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In The Spotlight this week!

Basic Agreement Wage Schedules

As of August 3, 2025, the Basic wage rates increase 4% per the terms of the 2024 Basic Agreement. Please see Wage Schedule 1 below as well as links to the complete list of wage schedules on your L728 website. The website Wage Scales page will be updated presently.

[2024-27 IATSE Local 728 Wage Schedules](#)
[Contracts, Agreements & Wages | IATSE Local 728](#)

In solidarity,

Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

2024-27 Local #728 Wage Schedules

Wage Schedule #1: The following studio minimum wage schedule for other than one-half hour prime time dramatic television motion pictures recorded digitally shall be effective for the period commencing with August 3, 2025 to and including August 1, 2026.

| IATSE Studio Electrical Lighting Technicians, Local #728 8/3/25-8/1/26 | | | Studio Minimum Rates | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Schedule A Daily Employees | Schedule B Weekly Employees ¹ | | Schedule C (Exempt) |
| | | | 1-1/2 after 8 and/or 40; Min. Call - 8 Hours | Weekly Guarantee 54 cumulative hours; 5 consecutive days Minimum call - 9 hours | | Weekly "On Call" |
| | | | Regular Basic Hourly Rate | Regular Basic Hourly Rate | Weekly Guarantee | |
| Occ. Code No. | Classification | EDD Code #962 + (Information Only) | Per Hour | Per Hour | Per Week | Per Week |
| 5400 | Gen. Foreman | .362-014 | | | | \$3,414.76 |
| 5401 | Chief Lighting Technician | .363 | \$63.01 | \$62.19 | \$3,793.59 | |
| 5403 | Asst. Chief Lighting Technician | .364 | \$57.20 | \$56.21 | \$3,428.81 | |
| 5411 | Sub-Foreman | | \$59.27 | \$56.21 | \$3,428.81 | |
| 5420 | Assistant Chief Rigging Technician | | \$57.20 | \$56.21 | \$3,428.81 | |
| 5421 | Chief Rigging Technician | .365 | \$63.01 | \$62.19 | \$3,793.59 | |
| 5422 | Lighting Programmer | | \$57.20 | \$56.21 | \$3,428.81 | |
| 5423 | Lighting Plot Draftsperson | | \$57.20 | \$56.21 | \$3,428.81 | |
| 5425 | Running Repair Technician | .367 | \$55.95 | | | |
| 5431 | Special Lighting Technician ² | .368 | \$55.95 | | | |
| 5441 | Gang Boss | | \$55.95 | | | |
| 5451 | Electrical Lighting Technician | .381 | \$54.78 | | | |
| 5452 | Rigging Technician (Off-Production) ³ | .366 | \$54.78 | | | |
| 5453 | Entry Level Employee | | \$48.18 | | | |



STRIKE ALERT ANNOUNCEMENT

Strike Alert at SONY Lot

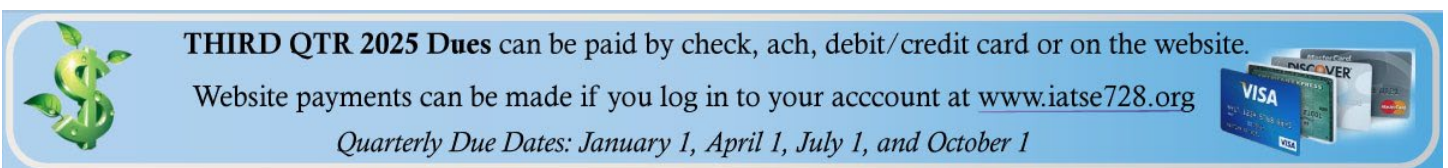
Be advised that Unite HERE picket lines are up at the Sony lot. Their dispute is

with Compass and NOT Sony. Our members should not utilize any services that are covered by HERE or Compass while on the lot. This includes the commissary. A reserve gate will be announced by tomorrow for those working on the lot.

Assistant Business Agent Application

Applications for the position of Assistant Business Agent (ABA) will be accepted until August 8, 2025.

Applications are available at the following link: [Assistant Business Agent Job Application](#)



Free Peer Support Group for Fire Impacted Individuals

NAMI San Gabriel Valley will begin to host monthly peer support groups for those affected by the Eaton Fire, offering a space for shared experiences and healing. Held via Zoom every third Tuesday of the month from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM.

As we approach six months since the devastating fire in the Altadena area, these gatherings will provide an opportunity to process ongoing challenges with understanding facilitators—many of whom have firsthand experience navigating similar hardships. Support group schedules may be adjusted based on interest

and need.

To attend the support group use the Zoom meeting ID 82656151783 or use this [link](#).



NAMI San Gabriel Valley
National Alliance on Mental Illness
An Affiliate of Greater Los Angeles County

Introducing a
new monthly

Fire Peer Support Group

**No obligations | No cost |
No registration required.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82656151783>
Meeting ID number: 826 5615 1783
Meeting link is also available by scanning the QR code.



 **Offered virtually monthly, every THIRD
TUESDAY. BEGINS JULY 15, 5:30–7 pm**

 info@namisgv.org  626-365-0365  Online

Behind The Scenes | Explore Career Options

With work at historic lows, many members are looking for additional opportunities to work while we wait for more shows to return to LA. We have specialized skills that can be transferable. Behind The Scenes has a great selection of resources under the "Career Expansion/Transition" tab. Check it out!

btshelp.org/career

Short, Mid, and Long Term Strategies to help you plan, prioritize, create manageable steps and take action:

[Next Steps: Strategies for Earning and Planning](#)

The following link has resume tips, Industry career support, finding industry jobs and more:

[Tools for Next Steps](#)

Is it time for a change?

**Tools to help you
explore career options**

btshelp.org/career

Action: Sign the IATSE Local B-192 Petition in Favor of Dodgers Tour Guides Receiving Fair Wages & Benefits

Despite Dodger tour guide's essential role, they're being underpaid and unfairly treated. The Dodgers are trying to take away existing benefits - benefits that were promised as part of the job - simply because the guides voted to unionize.

Signing this petition means standing up for fairness, decency, and the workers who make the Dodgers experience great.

[Sign the Petition](#)



Upcoming Events

ADG Local 800 | Blood Drive

Join the ADG Local 800 in giving back to Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the ADG Blood Drive on Friday, August 15th.

When: Friday, August 15th

Time: 10AM - 3:45PM

Location: Art Directors Guild | 11969 Ventura Blvd, 1st Floor | Studio City, CA 91604

Appointments: [Click Here](#)

Blood Donor Qualifications can be found [here](#)

**1 PINT OF
BLOOD CAN
SAVE UP TO
2 OF OUR
PATIENTS'
LIVES.**





Date: Friday, August 15, 2025

Time: 10am - 3:45pm

Hosted By: Art Directors Guild

Location: 11969 Ventura Blvd. Studio City 91604



To schedule an appointment,
visit CHLAdonateblood.org or call us at **323-361-2441**.

DONATE BLOOD TODAY!

Every month, Children's Hospital Los Angeles has to collect 2,000 units of blood products to meet the needs of its patients. Please schedule an appointment for our upcoming blood drive, where each donation can help two children, and you can double your efforts by bringing a friend!

DONOR REQUIREMENTS

- At least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds
- Must provide valid photo ID (driver's license preferred)
- Should be well hydrated and feeling healthy

Please contact us if you are on any medications, have an existing medical condition or recently traveled outside the United States.

Techquity Showcase #3 | August 16th

Join us for a mini Cine Gear product demo! Aava Dental, General Lighting Dynamics (GLD), Betty Lights, REON and other vendors to be announced.

When: Saturday, August 16th

Time: 10AM - 2PM

Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506

[Techquity Showcase | IATSE Local 728](#)



The poster features a dark blue background with a yellow and white geometric pattern on the left and right sides. The main title "techquity showcase" is in a large, stylized, yellow and white font. Below the title, the text "DON'T MISS THE FINAL TWO!" and "AUGUST 16 & OCTOBER 18" is displayed in white. Three small photographs show people at a trade show. At the bottom, the IATSE Local 728 logo is on the left, the text "10AM-2PM" and "IATSE LOCAL 728" is in the center, and the text "PREMIER SPONSOR" and "Aava DENTAL" is on the right. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

techquity showcase

DON'T MISS THE FINAL TWO!
AUGUST 16 & OCTOBER 18



10AM-2PM
IATSE LOCAL 728

PREMIER SPONSOR
Aava DENTAL



Save the Date | Day at the Ranch

Join us for a great family picnic and help raise funds for MPTF's programs and services. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details coming your way.

When: Sunday, November 16th

Time: 11AM- 3PM

Location: Calamigos Ranch | Malibu, CA

[MPTF | dayattheranch](https://mptf.com/dayattheranch)



MPTF & IATSE PRESENT

DAY AT THE RANCH

FAMILY PICNIC AT CALAMIGOS RANCH

MPTF IATSE





Sunday, November 16, 2025
Calamigos Ranch
11:00am - 3:00pm • Lunch from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Join us for a fun family picnic as we raise funds and celebrate MPTF's 100 years of service!

[MPTF.com/DayAtTheRanch](https://mptf.com/DayAtTheRanch)
for tickets and sponsorship information



Contact events@mptf.com
with any questions or for more information

Union Resources

IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including: Unemployment/Disability Insurance, Sick Dues, Life Insurance, Honorable Withdrawal, MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans, Motion Picture & Television Fund, Assistance Information

[Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#) (Log-in for access)

Food Distribution & Assistance

Labor Community Services continues to have food distributions for those facing hardship or food insecurity. For upcoming dates and times, please continue to check the following link (updates regularly)

[Events | Labor Community Services](#)

To locate a pantry near you and for information on LA Regional Food Bank, CalFresh, Meals on Wheels, WIC, and more, click on the following link.

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

Mental Health Tools and Resources

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Optum Mental Health Resources | Accessible all year-round](#)

[Mental Health First Aid Resources](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes Video](#)

[Behind the Scenes - Supporting Mental Health and Wellness](#)

Log-in for access to the following:

[MPI's Mental Health and Wellness Resources](#)

[Wondr Health- Cope Better, Stress Less](#)

[CALM Subscription Information](#)

[Optum- Tools and Videos related to Mental Health](#)

Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions-EHISCA

If you are in need of alternative to employer provided health insurance, please reach out to Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions at MPTF. Their staff is trained to assist members of the entertainment community navigate the complex California health insurance marketplace.

ehisca.com

IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response

iatse.net/socal-fires/

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

Union Plus | Health Discounts for Union Members

Check out the list of Union Plus Health Discounts for Union Members and their families.

unionplus.org/benefits/health

IATSE PAC

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The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not.

Donate today! L728.co/iatsepac

[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)



In Memoriam

Celebration of Life | Frank Krejsa Jr.

A Celebration of life for Frank Krejsa Jr. will be held in Burbank, CA on October 10th.

When: Friday, October 10th

Time: 6PM -10PM

Location: Burbank Elk's Lodge 1497 | 2232 N Hollywood Way | Burbank, CA 91505

Details and RSVP [HERE](#)

Notice of member passing and Celebration of Life information, [click here](#)

