



Alaska Employer

Newsletter

Unemployment Insurance



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Questions about your account or contributions?

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Receive an accurate 2014 UI contribution rate

The annual process of determining employer tax rates for calendar year 2014 will begin soon. As an employer, there are some things you can do to ensure you receive the lowest tax rate possible. Factors that may unfavorably affect your tax rate include:

- a balance due on your account
- missing reports for any quarter
- a balance due or missing reports on your predecessor's (prior owner's) account

Contact any tax office listed in this newsletter. Our staff has the ability to:

- establish deferred payment contracts
- advise you of rate-lowering options
- assist you in the completion of our forms
- confirm contributions and reports are posted correctly to your account or to the prior owner's account

Are you a seasonal employer?

If you are a seasonal employer who traditionally files "zero" reports for the quarters you are closed (quarters where no wages are paid), why not make those reports part of your closing ritual? Include the future reports with your out-of-season report, and we will hold them until the appropriate quarter filing date.



Currently, the Tax online system (TaxWeb) does not provide for future reporting, however you may file your reports early and send them to us. The Alaska Quarterly Contribution Report form is online at labor.alaska.gov/estax under "Forms/Publications."

Change in business ownership

Employers who have a change in ownership, management or control; or who succeed to, or acquire all or part of another employer's trade or business, are required to notify the Department of Labor and Workforce Development in writing of that change or acquisition.

More information is available at labor.alaska.gov/estax under "Online Employer Services," or contact Juneau central office at 888.448.3527 or 907.465.2757.

Keep rates low by reporting correctly

Unemployment Insurance (UI) contributions must be paid for each employee up to the amount of the current year's taxable wage base, which is \$36,900 for calendar year 2013.

Wages paid to an employee in excess of the taxable wage base must be included on the Wage Schedule of the Alaska Quarterly Contribution Report. Amounts exceeding the taxable wage base are to be listed as a total in Box 3.

When wages in excess of the taxable wage base are not included on the Wage Schedule or in Total Reportable Wages listed in Box 2 of the Alaska Quarterly Contribution Report, you run the risk of creating a decline in the quarterly wages you report. A decline in Total Reportable Wages from one quarter to the next can have a negative impact on your assigned tax rate.

FUTA tax reduction

Under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) employers can receive a 5.4 percent offset against the six percent FUTA tax imposed if their state has an approved UI program and no delinquent federal loans.

Throughout its history, Alaska's UI Trust Fund has remained solvent without the need to borrow from the federal government. Alaska employers can therefore expect to continue to receive their full federal tax offset.

UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE

If you need to update your name, address, phone number or email on your **Employment Security Contribution account**, visit labor.alaska.gov/estax/home.htm. Click on the "On-Line Employer Services" link to access and update your account.

Quarterly reports are due Oct. 31, 2013.