

Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Information Session



Agenda

- Background/Overview
- What is the impact on UoL?
- What happens next?
- Questions?



Today's Scope

Does not include specifics on individual positions that may be changing



What is FLSA?

- The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
 determines whether a position is eligible
 for overtime pay
- Positions are either exempt or nonexempt
 - Exempt Not eligible for overtime pay
 - Non Exempt Overtime pay at time-and-a-half for hours worked over 40 hours per week



Determining Exempt Status

Position must pass all three tests

- Salary Basis Test: Be paid on a fixed salary basis, not hourly;
- 2. Duties Test: Must pass tests under executive, administrative or professional requirements and;
- **3. Salary Test:** Must be above the minimum *current* threshold of \$23,660

If any of these test are not met, then the position is non-exempt and eligible of overtime pay



Duties Test Exemption

EXECUTIVE

Primary Duties:

Managing the enterprise or department or subdivision of the enterprise and manage at least 2 FT employees

ADMINISTRATIVE

Primary Duties:

Includes independent discretion and judgement in matters of significance

PROFESSIONAL

Primary Duties:

Perform work that requires advanced knowledge in science, learned or creative professional



2016 FLSA Update

- On May 18, 2016 the U.S. Department of Labor issued a final overtime rule that changes the exempt employee minimum salary to \$47,476 – more than double the old minimum of \$23,660
- New rule effective December 1, 2016
- There were no changes to the duties test



Impact on UoL

- Approximately 1675 (69%) of staff
 Professional and Administration staff fall below \$47,476 threshold
- In order to ensure compliance, we:
 - Reviewed job descriptions of impacted positions
 - Considered impact on annual leave accruals, morale, pay frequency, work-place flexibility, pay ranges, etc.
 - Developed implementation plans with payroll and university systems



Impact on UoL

HIGHER EDUCATION EXCEPTIONS – Exempt from Overtime

- Teachers (Faculty): Primary duty is teaching, tutoring, instructing, or lecturing;
 <u>must</u> meet teacher entry salary requirement
- Academic Administrative: Includes Academic Counselors, Academic Advisors;
 <u>must</u> meet teacher entry salary requirement
- Postdoctoral Researchers: Primary duty is teaching (humanities)
 Note: PostDocs whose primary duty is research (sciences) are not exempt from overtime
- Coaches: Primary duty is teaching/instructing athletes in how to perform their sport; if primary duty is recruiting or manual labor, subject to overtime.
- Academic Administrative Personnel: Administrative functions directly related to instruction or training (i.e. department heads, academic counselors and advisors, etc.)
- Students: Graduate, Research Assistants & Residential assistants



Impact on UoL

 Some positions will switch from Exempt to Non Exempt

- Some positions will remain exempt
 - If position remains exempt individuals in these position who do not meet salary threshold will receive increase to \$47,476



Switching from Exempt to Non Exempt

What will Change?

- All hours worked will be reported, including overtime & time off
- Hours worked beyond 40 hours per week will be paid at time and a half
- Pay frequency will change from monthly to bi-weekly

What Will NOT Change?

 Current employees switching to non-exempt will not see any changes in their leave accruals or benefits



Key Dates

- September 22th 28th: Information Sessions
- Beginning September 29th: All P&A employee will be notified of status
- October: Supervisor & Employee Training
- November 1: Employee Status Change effective
- December 1: Employee salary change effective



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS