

Subject: January 2011 employer monthly update.

Dear PERS employer:

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1) MACR processing tip for January 2011

Phase 2 of 2010 MACR begins Monday, January 3, 2011, with employer focus now shifting to the resolution of remaining 2010 eligibility issues and the posting of records and reports related to those issues.

The Year-to-Date Wage and Contribution Summary screen and the Eligibility Reports, both accessed through links in the Site Navigation area of employer EDX home pages, can provide information to help resolve any final 2010 eligibility questions.

Your ESC account representative is available to assist you with eligibility problems, so please contact him or her by phone or e-mail any time throughout the work day. You can find your ESC account representative's contact information through the "Find Your ESC Account Representative" link on the PERS employer web page, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml

2) Recently posted employer announcements

Employer announcement #64 Data Verification Process (12/15/10) provides further information on retirement data verification and both the member and employer roles in the process.

Employer announcement #65 EDX Network Upgrades (12-17-10) outlines the structure of the EDX computer network and upgrades to that structure in preparation for the introduction of Online Member Services, beginning with the installation of EDX Release 6.0 late first quarter or early second quarter 2011.

Employer announcement #66 2010 MACR Phase 2 begins January 3, 2011 (01/03/11). This announcement describes the second phase of 2010 MACR in which we ask employers to focus on resolving eligibility issues remaining from 2010 and to post records and reports related to those eligibility issues.

3) 2011 PERS holiday and furlough day schedule

You can find 2011 holidays observed by PERS and remaining agency furlough days for the 2009-2011 biennium through the “Office closures – click here” link under the “Find Your ESC Account Representative” heading on the PERS employer web page, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml

4) Revised Payment Categories chart posted

The revised Payment Categories chart is now available through the “Employer Tools” link on the PERS employer web page.

5) Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)

New Oregon Administrative Rules and proposed modifications to existing OARs can be found at http://www.oregon.gov/PERS/section/administrative_rules/proposed_admin_rules.shtml or through the “Administrative Rules” link on the PERS employer web page.

Proposed modifications to OAR 459-070-0100 and 459-070-0110, which address employer reporting requirements, were introduced in the November 19, 2010, PERS Board meeting. A public hearing on these proposed modifications was held January 4, 2011, at the PERS headquarters. Public comment on the modifications ends January 11, 2011. Please feel free to review and comment on these rules through the “Comment on Administrative Rules” link, located on the same web page as the proposed rule modifications and their summaries.

6) Please don't use outdated paper forms.

Please don't use outdated PERS paper forms that you may be saving. Instead, obtain a current version of any PERS employer form online through the "Employer Forms" link on the PERS employer website. Online forms are the most current versions available. They are usually in .pdf format and may be printed as use requires.

Best regards,