

From: PERS-Employer Info Services
To: PERS Employers
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Subject: PERS: Jan 2009 employer update.

Dear PERS employer,

In this update:

- 1) 2008 Annuals begin Friday, 2 Jan 09.**
- 2) Payment Categories chart updated.**
- 3) EDX class schedule for first half of 2009.**
- 4) EDX tutorials.**
- 5) Suggestions for Spring 09 Outreach presentation content?**

1) 2008 Annuals begin Friday, 2 Jan 09.

The 2008 annual reconciliation process begins on Friday, 2 Jan 09 and ends on Friday, 27 Feb 09. During this time employers should concentrate their efforts on clearing suspended records for calendar year 2008. Contributions for employees determined "non-qualifying" for calendar year 2008 should be removed, and contributions for those employees who were qualified but unreported in calendar 2008 should be reported. Your ESC account representative is always available to answer questions about clearing suspended records, and is available by e-mail, voice mail or by phone during his or her work day. More information about the 2008 annuals process will be forthcoming.

2) Payment Categories chart updated.

The Payment Categories chart, found through the "Employer Tools" link on the PERS employer website, has been updated to reflect 2009 limits on salary considered "subject" for IAP account contribution. The 2009 limits can be accessed under the "salary limit" payment type on the Payment Categories chart (Page 5 of 7). The PERS employer website is located at www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml

3) EDX Class Schedule for the first half of 2009.

Dates and times for the EDX Basics and Intermediate Reporting Topics classes at PERS Headquarters for the first half of 2009 are now available through the "EDX Class Schedule and Registration" link on the PERS employer website. You may register online for the class dates of your choice.

4) EDX self-paced tutorials.

Have a question about an EDX topic? Try the EDX self-paced tutorials, located on the PERS employer website through the "EDX Self-paced Education" link. You can work through the tutorials at your own pace; explanations about subject matter appear at a comfortable reading pace, and remain on-screen until you advance to the next frame. The average tutorial can be viewed in 15 minutes or less.

5) Suggestions for Spring 09 Outreach presentation content?

The PERS Employer Outreach, Communication & Education (OCE) Team will be conducting employer outreach presentations throughout the state during spring 2009. If you have content suggestions for the spring 2009 employer outreach presentation, please e-mail those suggestions to:

pers-employer.info.services@state.or.us

Best regards,

PERS Employer OCE Team