



Alaska Employer Unemployment Insurance Tax



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Thank you, Alaska employers, for helping keep employer tax rates low

Thirty-eight percent of Alaska employers used Tax Online Services to file fourth quarter 2008 Quarterly Contribution Reports, resulting in 84 percent of all Alaska employees' wages reported electronically.

Employment Security Tax Online Services are easy and convenient. Using these services, employers can:

- Enter quarterly wage information
- Submit zero or "no wages" reports
- Make payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT)
- View balance and payment history
- Update registration information
- Register a new business or change business type
- Request to close an account.

In addition to being a convenience for employers, online reporting also helps the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development detect and prevent Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud up to four weeks quicker than reports filed by mail. Preventing payments of fraudulent unemployment insurance benefits helps keep the UI Trust Fund healthy and employer tax rates lower.

To file quarterly contribution reports online and make payments electronically go to labor.alaska.gov/estax:

- Select "Online Employer Services"
- Select the service you would like to use
- You will be routed to the "myAlaska" Web page
- Select and complete "myAlaska" information
- Select "Employment Security Tax"
- You will be routed to your selected service.

Some employees eligible for refunds

Employees who worked for more than one employer may be eligible for an UI tax refund if they paid more than \$156.50 in unemployment taxes in 2008. The refund form is available at: labor.alaska.gov/estax/forms/eerefund.pdf.

Rapid Response to industry in need

Has your business suffered a set-back from economic dislocations, industry declines or natural disaster? The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Rapid Response Team is able to assist employers and employees who are facing possible layoffs.

Rapid Response services are tailored to meet the unique needs of businesses and can be provided before, during and after any potential layoff. Among our services are layoff aversion strategies that attempt to help reduce or possibly eliminate a need to downsize your business. Rapid Response can help employers make the connection to a variety of programs, resources and services that can assist a business in transition.

When layoffs are unavoidable, Rapid Response can assist workers by providing valuable information about services and benefits available to help them transition into new employment. Staff can provide information on Employment Services, Unemployment Insurance, and Career Support and Training services programs.

For additional information, call (907) 465-1805, visit our Web site at jobs.alaska.gov/rr/ or e-mail dol.rrteam@alaska.gov.

What is a Quality Control audit?

The purpose of a Quality Control (QC) audit is to ensure that your quarterly Employment Security Taxes deposited into the UI Trust Fund are protected.

QC audits are mandated by the federal government. A QC audit identifies and reduces errors in the payment of UI benefits. Each week random unemployment claims are selected to be audited. The QC auditor's job is to examine every aspect of these claims, including employer records (payroll records, time cards, and personnel information), and claimant information (school attendance, union status, dependant allowance, job registration and work search records). Information from these audits is used to ensure the accuracy of individual UI benefits paid and to identify errors in the UI Program. As the result of these audits, Alaska employers could see direct impacts such as decreased tax rates.

With prompt responses and cooperation from employers to a QC audit, we are able to identify payment errors and detect fraudulent claims. Your help aids us with the protection of the UI Trust Fund.

For further information, contact the Quality Control Unit
at (907) 465-3000 or e-mail dol.qc@alaska.gov.