

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
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"SHELTERED WORKSHOPS" TEMPORARY EXEMPTION EXTENDED

The present temporary and partial exemption from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act for handicapped workers in "sheltered workshops" was extended today until September 1, 1939, by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

The further exemption was granted to give a committee of 11 members, now studying the desirability of additional regulations to cover employment of these workers, an opportunity to complete its work. This advisory committee, of representatives of organizations caring for handicapped persons, of industry, and of labor, is headed by Colonel John N. Smith, Jr., Director for the Institute of the Crippled and Disabled of New York City.

The term "sheltered workshops" includes only those non-profit charitable organizations and institutions conducted to carry out a recognized program of rehabilitation for handicapped individuals and to provide them with remunerative employment or other occupational rehabilitating activity of an educational or therapeutic nature. Handicapped workers must be paid an amount in the same proportion to the minimum wage of 25 cents an hour which the handicapped individual's earning capacity bears to the earning capacity of a non-handicapped worker. An official notice covering the extension of the exemption appeared in today's Federal Register.

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