

# BROADWAY ASSISTANT DESIGNERS



All Assistant Designers working on a Broadway production should be contracted under the USA Broadway Assistant Cover Sheet at the below **Minimum Assistant Designer Weekly and Daily Rates**:

	As of December 29, 2025	As of January 4, 2027	As of January 3, 2028
Weekly	\$2,027	\$2,088	\$2,150
Daily	\$338	\$348	\$358

\*Assistant Designers must be contracted for three full weeks before they can be contracted on a daily basis.

\*\*Assistant Designers may negotiate a rate above the minimum, called "Overscale".

\*\*\*Assistant Designers may be contracted on a daily rate for "a small dramatic show - defined as a single scripted location and one to three characters". The minimum daily rate is the same as above.

At the commencement of load-in, and at the approval of the General Manager, Assistant Designers must be paid for additional work on a "7th Day" of the week (A week is defined as Monday thru Sunday).

This rate shall not be less than 1.5 times the daily rate.

At the commencement of load-in, Assistant Designers may not work thru a meal break without the approval of the Producer. If approved, Assistant Designers are entitled to a \$35 meal penalty. If the Production provides a meal, no penalty is due.

If at least three (3) weeks of Assistant Designer work is contracted in a department, then an overhire Assistant Designer may be engaged in that department.

When an Assistant Designer is performing work as an Operator, their services are not covered under the USA 829 Broadway agreement. However, the weeks worked count toward the 3 week threshold for overhire Assistants.

## Assistant Designer Work Plan

- Designers and Assistant Designers will submit a work plan prior to the commencement of work which will include schedule and agreed upon compensation.
- The work plan will include a schedule for the work in order to ensure consistency with agreed upon compensation and to avoid miscommunication between Designer, Assistant, and Producer regarding the work flow.
- The work plan will be attached to the Assistant Designer's Coversheet and/or rider.
- Example work plan templates can be found on the USA 829 website.
- Important: If additional time is needed for the Assistant to accomplish the work, the Assistant must receive pre-approval from the Designer and the Producer before any further work is performed.

## Weekly Check-Ins

- Assistant Designers will provide the Designer and Producer with a weekly report of time worked and progress against the work plan. This is an opportunity to discuss the status and scope of the project and any concerns that may have arisen.
- Check-Ins may be either in person or written. Example Check-In communications and templates can be found on the USA 829 website.

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In all cases, the contract supersedes supplemental documents.

