

be considered to be engaged in the actual performance of such labor on that day. For purposes of the regulations in this section, a day is a period of 24 hours commencing at midnight and ending at midnight.

*Example.* During the period of 20 days beginning April 11, 1957 and ending April 30, 1957, employee A was employed by employer X to perform agricultural labor on X's farm. The agreement provided that A would be furnished room and board at the farm and would be paid cash wages of \$150 per month. On one day during the 20-day period A was sick and unable to work, and on another day X directed A to refrain from work because of weather conditions. At the termination of A's employment X paid A cash wages of \$100 for the full 20-day period. The 20-day test had been met and the \$100 cash wages were subject to the taxes.

(3) If in any one calendar year an employee performs agricultural labor for more than one employer, the 20-day test is to be applied with respect to the agricultural labor performed by the employee in such year for each employer.

(f) *Meaning of "cash remuneration."* Cash remuneration includes checks and other monetary media of exchange. Cash remuneration does not include payments made in any other medium, such as lodging, food, clothing, car tokens, transportation passes or tickets, farm products, or other goods or commodities.

(g) *Cross references.* (1) For provisions relating to deductions of employee tax or amounts equivalent to the tax from cash payments for agricultural labor, see § 31.3102-1.

(2) For provisions relating to the time of payment of wages for agricultural labor, see § 31.3121(a)-2.

(3) For provisions relating to records to be kept with respect to agricultural labor, see paragraph (b) of § 31.6001-2.

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**§ 31.3121(a)(9)-1 Payments to employees for nonwork periods.**

(a) The term "wages" does not include any payment (other than vacation or sick pay) made by an employer to an employee for a period throughout which the employment relationship exists between the employer and the employee, but in which the employee does not work (other than being subject to

call for the performance of work) for the employer, if such payment is made after the calendar month in which—

(1) The employee attains age 65, if the employee is a man to whom the payment is made before January 1975, or if the employee is a woman to whom the payment is made before November 1956, or

(2) The employee attains age 62, if the employee is a man to whom the payment is made after December 1974, or if the employee is a woman to whom the payment is made after October 1956.

(b) Vacation or sick pay is not within this exclusion from wages. If the employee does any work for the employer in the period for which the payment is made, no remuneration paid by such employer to such employee with respect to such period is within this exclusion from wages.

*Example.* Mrs. A, an employee of X, attained the age of 62 on September 15, 1956, and discontinued the performance of regular work for X on September 30, 1956. Their employment relationship continued for several years until Mrs. A's death, and X paid Mrs. A \$50 per month as consideration for Mrs. A's agreement to work when asked by X. The payment for each month was made on the first day of each succeeding month. After September 30, 1956, the only work performed by Mrs. A for X was performed on one day in October 1956. The payment made by X to Mrs. A on November 1 (for October 1956) is not excluded from wages under this exception, but the payments made thereafter are excluded from wages. The payment on November 1 was not excluded because Mrs. A worked for X on one day in October 1956. (Inasmuch as Mrs. A had attained age 62 in September 1956, the November 1 payment would have been excluded if Mrs. A had not performed any work for X in October 1956.)

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**§ 31.3121(a)(10)-1 Payments to certain home workers.**

(a) The term "wages" does not include remuneration paid by an employer in any calendar quarter to an employee—

(1) For services performed after 1954 as a home worker who is an employee by reason of the provisions of section 3121(d)(3)(C) (see paragraph (d) of § 31.3121(d)-1), or