

Subject: PERS: December 2010 Employer Monthly update

Dear PERS employer,

In this update:

- 1) **MACR monthly processing “tip”.**
- 2) **New and updated Employer Announcements and FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions).**
- 3) **Upcoming OARs (Oregon Administrative Rules).**

- 1) **MACR monthly processing “tip”.**

The Year-to-Date Wage and Contribution Summary screen and the eligibility reports are good tools to answer questions about wages, hours, and contributions reported and posted in 2010. An ESC account representative is available to answer your questions about resolving suspended records and reports for 2010 that can't be answered by those tools available through the site navigation area of your EDX employer home page.

Finally, we begin the last month of the member and contribution reconciliation with a final countdown to Friday, 31 December 10. Please allow the ESC team to help you, and make every effort to correct and post remaining suspended records and reports for calendar year 2010.

- 2) **New and updated Employer Announcements and FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions).**

Employer Announcement #59, Name/Address General Info w/Address Examples (upd. 11/15/10), has been updated to show punctuation acceptable in the name fields of the EDX DTL1 Member Demographics record. The announcement stresses that commas (,) should NOT be used in the DTL1 name fields due to adverse affects on the “Download as CSV” function for many EDX reports.

Employer Announcement #59 is available through this link:

http://www.oregon.gov/PERS/EMP/docs/er_announcement/2010/er_announcement59.pdf

Employer Announcement #63, 2010 Census and Positions Exempt from Work Limits (11/19/10), states the date at which 2010 Census figures will begin use in determination of positions defined in ORS 238.082 as exempt from PERS retiree work limits.

Employer Announcement #63 is available through this link:

http://www.oregon.gov/PERS/EMP/section/er_announcement/2010/er_announcement_63.shtml

FAQ: SB897 and Retirement Data Verification (updated 11/23/10), has been updated after adoption of OAR 459-005-0040 at the November 19, 2010 PERS Board meeting. The updated FAQ states the time limit for employers to accomplish retirement data verification requested by a qualified member, and the circumstances for a one-time extension of that verification time frame.

The updated FAQ is available through this link:

http://www.oregon.gov/PERS/EMP/section/er_faqs/er_faq_sb897.shtml

All of these items may found through links on the PERS Employer webpage, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml

3) Upcoming OARs (Oregon Administrative Rules).

Oregon Administrative Rules provide the framework for administering stature, and are updated regularly to address problems encountered in the implementation of statue requirements.

To find proposed OARs, modifications to existing OARs and the calendar for adoption of new or modified OARs use this link:

http://www.oregon.gov/PERS/section/administrative_rules/proposed_admin_rules.shtml

or start at the PERS Employer webpage. On the Employer webpage, click the “Administrative Rules” link, then on the “PERS Administrative Rulemaking” page click on the “Proposed PERS administrative rules” link.

Best regards,

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