

《职校生实习工资设底线 不得低于试用工资80%》

China will protect the interests of student interns from vocational schools by stipulating the minimum wage during their internships, the Ministry of Education (MOE) announced on last Wednesday.

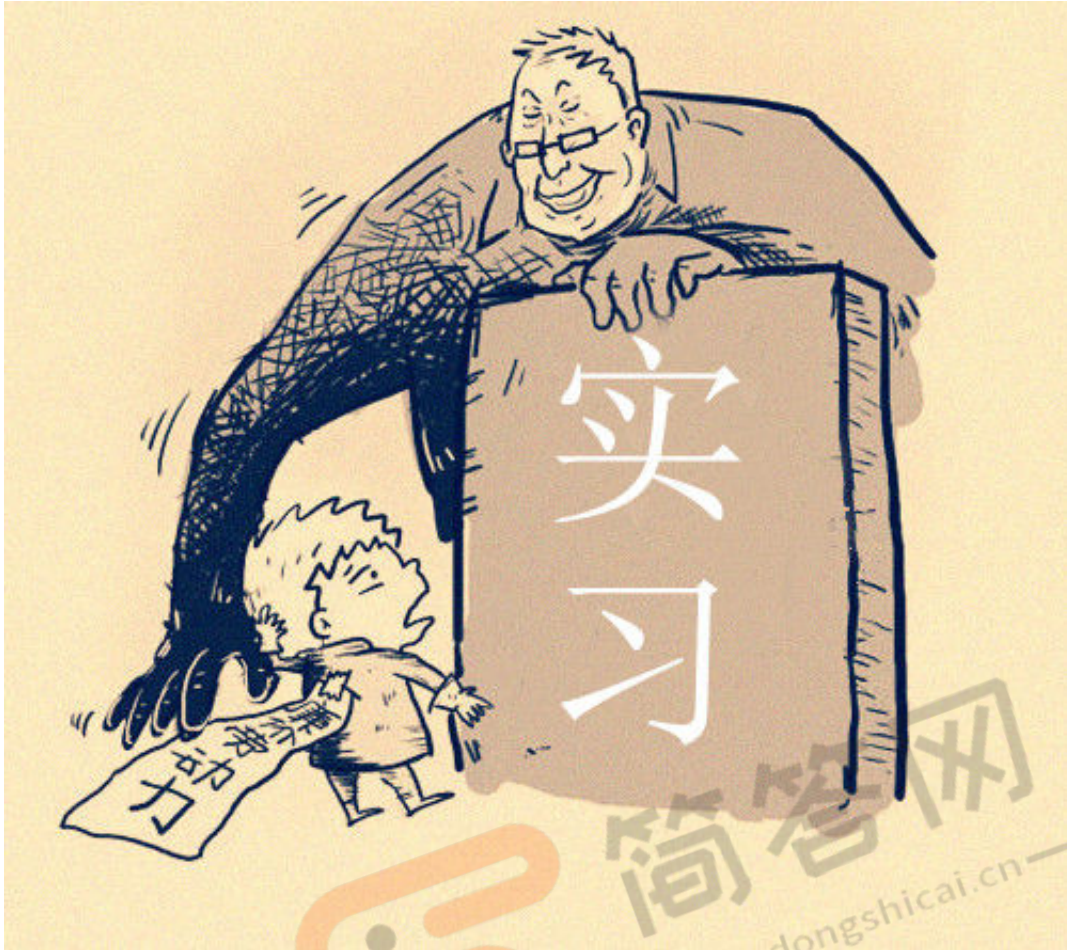
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The salary for student interns should be no less than 80 percent of the probationary wage for regular employees in the same position, said a circular co-released by the MOE along with another four central departments.

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The regulation is the first of its kind, aimed at avoiding exploitation of students through cheap labor, the ministry said.

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Vocational schools and employers hiring interns are also forbidden from charging deposits of anykind, including salary commissions and management fees, the regulation said.

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Student interns should account for no more than 20 percent of total employees in a company, and internships in entertainment venues such as bars, night clubs and bath centers are strictly prohibited, according to the regulation.

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Interns, vocational schools and employers must sign a tripartite agreement before the internship to draw clear lines of responsibility and protect students' rights.

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