

Subject: December 2011 Employer Monthly Update.

Dear PERS employer:

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- 1) December 2011 MACR 'tip'.

PERS staff continues to work on accounts with DTL2 records suspended by EDX Release 6.0 validations, and we ask that employers make every effort to correct and post 2011 records and reports suspended for other causes. 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 resolution of suspended records and reports for 2011 that can't be answered by those tools available through the site navigation area on EDX screens.

- 2) Account rep. assignments for 2011 MACR.

ESC account representative staff have been split into three teams to effectively address 2011 MACR issues. All questions related to MACR or DTL2 record correction should be addressed to those teams. For the duration of the 2011 MACR process, employers may contact any member of their assigned team rather than their previously assigned ESC account representative.

You may find your 2011 MACR team representatives through this link:

http://www.oregon.gov/PERS/EMP/section/er_general_information/2011_esc_teams.shtml

or by clicking on the "Find Your ESC Account Team for MACR 2011" link, under the "ESC Account Team Locator" heading on the PERS employer website, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml MACR 2011 account team members are available 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday, until the close of 2011 MACR on Monday, 5 March 2012.

- 3) Hire Intent survey available through Friday, 23 December 2011.

EDX Release 6.0 was operational 29 June 2011 and with it came new Qualifying/Non-Qualifying restrictions on posting DTL2 records. Effective on that date, DTL2-02 records no longer post to active service positions, and DTL2-01 records no longer post to non-qualifying positions. These validations are retroactive to the 1 January 2004 introduction of EDX.

Qualifying/Non-Qualifying restrictions on DTL2 record posting did not exist prior to 29 June 2011. PERS would like to work as rapidly as possible to correct accounts and avoid repetitive employer contact, but must defer to employer hire intent for past positions. An employer hire intent survey has been posted on the PERS employer website so employers can provide 2004 – 2011 position hire intent guidance to PERS. The pace of historical account correction depends on employer hire intent guidance recorded through this survey, so please complete the survey as soon as possible. The survey can be found through this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TCH522R> or by clicking on the "Employer Hire Intent Survey (11/23/11)" link on the PERS employer website.

The survey will remain available through Friday, 23 December 2011. If you are unable to complete the survey in the given time frame, a PERS employer representative will be contacting you to provide guidance regarding hire intent. Please use survey comments only to clarify your response to survey questions; please

DO NOT use survey comments to request member account adjustments. Instead, refer specific member account requests to your MACR 2011 team.

4) 2010 Federal Census data and positions exempt from the Tier1/Tier2 retiree 1040 hr work limit.

Many of the positions exempt from the Tier1/Tier2 retiree work limit of 1040 hrs/calendar year depend on Federal Census data. Those positions are listed in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 238.082 and will depend on 2010 Federal Census data beginning 1 January 2012. The 2000 Federal Census data remain the reference through 31 December 2011.

5) 2012 Employer EDX training dates now available.

Dates and times for employer EDX training are now available for the first half of 2012. This training is available to those new to employer reporting or if a refresher course is needed. Training is done concurrently at the PERS Headquarters computer lab and through the internet using iLinc, the PERS distance presentation platform. To find a description of employer EDX training content and register for any training date, begin at the PERS employer website, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml then click on the "EDX Class Schedule and Registration" link under "Employer Education and Training" heading. Registration is done online only.

Best regards,

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