

Subject: August 2012 Employer Monthly Update.

Dear PERS employer,

In this update:

- 1) MACR processing tip for August.
- 2) Upcoming EDX maintenance activity.
- 3) Recently posted employer announcements.

- 1) MACR processing tip for August.

Make sure you've submitted regular reports for all reporting periods thus far in 2012. If you've combined two Regular reports into one for any reporting period in 2012 or discover a report missing, please contact your ESC account representative.

- 2) Upcoming EDX maintenance activity.

EDX maintenance activity scheduled for the near future will not change reporting financial and demographic data through EDX; however, it but will address previous reporting problems.

a) The salary limits in EDX for Tier Two and OPSRP members only that limit salary reported for member IAP contributions will be increased to 2012 limits. Re-saving DTL2 records suspended for exceeding prior contribution compensation limits will allow those records to post when 2012 limits are installed in EDX. 2012 salary limits can be found through a link in Salary Limit payment type on Pg. 5 of the Payment Categories chart, accessed through the Employer Tools link on the PERS employer Web page, [www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml)

b) All "corrupted" Work Items will be deleted from EDX. An example of "corrupted" Work Items are those Demographic Correction Request (DCR) forms damaged by use of the Back browser button in EDX. Recent EDX maintenance restricted use of the Back button in EDX screens to prevent future corruption of online forms. Upcoming EDX maintenance activity will further restrict Back button use and remove previously damaged online forms.

- 3) Recently posted employer announcements.

Links to both announcements can be found under the Employer Announcements heading on the PERS employer Web page, [www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml) .

Employer Announcement #73: Reporting contributions for January 1, 2004, Forward and Employer Announcement #74: Reporting Member Retirement and Re-employment as a PERS Retiree, were posted July 25, 2012.

#73 outlines use of member account contribution methods, Member Paid Pre-Tax (MPPT), Member Paid After Tax (MPAT) and Employer Paid Pre Tax (EPPT), for retroactively reporting contributions on employment from January 1, 2004, forward, determined after PERS review to be qualifying service time.

Employers are invited to use a link titled: ER survey: Reporting contributions (7/25/12) located in the Employer News area of the PERS employer Web site and in Announcement #73 to provide PERS staff guidance on choice of contribution methods for prior year employment designated as qualifying service by PERS actions, most notably PERS' correction of 2011 member accounts affected by EDX Release 6.0. Completion of the survey will help PERS staff reduce repetitive employer contact when correcting member accounts. The survey will be available until Friday, August 31, 2012.

#74 suggests timelines and restrictions for reporting member terminations prior to retirement, and records submitted to re-employ PERS retirees part-time as retirees. The announcement depicts the sequence for reporting DTL1-02/Termination records for those members about to retire, guidance on dates used in termination records, and caution using DTL1-11 or -12 records to report re-employment of Tier One/Tier Two and OPSRP retirees part-time as retirees.

Best regards...

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