

Subject: PERS: November 2010 Employer Monthly Update.

Dear PERS Employer:

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The 2010 reconciliation process is underway. We ask that you concentrate on resolving and posting suspended records and reports for calendar year 2010. The Year-to-Date Wage and Contribution Summary screen and the eligibility reports are good tools to answer questions about wages, hours, and contributions reported and posted in 2010. Contact your ESC account representative if you have questions about resolution of suspended records and reports for 2010 that can't be answered by the tools available through the site navigation area of your EDX employer home page.

- 2) **2011 Employer EDX Tigard and Internet training dates are available.**

2011 dates and times for employer EDX training at the Tigard headquarters and through the Internet are now available. Begin at the PERS employer website, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml, then click “EDX Class Schedule and Registration”. Once on the “Employers Class Schedule and Information” page, scroll down to the dates for EDX training here at the Tigard headquarters or through the Internet. Click on the class date of your choice for either Tigard headquarters or Internet training (**but NOT BOTH**), and complete your registration. **Be sure to spell your e-mail address correctly.** If you don't spell your e-mail address correctly, you won't receive a confirmation of registration e-mail nor the class reminder e-mail sent three days prior to the class.

- 3) **Revised draft of OAR 459-005-0040 (Verification of Retirement Data) available for review.**

OAR 459-005-0040 provides the procedure for verification of retirement data required by SB 897. The draft rule has been revised to reflect employer concern about the length of time available to complete verification of retirement data. The revised draft rule is slated for adoption at the November 19, 2010 Board meeting. On the PERS Employer website, click the “Administrative Rules” link on the left-hand side of the web page, then click “Proposed PERS administrative rules” to review the updated draft version of OAR 459-005-0040.

4) Updated Payment Categories chart to be posted Monday, November 1st.

The “Salary Limit” payment type on the Payment Categories chart has been updated to reflect the 2011 maximum salary for Tier1/Tier2 and OPSRP member account contributions and final average salary (FAS) calculations. Find the Payment Categories chart by starting at the PERS Employer website and clicking on the “Employer Tools” link on the left-hand side of the web page, then clicking on the “Payment Categories: PERS and OPSRP contributions as of 10/29/10”.

Best regards,