

# THEATRICAL DIRECTORS - LOW BUDGET SIDELETTER

Rates Effective July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

<b>Level 1 &amp; 2</b>	On motion pictures with budgets equal to or less than \$2,600,000: The Director's initial compensation, daily rate and preparation time will be subject to negotiation between Employer and the Director.		
<b>Level 3</b>	On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$2,600,000 but equal to or less than \$3,750,000: The Director's initial compensation shall be no less than \$75,000 for a minimum guarantee of 13 weeks. The minimum compensation for a Second Unit Director is \$1,500 per day.		
<b>Levels 4A &amp; 4B</b>	On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$3,750,000 but equal to or less than \$8,500,000, Directors have a minimum guarantee of 13 weeks and may be paid a salary, along with 2nd Unit Directors, no less than the amount in this chart which is 75% of the applicable minimum salary in Article 3 of the BA (as follows):	Weekly Salary @ 75%	\$17,140
		Guaranteed Preparation Period	2 Weeks
		Guaranteed Employment Period	10 Weeks
		Guaranteed Cutting Allowance	1 Week
		Compensation for Days Worked Beyond Guarantee	\$3,428
		Daily Employment Where Permitted	\$4,285
<b>Level 4C</b>	On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$8,500,000 but equal to or less than \$11,000,000, Directors have a minimum guarantee of 13 weeks and may be paid a salary, along with 2nd Unit Directors, no less than the amount in this chart which is 90% of the applicable minimum salary in Article 3 of the BA (as follows):	Weekly Salary @ 90%	\$20,568
		Guaranteed Preparation Period	2 Weeks
		Guaranteed Employment Period	10 Weeks
		Guaranteed Cutting Allowance	1 Week
		Compensation for Days Worked Beyond Guarantee	\$4,114
		Daily Employment Where Permitted	\$5,142
<b>Cutting Allowance Levels 1 &amp; 2</b>	Employer shall provide the same number of days for the accomplishment of the Director's Cut as were provided for principal photography, but in no event shall the period of the Director's cut be less than 20 days, followed by a screening of the Director's Cut pursuant to BA Paragraph 7-505(d).		
<b>Cutting Allowance Level 3</b>	Employer shall provide a minimum 8 week period for the accomplishment of the Director's Cut, followed by a screening of the Director's Cut pursuant to BA Paragraph 7-505(d).		
<b>Cutting Allowance Level 4</b>	Full 10 weeks for the Director's Cut.		
<b>Travel</b>	<p>Coach for (a) all on-stop flights of less than 1,000 air miles from departure point to final destination; (b) flights between Los Angeles and Vancouver; or (c) flights of less than 1,000 air miles between the United States and either Toronto or Vancouver. Except as noted above, travel will be business class for non-stop domestic or foreign flights of 1,000 or more miles from departure point to final destination.</p> <p>If an Employee covered under this Agreement is traveling on the same flight as another employee employed on the same production by the same Employer and the other employee is entitled to travel in a higher class of transportation pursuant to the minimum terms of the collective bargaining agreement under which he/she is employed, then the Employee shall be upgraded to the same class of transportation as is afforded to the other employee.</p>		
<b>Sequel Payment:</b>	<p>If Employer produces a theatrical motion picture which is a sequel to a theatrical motion picture covered under the DGA Low Budget Sideletter, the Employer will pay to the Director of the original theatrical motion picture upon commencement of principal photography of the sequel theatrical motion picture, an amount equal to \$10,000 if the sequel theatrical motion picture is produced at Levels 1, 2 or 3, or \$20,000 if the sequel theatrical motion picture is produced at Level 4 above, provided (1) the original theatrical motion picture and the sequel are produced by the same Employer; (2) principal photography of the original theatrical motion picture commenced on or after July 1, 2020; and (3) the sequel issued on an original screenplay which utilizes the leading character or characters of the original theatrical motion picture in a substantially different story. Only one payment shall be due, irrespective of the number of sequel theatrical motion pictures produced. If the Director of the original theatrical motion picture also directs the sequel, the amount payable pursuant to this provision shall be credited against compensation payable to the Director of the sequel.</p>		
<b>Pension &amp; Health</b>	Employer will contribute 8.5% to the Pension Plan and 10.5% to the Health Plan		

## AD/UPM RATES - LOW BUDGET SIDELETTER

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<b>Level 1</b>	<b>A</b>	For pictures with budgets of \$500,000 or less, initial compensation is negotiable provided the salary paid for any hour of work shall in no event be less than the applicable federal or state minimum wage.	
<b>Level 1</b>	<b>B</b>	On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$500,000 but equal to or less than \$1,100,000, initial compensation shall be no less than 33% of the minimum weekly salaries in Paragraph 13-101(a) of the BA (see following schedule), provided that the salary paid for any hour of work shall in no event be less than the applicable federal or state minimum wage:	DAILY RATES ARE 1/4 OF THE WEEKLY RATES (BELOW):
			UPM \$2,153
			1A \$2,047
			Key 2A \$1,371
			All other 2A \$936
<b>Level 2</b>		On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$1,100,000 but equal to or less than \$2,600,000, initial compensation shall be no less than 50% of the minimum weekly salaries in Paragraph 13-101(a) of the BA, provided that the salary paid for any hour of work shall in no event be less than the federal or state minimum wage. Production Fees for the UPM, 1AD and Key 2nd AD is \$25 per week. Any 2AD hired in addition to the Key 2AD may be paid no less than 50% of the minimum weekly salary for an Add'l 2AD (see following schedule):	DAILY RATES ARE 1/4 OF THE WEEKLY RATES (BELOW):
			UPM \$3,262
			1A \$3,101
			Key 2A \$2,078
			All other 2A \$1,194
<b>Level 3</b>		On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$2,600,000 but equal to or less than \$3,750,000, initial compensation shall be no less than 60% of the minimum weekly salaries in Paragraph 13-101(a) of the BA, provided that the salary paid for any hour of work shall in no event be less than the federal or state minimum wage. Production Fees for the UPM and 1AD is \$200 per week; and \$150 per week for the Key 2AD (see the following schedule):	DAILY RATES ARE 1/4 OF THE WEEKLY RATES (BELOW):
			UPM \$3,914
			1A \$3,721
			Key 2A \$2,494
			All other 2A \$1,433

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**Level  
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**A**

On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$3,750,000 but equal to or less than \$5,500,000, initial compensation and production fees shall be no less than 70% of the minimum weekly salaries and production fees in Paragraphs 13-101(a) & (b) of the BA (see following schedule), provided that the salary paid for any hour of work shall in no event be less than the federal or state minimum wage:

<b>Rates Effective July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024</b>	<b>UNIT PRODUCTION MANAGER</b>		<b>FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>KEY SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>SECOND SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>ADDITIONAL SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>	
Weekly Studio Salary	\$4,566		\$4,341		\$2,909		\$2,746		\$1,672	
Weekly Location Salary	\$6,393		\$6,073		\$4,066		\$3,840		\$2,345	
Weekly Production Fee, Studio	\$990		\$806		\$613		\$0		\$0	
Weekly Production Fee, Location	\$1,179		\$990		\$806		\$0		\$0	
Daily Employment Salary, Studio	\$1,142		\$1,085		\$727		\$687		\$418	
Daily Employment Salary, Location	\$1,598		\$1,518		\$1,016		\$960		\$586	
Daily Employment Production Fee Studio/Location	\$247	\$295	\$201	\$247	\$153	\$201	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Level  
4**

**B**

On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$5,500,000 but equal to or less than \$8,500,000, initial compensation and production fees shall be no less than 80% of the minimum weekly salaries and production fees in Paragraphs 13-101(a) & (b) of the BA (see following schedule), provided that the salary paid for any hour of work shall in no event be less than the federal or state minimum wage:

<b>Rates Effective July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024</b>	<b>UNIT PRODUCTION MANAGER</b>		<b>FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>KEY SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>SECOND SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>ADDITIONAL SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>	
Weekly Studio Salary	\$5,218		\$4,962		\$3,325		\$3,138		\$1,910	
Weekly Location Salary	\$7,306		\$6,940		\$4,646		\$4,389		\$2,680	
Weekly Production Fee, Studio	\$1,131		\$921		\$701		\$0		\$0	
Weekly Production Fee, Location	\$1,347		\$1,131		\$921		\$0		\$0	
Daily Employment Salary, Studio	\$1,305		\$1,240		\$831		\$785		\$478	
Daily Employment Salary, Location	\$1,827		\$1,735		\$1,162		\$1,097		\$670	
Daily Employment Production Fee Studio/Location	\$283	\$337	\$230	\$283	\$175	\$230	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Level  
4**

**C**

On motion pictures with budgets greater than \$8,500,000 but equal to or less than \$11,000,000, initial compensation and production fees shall be no less than 90% of the minimum weekly salaries and production fees in Paragraphs 13-101(a) & (b) of the BA (see following schedule), provided that the salary paid for any hour of work shall in no event be less than the federal or state minimum wage:

<b>Rates Effective July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024</b>	<b>UNIT PRODUCTION MANAGER</b>		<b>FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>KEY SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>SECOND SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>		<b>ADDITIONAL SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>	
Weekly Studio Salary	\$5,871		\$5,582		\$3,740		\$3,531		\$2,149	
Weekly Location Salary	\$8,220		\$7,808		\$5,227		\$4,937		\$3,015	
Weekly Production Fee, Studio	\$1,273		\$1,036		\$788		\$0		\$0	
Weekly Production Fee, Location	\$1,516		\$1,273		\$1,036		\$0		\$0	
Daily Employment Salary, Studio	\$1,468		\$1,395		\$935		\$883		\$537	
Daily Employment Salary, Location	\$2,055		\$1,952		\$1,307		\$1,234		\$754	
Daily Employment Production Fee Studio/Location	\$318	\$379	\$259	\$318	\$197	\$259	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Low Budget Terms	Level 1(a) (≤ \$500k)	Level 1(b) (> \$500k but ≤ \$1.1m)	Level 2 (> \$1.1m but ≤ \$2.6m)	Level 3 (> \$2.6m but ≤ \$3.75m)
Production Fee	Not Required	Not Required	UPM = \$25/wk; 1AD & Key 2AD = \$25/wk	UPM & 1AD = \$200/wk; Key 2AD = \$150/wk
Studio: Work on 6th or 7th day	Work week is 5 days. 6th & 7th days each paid at straight time (1/5 of weekly rate for weekly employees)	Work week is 5 days. 6th & 7th days each paid at straight time (1/5 of weekly rate for weekly employees)	Work week is 5 days. 6th & 7th days each paid at straight time (1/5 of weekly rate for weekly employees)	Work week is 5 days. 6th day paid at straight time. 7th day paid at 150% of straight time
Distant Location: Work on 6th or 7th day	Work week is 5 days. 6th & 7th days each paid at straight time (1/5 of weekly rate for weekly employees)	Work week is 5 days. 6th & 7th days each paid at straight time (1/5 of weekly rate for weekly employees)	Work week is 5 days. 6th & 7th days each paid at straight time (1/5 of weekly rate for weekly employees)	Work week is 5 days. 6th day paid at straight time. 7th day paid at 150% of straight time
Rest Period	Yes, per BA 13-116	Yes, per BA 13-116	Yes, per BA 13-116	Yes, per BA 13-116
Vacation Pay Fringe of 4%	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Holiday Work	Paid at 200% of day rate if work on DGA Holiday; no pay for not working DGA Holiday w/in workweek	Paid at 200% of day rate if work on DGA Holiday; no pay for not working DGA Holiday w/in workweek	Paid at 200% of day rate if work on DGA Holiday; no pay for not working DGA Holiday w/in workweek	BA 13-113 applies (e.g., 200% of day rate or additional 1/5 of the studio rate when on distant location if work DGA Holiday; paid for not working DGA Holiday w/in workweek)
Unworked Holiday Pay Fringe of 4% (4.583% eff. 1/1/2024)	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Completion of Assignment Pay (COA) (summary, next page)	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Yes. BA 13-103 & 13-104 apply
Dinner Allowance	\$31 payment unless Employer provides meals, including "walking meals"	\$31 payment unless Employer provides meals, including "walking meals"	\$31 payment unless Employer provides meals, including "walking meals"	\$31 payment unless Employer provides meals, including "walking meals"
Distant Location Housing	Accommodations shall be first class or best available	Accommodations shall be first class or best available	Accommodations shall be first class or best available	Accommodations shall be first class or best available
Per Diem on Distant Location	No less than the higher of SAG or IA (e.g., \$70/day)	No less than the higher of SAG or IA (e.g., \$70/day)	No less than the higher of SAG or IA (e.g., \$70/day)	No less than the higher of SAG or IA (e.g., \$70/day)
Incidental Allowance on Distant Location	Negotiable	Negotiable	Negotiable	Negotiable
Mileage	\$0.30 cents/mile; however, no mileage in Los Angeles 30-mile zone unless any other cast or crew receive it	\$0.30 cents/mile; however, no mileage in Los Angeles 30-mile zone unless any other cast or crew receive it	\$0.30 cents/mile; however, no mileage in Los Angeles 30-mile zone unless any other cast or crew receive it	\$0.30 cents/mile; however, no mileage in Los Angeles 30-mile zone unless any other cast or crew receive it
2AD Wrap Allowance	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Minimum Prep Time	Negotiable, but no less than what is needed	Negotiable, but no less than what is needed	Not less than 7 days for 1AD and 3 days for Key 2AD unless additional days are needed or negotiated	Not less than 10 days for 1AD and 5 days for Key 2AD unless additional days are needed or negotiated
Aircraft Flight & Underwater Work Allowance for 1ADs & 2ADs	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Yes, per BA 13-210 & 13-211 (\$185/flight & \$185/dive or descent)

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# AD/UPM INFORMATION - LOW BUDGET SIDELETTER (continued)

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Low Budget Terms	Level 4(a) (> \$3.75m but ≤ \$5.5m)	Level 4(b) (> \$5.5m but ≤ \$8.5m)	Level 4(c) (> \$8.5m but ≤ \$11m)
Production Fee	70% of BA minimums for UPM, 1AD & Key 2AD	80% of BA minimums for UPM, 1AD & Key 2AD	90% of BA minimums for UPMs, 1AD & Key 2AD
Studio: Work on 6th or 7th day	Work week is 5 days. BA 13-112(a) applies (e.g., 6th day paid add'l 150% of day rate or 1/5 of weekly rate, and 7th day add'l 200% of day rate or 1/5 of weekly rate)	Work week is 5 days. BA 13-112(a) applies (e.g., 6th day paid add'l 150% of day rate or 1/5 of weekly rate, and 7th day add'l 200% of day rate or 1/5 of weekly rate)	Work week is 5 days. BA 13-112(a) applies (e.g., 6th day paid add'l 150% of day rate or 1/5 of weekly rate, and 7th day add'l 200% of day rate or 1/5 of weekly rate)
Distant Location: Work on 6th or 7th day	Work week is 6 days. BA 13-112(b) & 13-101(b) apply (e.g., 7th day paid add'l 1/5 of studio weekly rate; prod fee add'l 1/6 location wkly prod fee)	Work week is 6 days. BA 13-112(b) & 13-101(b) apply (e.g., 7th day paid add'l 1/5 of studio weekly rate; prod fee add'l 1/6 location wkly prod fee)	Work week is 6 days. BA 13-112(b) & 13-101(b) apply (e.g., 7th day paid add'l 1/5 of studio weekly rate; prod fee add'l 1/6 location wkly prod fee)
Rest Period	Yes, per BA 13-116	Yes, per BA 13-116	Yes, per BA 13-116
Vacation Pay Fringe of 4%	Not Required	Not Required	Yes, at 4% per BA 13-601
Holiday Work	BA 13-113 applies (e.g., 200% of day rate or additional 1/5 of the studio rate when on distant location if work DGA Holiday; paid for not working DGA Holiday w/in workweek)	BA 13-113 applies (e.g., 200% of day rate or additional 1/5 of the studio rate when on distant location if work DGA Holiday; paid for not working DGA Holiday w/in workweek)	BA 13-113 applies (e.g., 200% of day rate or additional 1/5 of the studio rate when on distant location if work DGA Holiday; paid for not working DGA Holiday w/in workweek)
Unworked Holiday Pay Fringe of 4% (4.583% eff. 1/1/2024)	Not Required	Not Required	Yes, at 4% (4.583% eff. 1/1/2024) per BA 13-115
Completion of Assignment Pay (COA) (summary, next page)	Yes. BA 13-103 & 13-104 apply	Yes. BA 13-103 & 13-104 apply	Yes. BA 13-103 & 13-104 apply
Dinner Allowance	\$31 payment unless Employer provides meals, including "walking meals"	\$31 payment unless Employer provides meals, including "walking meals"	\$31 payment unless Employer provides meals, including "walking meals"
Distant Location Housing	Accommodations shall be first class or best available	Accommodations shall be first class or best available	Accommodations shall be first class or best available
Per Diem on Distant Location	No less than the higher of SAG or IA (e.g., \$70/day)	No less than the higher of SAG or IA (e.g., \$70/day)	No less than the higher of SAG or IA (e.g., \$70/day)
Incidental Allowance on Distant Location	Not Required	Not Required	\$23/day on distant location and travel days
Mileage	\$0.30 cents/mile; however, no mileage in Los Angeles 30-mile zone unless any other cast or crew receive it	\$0.30 cents/mile; however, no mileage in Los Angeles 30-mile zone unless any other cast or crew receive it	\$0.30 cents/mile; however, no mileage in Los Angeles 30-mile zone unless any other cast or crew receive it
2AD Wrap Allowance	Not Required	Not Required	\$59/day as per BA13-118
Minimum Prep Time	Not less than 15 days for 1AD and 7 days for Key 2AD unless additional days are needed or negotiated	Not less than 15 days for 1AD and 7 days for Key 2AD unless additional days are needed or negotiated	Not less than 15 days for 1AD and 7 days for Key 2AD unless additional days are needed or negotiated
Aircraft Flight & Underwater Work Allowance for 1ADs & 2ADs	Yes, per BA 13-210 & 13-211 (\$185/flight & \$185/dive or descent)	Yes, per BA 13-210 & 13-211 (\$185/flight & \$185/dive or descent)	Yes, per BA 13-210 & 13-211 (\$185/flight & \$185/dive or descent)

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<b>TRAVEL:</b>	<p>Coach for (a) all non-stop flights of less than 1,000 air miles from departure point to final destination; (b) flights between Los Angeles and Vancouver; or (c) flights of less than 1,000 air miles between the United States and either Toronto or Vancouver. Except as noted above, travel will be business class for non-stop domestic or foreign flights of 1,000 or more miles from departure point to final destination.</p> <p>If an Employee covered under this Agreement is traveling on the same flight as another employee employed on the same production by the same Employer and the other employee is entitled to travel in a higher class of transportation pursuant to the minimum terms of the collective bargaining agreement under which they are employed, then the DGA-covered Employee shall be upgraded to the same class of transportation.</p>
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## EXTENDED WORKDAYS - Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4

<b>UPM</b>	Any UPM who works more than 16 hours before being dismissed shall receive an additional day's salary for each 4 hour period or portion thereof worked beyond 16 hours. Such salary in all cases shall be 1/5 of the studio work week rate and shall be excluded from all other computations.
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	<b>Workday Begins</b>	<b>Workday Ends</b>	<b>Hours Worked</b>
<b>1AD</b>	General Crew Call	Camera Wrap (plus travel time on distant location or "bus-to" local location).	A 1AD who works more than 13 hours and up to 15 hours before being dismissed shall receive an additional 1/2 day's salary. If such 1AD works more than 15 hours and up to 19 hours before being dismissed, that 1AD shall receive another additional 1/2 day's salary. If such 1AD works beyond 19 hours, that 1AD shall receive another additional full day's salary for each 4 hour period or fraction thereof worked.

	<b>Workday Begins</b>	<b>Workday Ends</b>	<b>Hours Worked - One 2AD Assigned to Shooting Unit</b>	<b>Hours Worked - Two or More 2ADs Assigned to Shooting Unit</b>
<b>Key 2nd AD &amp; 2nd AD</b>	At earlier of General Crew Call, Make-up Personnel Call, or Hair Dressing Personnel Call	1 hour after camera wrap (plus travel time to distant location or "bus-to" local location).	Any 2AD who works more than 13 hours and up to 15 hours shall receive an additional 1/2 day's salary. If such 2AD works more than 15 hours and up to 19 hours, that 2AD shall receive another full day's salary. If such 2AD works beyond 19 hours, that 2AD shall receive another day's salary for each 4 hours or portion thereof worked.	A 2nd AD who works more than 15 hours shall receive an additional day's salary for each 4 hour period or portion thereof worked beyond 15 hours.
<b>Additional 2AD</b>	Any Additional 2A who works more than 15 hours before being dismissed shall receive an additional day's salary for each 4 hour period or portion thereof worked beyond 15 hours. Such salary in all cases shall be 1/5 of the studio work week rate and shall be excluded from all other computations.			

## COMPLETION OF ASSIGNMENT ("COA") - Levels 3 and 4

<b>UPMs, 1ADs, Key 2nd ADs, and 2 2ADs</b>	<p>These Employees are entitled to an additional week's salary upon completion of assignment if employed two or more consecutive weeks or 2 1/2 days salary if employed at least five consecutive days but less than two consecutive weeks. COA pay shall be based on actual (including overscale) salary paid, excluding production fee, extended day, and rest period invasion payments, and shall be computed by totaling all compensation earned (including upgrade salaries) and dividing the total thereof by the number of weeks worked.</p> <p>No COA is paid for a hiatus of at least one week over Christmas/New Years so long as (1) the Employee receives unworked holiday pay for Christmas Day and New Years Day; (2) the hiatus is a maximum of two consecutive weeks plus 2 additional weekdays beyond 2 weeks. With a waiver from the Guild, a 3rd consecutive hiatus week may be permitted; and (3) if on location, the Employer will provide travel to/from location or will provide per diem and housing if the Employer agrees that Employee remains on location.</p>
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## PENSION AND HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRAINING PLAN / QUALIFICATIONS LIST CONTRIBUTIONS

Company will contribute 8.5% to the Pension Plan, 10.5% to the Health Plan. Effective July 23, 2023, the Company will contribute an additional 3/8% to the DGA-Producer Training Plan (West) on behalf of all AD/UPMs employed. Company will also contribute 1/8% to DGACA on behalf of all ADs and UPMs employed in the Southern California area; and 1/4% to DGACA-East for all ADs and UPMs employed in the NY QL area. The Employee contributes 2.5% to the Pension Plan which shall be deducted by the Employer from the salary of such Employee. The Employer also contributes 14.5% to the Health Plan on Vacation Pay and Completion of Assignment.
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