

Trying to think about criteria for fair work on digital labor platforms

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Strict rules should govern nonpayment.

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Task pay terms should be clear.

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Platforms should review task instructions before publication.

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rates of payment or nonpayment should not be used to measure worker quality.

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customer nonpayment rates should be made visible to workers choosing tasks.

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In the event of technical problems with task or platform, workers should not pay the cost for lost time or work.

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Workers should be able to contest nonpayment, work evaluations, and qualification test outcomes.

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promptly, politely, and substantively.

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Workers should be able to view and export a work and reputation history.

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Platform terms should be presented in a clear and concise human readable format.

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