

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
Washington

INACTIVE

FOUR MORE WAGE AND HOUR OFFICES AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE HANDICAPPED  
CERTIFICATES

The Boston, Cleveland, Birmingham, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn., regional offices of the Wage and Hour Division have been authorized to grant or deny applications for "handicapped" certificates, Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, announced today.

These certificates allow the employment of persons handicapped for the occupation at which they are employed at less than the minimum rate. Similar authorization was given to seven other regional offices--New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco--on August 23.

"This additional administrative decentralization will facilitate the application of this provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act and is another step in the policy which has been in operation for some time," Colonel Fleming commented.

"We want every bona fide handicapped person whose job may be endangered by the minimum wage provision to have a certificate. Congress wrote this provision in the act so that employees would not be dropped because of a physical or mental handicap or because of age. We have made every effort in Washington to be prompt in handling these exceptions, but delegation of this authority to the field should expedite their handling and give the examiner a better opportunity to determine whether the application is made by a person who is handicapped by a real disability."

###

(5823)