



Alaska Employer

Newsletter

Unemployment Insurance Tax



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Questions about your rate, account or contributions?

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Update your rate and taxable wage base

Rates for 2021 have been issued. The 2021 taxable wage base is \$43,600.

Make sure your accounting software is updated with your new rate and taxable wage base. Also ensure your accountant, payroll provider or other employers who report workers on your account have your new rate. This will prevent either paying more than you owe or not paying enough and causing interest to accumulate.

Ensure an experienced rate

To ensure you receive an experienced rate instead of the penalty rate, double-check all your quarterly contribution reports and payments have been submitted by July 31, 2021.

You can login online via tos.dol.alaska.gov/tos or give us a call to confirm there are no missing reports or balance due.

Filing reports and paying online

With many employees telecommuting this past year, more employers have filed their quarterly contribution reports and made their payments online using our tax system. Employers have commented the tax online system was very easy to use and wish they had tried it sooner. If you are currently not using our tax online system, we encourage you to use it. We have staff who are willing to assist you with any issue you experience.

Visit labor.alaska.gov/estax to view online filing services.

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We need your email

During the past year, many employers had limited access to their office, were working remotely or had employees working remotely, which caused longer response times to our regular mail. To ensure timely notification of the necessary action needed on your account, we have increased utilization of email to correspond with you. This has shown to work well for conducting business; however, we do not have current email addresses for all our employers. If you have not received an email from us, please provide us your email address with your account number either via email to **esd.tax@alaska.gov** or by phone at **(888) 448-3527**.

Limit your liability

A tax clearance is needed if you are acquiring assets from an existing business, buying a business or using subcontractors. If Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes are delinquent for a subcontractor, a business you are acquiring assets from, or a business you are buying, you will be obligated to pay the contribution due. A tax clearance indicates whether the employer has any UI tax delinquencies and can remove your liability for the employer's arrearages. To relieve your business from this liability, you will need to request a tax clearance before the last payment is made to a subcontractor or, if purchasing assets or a business, prior to the sale being finalized.

These forms are located on our website at **labor.alaska.gov/estax/forms**. Alaska Statute 23.20.260 outlines the responsibilities of a business when acquiring assets from another business or buying a business. Alaska Statute 23.20.265 outlines the prime contractor responsibilities and liability should a subcontractor be delinquent for their UI taxes and interest.

Facebook

Several states reported they are finding mimicked state Facebook pages. These pages are being created to execute numerous phishing attempts to gain information about you. To determine if a page has been validated by Facebook, a blue verification badge confirms that this is an authentic page. The badge is a blue circle with a white check in the middle and is located right next to a Facebook page or profile. This indicates that Facebook has confirmed the page represents who it says it does. If the badge is not present, it may not represent the real page or profile.

If you suspect our Facebook page or other social media sites are being mimicked and fraudulent pages are being created, please contact us and we will get any mimicked pages taken down!

**Second quarter reports and payments
are due by July 31, 2021.**