

Subject: PERS: November 2011 Employer Monthly Update.

Dear PERS employer:

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- 1) MACR processing “tip” for November 2011.

The 2011 MACR process is underway. Installation of EDX Release 6.0 introduced new restrictions on posting DTL2 records which caused many records and reports to suspend with this message:

Dates reported correspond to an active service segment on file; only wage code 01, 04, 05, 06, 08 or 14 can be reported for active service segments.

Records and reports suspending with the above message will be addressed by PERS staff. We ask that employers concentrate their efforts on reports and records that do not have this message.

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 2011. Contact your 2011 MACR team representative if you have questions about 2011 records and reports that can't be answered by those tools available through the site navigation area of your EDX employer home page.

- 2) Reminder: 2010 Federal Census data becomes the basis for some retiree 1040 work hour exemptions beginning January 1, 2012.

Federal census data provides the basis for population limits used for Tier1/Tier2 1040 hr/calendar year work hour exemptions. Use of 2010 census data for this purpose will begin January 1, 2012.

We suggest employers review 2010 census data for any changes in population limits which may affect use of ORS 238.082 work hour exemptions in calendar year 2012. 2010 census data may be found through the “US Census information” link in the “Working After Retirement” document, accessed through the “General Information” link on the PERS employer webpage, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml .

Please contact your ESC account representative if you anticipate changes in your qualification for use of any retiree work hour exemptions in calendar year 2012.

- 3) Posting of Employer Announcement #71: 2011 Legislation affecting PERS employers.

Few bills emerging from the 2011 Legislative session directly affected PERS employers. Those affecting more than one employer, and suggested employer responses to those bills, are outlined in Employer Announcement #71: 2011 Legislation affecting PERS employers (10/28/11). This announcement can be found under the “Employer Announcements” heading on the PERS employer webpage.

- 4) Final 2011 Fall Employer Outreach presentations.

The final 2011 Fall Employer Outreach presentations are scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10. Topics in the 2011 Fall Outreach include comments on EDX Release 6.0, DTL2 records and eligibility, along with selected salary issues and a review of reporting elected officials and reporting retirees who return to work for PERS employers part-time as retirees. The 2011 Fall Outreach presentations are conducted online through iLinc, the PERS presentation platform; all that's required to attend is a workstation with internet access and a phone, preferably one with speaker phone capability. To

register for one of the two remaining sessions, click the “Outreach Presentation Schedule & Registration” link, under the “Employer Education & Training” heading on the PERS employer webpage.

Best regards,