# The Texas A&M University System Offices Required Employee Notices & Important Reminders

The Texas A&M University System is committed to ensuring the safety and health of its employees and various policies and regulations have been established for that purpose. (Policy and Regulation Library) As an employee, you should be aware of federal and state laws, The Texas A&M University System regulations and System Offices Rules that affect you in the workplace. The following are required notices disseminated annually or information that merits a reminder even though not required by law or regulation.

#### **Equal Employment Opportunity**

Federal regulations require that contractors and subcontractors may notify employees and applicants of their EEO rights electronically and must provide employees with knowledge that the electronically posted notice is otherwise accessible. Equal Employment Opportunity notices are available in English and in Spanish.

# **Compensatory Time Notice**

In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 659.023, we are required to provide employees with information regarding the state's policy on compensatory time. System Regulation 31.01.09 Overtime includes information regarding federal and state compensatory time.

# **Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs**

The Texas A&M University System recognizes the cost of substance abuse to the workplace and is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all employees. Policies and regulations have been developed to minimize accidental injuries to persons or property; minimize absenteeism and tardiness and improve the effective job performance and productivity of all employees; identify resources for alcohol or drug rehabilitation for all employees when appropriate; and provide a program designed to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. Reference the <u>Annual Awareness and Prevention Program Notice to System Offices Employees</u>, as well as System Policy <u>34.02 Drug and Alcohol Abuse</u> and System Regulation <u>34.02.01 Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs</u> for more information.

#### **HIV/AIDS** in the Workplace

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) offers the <u>HIV/AIDS</u> in the <u>Workplace</u> brochure in order to educate employees about HIV/AIDS in the workplace. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus Service Act, Chapter 85, Texas Health and Safety Code, specifies that workplace guidelines be established to ensure that the rights and privileges of individuals infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) are protected. Please see System Regulation <u>34.04.03 HIV/AIDS</u> in the Workplace and Learning Environment.

## **Notice of Privacy Practices for Medical Information**

A federal regulation, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 requires that we provide detailed notice in writing of our privacy practices. This notice located at

http://assets.system.tamus.edu/files/benefits/pdf/hipaaprivacy.pdf describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information.

## **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

This confidential Work/Life Solutions service is available to benefits-eligible System Office staff and anyone living in your household. The service offers in-person and telephonic counseling, training and resources to deal with stressful situations such as parenting, death of a loved one or conflicts at work. Please reference <a href="https://www.tamus.edu/benefits/work-life-solutions/">https://www.tamus.edu/benefits/work-life-solutions/</a> for additional information.

## **Standards of Conduct:**

Standards of Conduct; State Agency Ethics Policy:

https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.572.htm#572.051

**Employee Standards of Conduct:** 

https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2113.htm#2113.014

Prohibited Acts of Agencies and Individuals:

https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.556.htm#556.004

Use of Motor Vehicle:

https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2113.htm#2113.013

External Employment (must be renewed/approved annually each fiscal year). Review System Regulation 31.05.02 External Employment; and submit the System Offices External Employment Application and Approval Form.

Consensual Relationships must be reported to Human Resources. For further information, reference System Regulations <u>07.05.01 Consensual Relationships</u> and <u>07.05 Nepotism</u>.

Current employees must report arrests, charges or convictions as outlined in section 5.2 of the regulation 33.99.14 Criminal History Record Information – Employees and Candidates for <a href="Employment">Employment</a>.

#### **System Offices Human Resources Webpages:**

**Human Resources Forms:** 

https://www.tamus.edu/hr/forms-documents/

Family and Medical Leave Act:

https://www.tamus.edu/business/family-and-medical-leave-act-fmla/

**Notices and Reminders:** 

https://www.tamus.edu/hr/employees/notices-reminders/