

Subject: Employer Monthly Update for February 2012.

Dear PERS employer,

The February 2012 monthly update is devoted to the 2011 MACR process.

The 2011 MACR process has two major components:

1) Resolution of suspended records and reports for calendar year 2011 and review and resolution of 2011 eligibility questions remaining after the last 2011 report submissions.

This category can be addressed by employers, and results from problems unrelated to EDX Release 6.0. Examples of those problems would be 2011 DTL2 records suspended due to contribution calculation errors, faulty or incorrect social security numbers, or incorrect status dates which create overlapping job segments. A small number of 2011 eligibility issues may have been dependent on information submitted in the final 2011 reports, and must now be resolved during the remaining weeks prior to the 2011 MACR close date of 5 March 2012.

2) Continued effort by PERS staff to fix accounts affected by DTL2 reporting restrictions installed with EDX Release 6.0 effective 29 June 2011.

This second category represents records and reports suspended by DTL2 reporting restrictions effective 29 June 2011 with the installation of EDX Release 6.0. Beginning at that date, DTL2 wage code 02 records will not post to active service positions (those with “qualifying” hire intent) and DTL2 wage code 01 records will not post to positions with “non-qualifying” hire intent. Those new validations were effective retroactively, and may interfere with adjustments to previously posted records until positions can be corrected.

PERS staff continues to repair accounts affected by the new validations beginning with reports and records for calendar year 2011, and working backward to 2004. The 5 March 2012 close of 2011 MACR is the target date set for completing 2011 account corrections. PERS staff needs information from employers who did not respond to the employer hire intent survey, because it is essential for quick, correct repair of accounts. That information tells PERS staff how to determine hire intent for a position based on the wage codes for DTL2 records submitted for that position prior to 29 June 2011. If you did not complete the employer hire intent survey, available through the PERS employer website through 23 December 2011, please contact any one of your 2011 MACR team members with this information. To find your 2011 MACR team, begin at the PERS employer website, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml then click the “Find your ESC Account Team for MACR 2011” link under the “ESC Account Team Locator” heading.

Best regards,...

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