

# Employer Service Center Office Hour

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## Agenda

- Quick reminders
- Top 10 things to remember
- Helping employees stay informed

- Office hour
- Employer resources



## Doing status checks with ESC

#### When

Before you report a new hire to PERS — whether qualifying, non-qualifying, or working retiree.

#### Why

To find out if they are a member, work for other employers, are a PERS retiree, are doing voluntary contributions, and more. The EDX status check does not show the whole picture.

#### How

By contacting Employer Service Center (ESC) or your representative by email (preferred) or phone.

Include employee's full name, birthdate, and last four digits of Social Security number.

#### **Call Center**

#### Hours

8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)

#### **Phone**

888-320-7377; select option 4 to reach ESC

#### Representatives

#### **Hours**

8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)

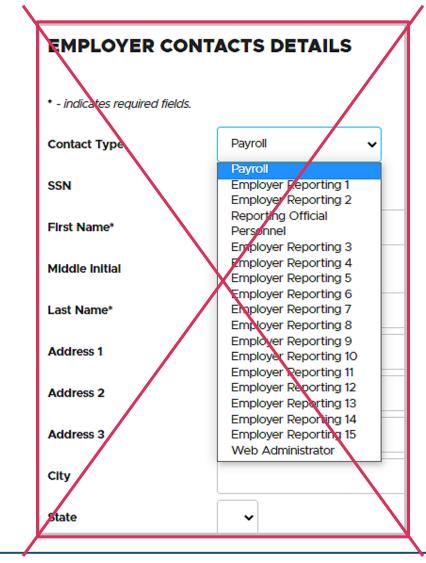
## Phone numbers and emails Listed on ESC webpage



## Creating new employer reporter account

Web administrators — all new reporters must create their **own accounts** to gain EDX reporting permissions.

Note: Adding them as a contact only allows them to receive information about the account. It does not give them a reporting account nor EDX access.







## Creating new employer reporter account

1. New employer reporter opens account.

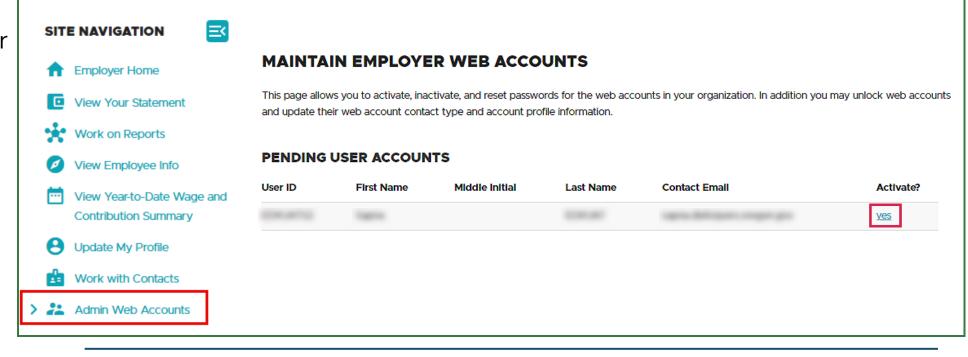
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If you would like to open an account to perform PERS EDX reporting activities for your organization, click the link below to start the account request process.

Open an Employer Reporting Account



2. Web administrator activates account.





### Creating new employer reporter account

Step-by-step process

#### **Employer reporter**

- 1. Go to EDX login page.
- 2. Click Open an Employer Reporting Account.
- 3. Fill in the application.
- 4. Save. Inform your web administrator that you have completed the form and are ready for them to activate your account.

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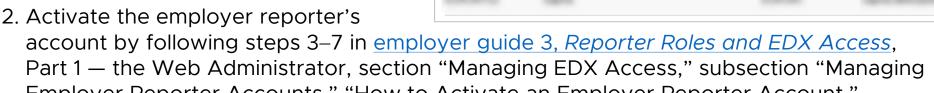
Contact Email

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#### Web administrator

- 1. In EDX, select Admin Web Accounts function
- 2. Activate the employer reporter's account by following steps 3–7 in employer guide 3, Reporter Roles and EDX Access, Employer Reporter Accounts," "How to Activate an Employer Reporter Account."



User ID

PENDING USER ACCOUNTS

First Name



Activate?

<u>yes</u>

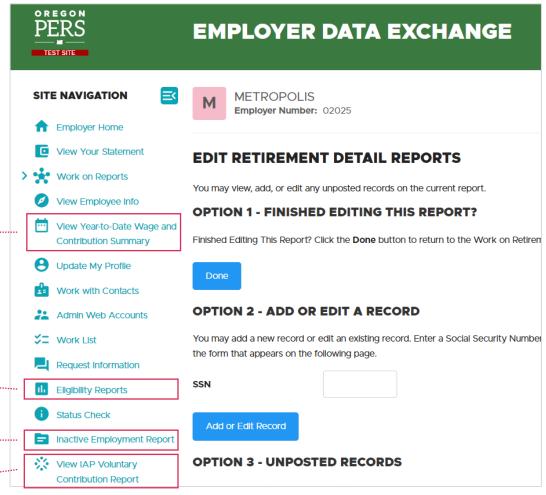
## **Quick reminders**Running reports

EDX has four kinds of reports.

Instructions are in <u>employer guide 24</u>, *Running Reports*.



Contribution Report





## **Top 10 things to remember**For all reporters

- New employer reporters open their own EDX accounts.
- The role of Employer Reporting 1 receives your EDX emails.
- 3. When hiring an employee, contact ESC for a status check.
- 4. It is your responsibility to determine if **new employees are qualifying** or not.
- 5. Before becoming PERS members, new qualifying employees **serve a six-month "wait time."**

- 6. During wait time, report wages as you normally would until the last pay period.
- 7. Submit employee information in chronological order.
- 8. Regular reports and statement invoices are **due on specific dates**; make sure to **submit on time**.
- 9. Your suspended records need to be corrected and resaved ASAP.
- 10. Use the Employer Service Center representatives. **We are here to help.**



## Helping employees stay informed

### Member resources

#### **Member Services**

#### **Phone**

888-320-7377 (toll free) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (not holidays)

#### **Email**

Member Services Submit a
Question form

**Orientation for new members** 

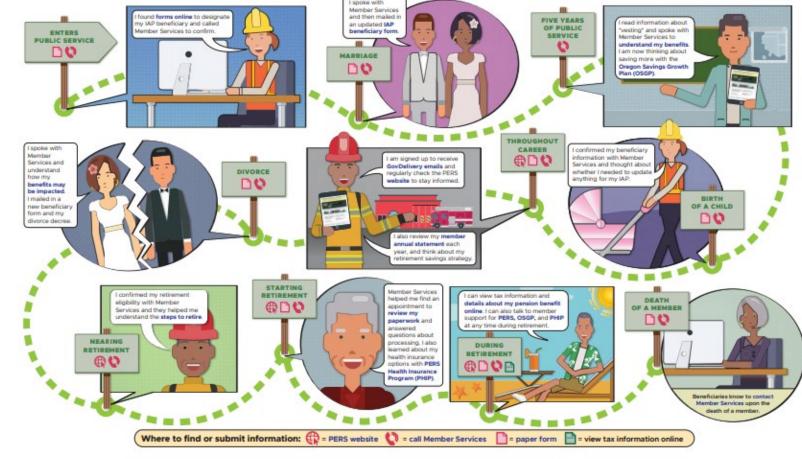
Member education sessions

Website for new members

Welcome to PERS website

Click image to open it online

## PERS Member Journey: Key moments in your career and life to engage with PERS





## Office hour Open format webinar

In this question-and-answer session, you can:

- Ask the ESC representatives a question.
- Ask a fellow employer reporter a question.
- Share a tip | shortcut | better way that you have discovered.

**Remember:** Do not use employee names or mention any personally identifiable information.

#### **Instructions**

Preferred option: Use the raiseyour-hand feature and wait to be called on to ask your question.

Backup option: Enter your question/comment in the chat.



## Office hour Need help thinking of a question?

### **Question prompts**

- Doing status checks.
- Reporting a new hire.
- How to catch up when you are behind on reporting.
- Understanding error messages.
- Correctly reporting different types of leave without pay.

- Reporting a retirement.
- Understanding voluntary contributions.
- Reporting for temporary, part-time, or seasonal employees.
- Applying partial-year rules.
- Reporting pay over the annual salary limit.
- Anything else that is challenging you.

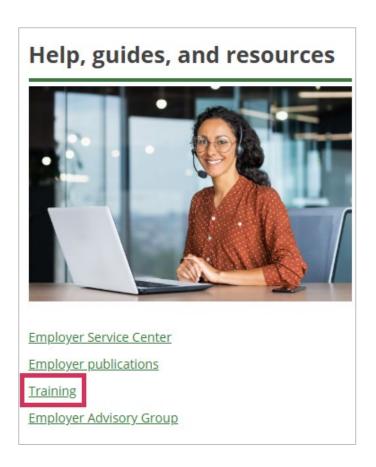


## **Employer support**<br/>ESC training

How to find training:

From the Employers home page, under Help, Guides, and Resources, click Training.

https://www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/Pages/Training.aspx





## **Employer support**

### Links to resources

- New Employer Reporter Welcome Guide
- PERS Member Journey illustration
- Thursday meet 'n greet (email the employer trainer)
- <u>Live beginner employer training</u>
   In the Beginner Employer-Reporter Training and Resources section (click the green bar to open), under "Live, virtual training class"
- Recorded beginner employer training Under "Recorded training class"
- Intermediate webinars w/Q&A
   In the Training Webinars section under "Upcoming webinars"
- Past webinars
   In Training Webinars under "Past webinars"

- ESC Call Center
- ESC representatives one-on-one help Scroll to ESC Representatives
- Employer newsletter
   Delivered monthly by email then posted online)
- 28 employer reporting guides
- 11 quick-reference guides
- Employers website
- Videos
   In the Self-Learning Materials section under "Video library"





## Thank you

Employer Service Center contact information

