shall be paid a night shift differential only for any leave with pay taken when scheduled to work night shifts.

(4) An employee who is not regularly assigned to a day shift or a night shift but whose shift is changed at irregular intervals shall be paid a night shift differential during leave with pay if the

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§ 532.504 Compensatory time off.

(a) At the request of an employee, the head of an agency may grant compensatory time off from an employee's tour of duty instead of payment under §532.503 or the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, for an equal amount of irregular or occasional overtime work.

(b) At the request of an employee, the head of an agency may grant compensatory time off from an employee's basic work requirement under a flexible work schedule under 5 U.S.C. 6122 instead of payment under §532.503 or the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, for an equal amount of overtime work, whether or not irregular or occasional in nature.

(c) An agency may not require that an employee be compensated for overtime work with an equal amount of compensatory time off from the employee's tour of duty. An employee may not directly or indirectly intimidate, threaten, or coerce, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce any other employee for the purpose of interfering with such employee's rights to request or not to request compensatory time off in lieu of payment for overtime hours.

(d) The head of a department may fix a time limit for an employee to request or take compensatory time off and may provide that an employee who fails to take compensatory time earned under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section before the time limit fixed shall lose the right to compensatory time off and to overtime pay unless the failure is due to an exigency of the service beyond the employee's control.
