



New York State Department of Labor
Kathy Hochul, *Governor*
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SPECIAL NOTICE

DATE: April 2, 2024
FROM: Shaun McCready, Director of Public Work
RE: Special Dispensation for Total Solar Eclipse
TO: All

On April 8, 2024, upstate New York will experience a total solar eclipse for the first time in nearly a century. The path of totality will stretch 124 miles from Chautauqua-Allegheny and Niagara regions to the Adirondacks, drawing millions of spectators from across the state and beyond.


Due to the expected influx of visitors and resulting high volume of traffic for this rare event, the Bureau of Public Work will grant special dispensations upon request for the use of a four ten-hour day work week for April 8 to April 12th only.

The form to request a dispensation can be found at: <https://dol.ny.gov/request-dispensation-work-overtime-pw30>.

Please enter "Total solar eclipse" as the reason for requesting the dispensation and indicate the application is made for the period beginning April 8, 2024, and ending April 12, 2024, to permit operations ten hours per day, 4 days per week. Contractors are required to pay workers at the applicable overtime rate for all hours worked over ten hours per day during this 4-day period.

Because people will be traveling from across the entire state with the potential to cause heavy traffic outside the path of totality, applications for this special dispensation will be accepted for all counties. Please remember, however, that the contracting agency for the public work project must sign off on the application.

Please be safe and enjoy this once in a generation event.


Shaun McCready
Director of Public Work