

# Alaska Employer

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## ON-LINE SERVICES

We now have two on-line features available. Alaska Quarterly Contribution Reports can be filed as a "single" report or by creating simple data files as a "multiple" filer. On-line reporting has become an increasingly popular way to file reports. Timesavings and ease of use appear to be the major reasons that Employers are returning to on-line filing. During the first year of implementation 5,540 employers reported \$712 million dollars of reported wages.

If you haven't looked at our website recently, please visit us at <http://www.labor.state.ak.us/estax/home.htm>

## SOFTWARE CONVERSION

New operating software for Unemployment Insurance Tax will be activated in January 2004. We may experience some down times, and other unexpected problems with our computers.

We are striving to ensure that the noticeable effect on you as a user is minimized. However, some delays are unavoidable. You may experience extended hold times on our phones.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.



## 2004 TAX RATES & TAXABLE WAGE BASE

By the time you receive this newsletter, the employer tax rates for 2004 will be in the mail. The taxable wage base for 2004 is \$27,100, and the employee portion is .50%. If you have any questions about your rate please call any of our offices.

### REDUCE YOUR 2004 TAXES

Tax rates are affected by the changes in the reportable wages from quarter to quarter. Variations in reported wages on the quarterly report may contain payments that can be excluded for rating purposes.

Some examples of payments that could affect your rate:

- Bonus/Lump sum payments
- Bi-weekly payroll
- Changes in your accounting method



### HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT CORRECTING MY RATE

The **EMPLOYER OPTION FORM** and many other forms and publications are available at the following website:

[http://www.labor.state.ak.us/estax/forms/toc\\_forms.htm](http://www.labor.state.ak.us/estax/forms/toc_forms.htm)

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