

**AFM 257 RECORDING SCALE SUMMARY SHEET  
MASTERS & LOW BUDGET MASTERS EFFECTIVE 2/3/2025 – 1/31/2026  
(DEMO & LIMITED PRESSING Local Scales Remain Unchanged)**

**For ALL types of AFM recording scales, Health & Welfare (H&W) payment is \$30.00 for the 1st session of the day. Each additional session the same day is now \$25.**

**Check amounts (Scale + Health & Welfare & Cartage) should be written to each musician individually.**

**Pension amount is 14.09% of SCALE WAGES ONLY - NOT including H&W or cartage amounts. Employer/Signatory should write ONE pension check (made payable to the AFM EP Fund) for the total pension amount for all musicians.**

**NATIONAL SCALES – MASTER, LOW BUDGET MASTER, SPECIAL SESSION**

PLEASE NOTE - IF YOU HAVE ANY MUSICIANS WHO BROUGHT THEIR OWN GEAR TO THE SESSION AND CHECKED "CARTAGE" ON THE TIME CARD, YOU WILL NEED TO ADD \$17 TO THEIR CHECK TOTAL OR \$35 FOR LARGER INSTRUMENTS\* \*Larger instruments include Harp, Timpani, Keyboard, String Bass

**DOUBLE TIME/HOLIDAYS** – Two times the basic session and overtime rates for all hours or recording on any of the following Holidays: New Year's Day (Jan 1), President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day (Dec 25). (EACH OF THESE HOLIDAYS SHALL BE OBSERVED THE DAY ON WHICH IT IS OBSERVED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.)

**MASTER SESSION (3 hours)**

<b>Scale Wages</b>	<b>H&amp;W</b>	<b>Pension (per session)</b>
Leader \$976.58	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$137.60
Sidemician \$488.29	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$68.80

**MASTER - SPECIAL SESSION (1.5 hours)**

<b>Scale Wages</b>	<b>H&amp;W</b>	<b>Pension (per session)</b>
Leader \$644.58	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$90.82
Sidemician \$322.29	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$45.41

**\*LOW BUDGET MASTER SESSION (3 hours)**

<b>Scale Wages</b>	<b>H&amp;W</b>	<b>Pension (per session)</b>
Leader \$548.64	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$77.30
Sidemician \$274.32	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$38.65

**\*Low Budget Scale Request must submitted and approved at least 72 hours prior to recording session by submitting Low Budget Worksheet and Signatory Paperwork which must be submitted together in order to request approval. Contact the Local to get the correct forms - Total Budget Not to exceed \$99,000. (If more than 12 songs are recorded, Total Budget Threshold is still \$99,000.)**

**LOCAL SCALES - LIMITED PRESSING, DEMO REMAIN UNCHANGED / EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024 – January 31, 2026**

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**LIMITED PRESSING SESSION (3 hours)**

<b>Scale Wages</b>	<b>H&amp;W</b>	<b>Pension (per session)</b>
Leader \$433.00	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$61.01
Sidemician \$216.50	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$30.50

**LIMITED PRESSING SESSION (2 hours)**

<b>Scale Wages</b>	<b>H&amp;W</b>	<b>Pension (per session)</b>
Leader \$288.00	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$40.58
Sidemician \$144.00	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$20.29

**DEMO SCALE SESSION (3 hours)**

<b>Scale Wages</b>	<b>H&amp;W</b>	<b>Pension (per session)</b>
Leader \$340.00	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$47.90
Sidemician \$170.00	\$30.00/\$25.00	\$23.95