

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

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PUERTO RICAN WAGE-HOUR TERRITORIAL OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE
HANDICAP CERTIFICATES

The Puerto Rican Territorial Office was authorized to grant or deny applications for the employment of handicapped persons at less than the applicable minimum wage in an order issued today by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. (Federal Register, December 10, 1940).

All the Wage and Hour Regional Offices have been authorized to issue handicapped worker certificates, hence this completes the process of decentralization of authority to handle requests for such certificates begun last spring.

The provision for employment of persons handicapped by age or mental or physical deficiency or injury was written into the Fair Labor Standards Act by Congress to protect persons so handicapped from loss of their jobs through inability to earn the minimum wage of 30¢ an hour required by the Act. Colonel Fleming realizes that this protection is a vital protection to the livelihood of these people.

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