

From: PERS-Employer Info Services
To: PERS Employers
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Subject: PERS: Employer Update for March 2008

Dear PERS employer,

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Deadline for current member address information:

2007 Member Statements will be mailed to members' home addresses late spring 2008. The address used for statement mailing will be that posted on EDX by March 28, 2008. Please make sure all known member address changes are posted by March 28, 2008.

2008 Employer Survey:

The results of the 2008 PERS Employer survey are now available through the PERS employer website. Review the results by starting at the PERS employer website, then click the "2008 Employer Survey results" link in the "Employer News" navigation area. The 2008 employer survey was devoted to employer training and education and included questions on use of the employer website and employer education, both "in person" and through the website.

The PERS Membership Kit:

PERS will begin mailing membership information to those employees who have established membership after completing both 600 hours of service and the required six-month waiting time. The initial mailing will take place sometime in March 2008 to those members who established OPSRP membership 1 December 2007. A brief description of the program, and a link to the brochure and letter in the kit, can be found by clicking on the "Membership Kit" link in the "Employer News" navigation area on the PERS Employer website.

Break-in-service lists:

Break-in-service was eliminated by HB 2285, passed into law in the 2007 Legislative session. Elimination of break-in-service will cause many current OPSRP members with inactive PERS Ch.238 Tier1/Tier2 to again become active PERS Ch. 238 Tier1/Tier2 members. EDX modifications to eliminate break-in-service are anticipated for late 2008; lists of members affected by break-in-service elimination are now available upon request from employers' Employer Service Center (ESC) account representatives.

Upcoming Spring '08 Employer Outreach presentation and "offsite" employer EDX training:

The Spring '08 Employer Outreach presentation will be all new, and for the first time EDX employer training classes will be offered on the same day as the Outreach presentation. Both Outreach presentations and EDX training will be offered at locations throughout the state from March 17th through May 29th. Registration for the Spring '08 Outreach presentation and EDX training classes is completely

online and can be done by clicking the "Presentation Schedule & Registration" link under the "Employer Training & Education" heading on the PERS employer website, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml

OAR status:

Review of Administrative Review and Appeal Processes

The Employers PERS Alliance submitted suggested changes to OAR 459-001-0030 on the procedure to review staff actions and determinations. These suggestions led to the development of proposed rule OAR 459-001-0032. OAR 459-001-0030 has been edited to address persons only and 459-001-0032 has been written to address employers only. 459-001-0035 and 459-001-0040 have been edited slightly for clarity since the last edition.

Public comment period ended 2/22/08; adoption slated for the 3/28/08 PERS Board meeting.

Employee Contributions for Prior Periods

Modifications address employer concerns about delayed invoicing for delinquent employee contributions. Public comment period ended 2/22/08; adoption slated for the 3/28/08 PERS Board meeting.

Additional information on pending rules and the PERS rule making process can be found by starting at the PERS employer website, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml , clicking the "About Us" link in the site navigation area, then the desired link under the "Administrative Rules" heading on the "About Us" page.

Best regards,

PERS Employer Outreach, Communication & Education (OCE) Team