

# How do I know if a vendor is required to pay special wages?

Some employers are required to pay workers not less than the prevailing rate of wage and supplemental benefits (fringe benefits) for the occupation at which they are working, in the locality where the work is to be performed. The New York State Department of Labor, Bureau of Public Work is responsible for administration of Articles 8 & 9 of the Labor Law. Prevailing wages apply to construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public property and facilities (Article 8) as well as building service contracts (Article 9). Building Services includes but is not limited to building cleaner, janitor, gardener, groundskeeper, window cleaner and furniture and equipment moving.



[Article 8](#) - Article 8 covers public contracts for construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public property and facilities. There is no threshold contract dollar amount for the law to apply.

[Article 9](#) - Covers building service contracts in excess of \$1,500

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