From: PERS-Employer Info Services

To: PERS Employers **Date:** 12/2/2009 10:23 AM

Subject: PERS: Dec. 09 employer update.

Dear PERS employers,

In this update:

- 1) 2009 annual reconciliation reminder.
- 2) Change in Ch.238 Tier1/Tier2 retiree work hour limits effective 1 Jan 2010.

1) 2009 annual reconciliation reminder.

Phase 1 of the 2009 annual reconciliation process will conclude Thursday, 31 Dec 09. In Phase 1, we've asked employers to concentrate on clearing suspended records and posting reports for calendar year 2009.

Phase 2 of the 2009 annual reconciliation process will begin Monday, 4 Jan 10. During Phase 2, we'll ask employers to concentrate on resolution of any remaining member eligibility issues for calendar year 2009.

We've asked employers to forgo use of the "View Employee Info" function until EDX performance problems related to that function can be resolved, and we appreciate employer cooperation with that request.

Much of the information available through the "View Employee Info" function can be found through the "Year-to-Date Wage and Contribution Summary" function and the eligibility reports available through the "Eligibility Reports" link on employer EDX home pages. Your ESC account representative can provide a more extensive transaction or employment history for any of your employees, if required. You can find your ESC account representative name, phone number, e-mail address, and instructions for toll-free phone contact, through the "Find Your ESC Account Representative" link on the PERS employer website, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml

Employers may find themselves working weekend hours to complete Phase 1 reconciliation activities. Please note that EDX online will normally be available from 6:00 am Saturday through 6:00 am Sunday. Sundays are reserved for network maintenance, and EDX online availability cannot be guaranteed.

More information on Phase 2 of the 2009 annual reconciliation process will be forthcoming soon.

2) Change in Ch.238 Tier1/Tier2 retiree work hour limits effective 1 Jan 2010. Effective 1 Jan 2010, work hour limits for Ch.238 Tier1/Tier2 retirees will change. The 599 hour work limit and the "casual, emergency or seasonal" position hiring limitation will be eliminated.

The background for this action can be found through a link titled "#55 2009 Legislative highlights (8/31/09)" available under the "Employer Announcements" heading on the PERS employer website. An employer announcement on this change in Ch.238 Tier1/Tier2 retiree work hour limits will be posted on the PERS employer website within the next two weeks.

Best regards,

PERS Employer OCE Team

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