

**From:** PERS-Employer Info Services  
**To:** PERS Employers  
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**Subject:** PERS: Employer update for November 2008

Dear PERS Employer,

In this update:

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#### **Announcement #45, Break-in-Service (BIS) rules removal from EDX.**

Announcement #45 describes the installation of EDX Release 4.2.4, which removes Break-in-Service (BIS) rules from EDX, and actions by PERS staff following 4.2.4 installation. Announcement #45 can be found on the PERS employer website, [www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml) under the "Employer Announcements" and "Employer News" headings.

#### **EDX availability, 7-10 November 2008.**

EDX Release 4.2.4 will be installed the weekend of 8-9 November 2008. EDX will be unavailable beginning 5:00 pm, Friday, 7 November, throughout Saturday and Sunday. Barring unforeseen problems, EDX should be available by 8:00 am, Monday, 10 November 2008. The EDX status indicator on the employer website will be changed to red(down) on Friday evening, and barring unforeseen problems, should be back to green(up) status by 8:00 am, Monday, 10 November 2008.

#### **Payment Categories chart updated.**

The Payment Categories chart is designed to indicate the "subject" status of payments made by employers to their employees. The chart provides a number of payment types, a description of each payment type, and whether that payment is considered "subject" for 6% contribution to a member's IAP account. The Payment Categories chart can be located through the "Employer Tools" link on the PERS employer website. The table was recently updated to include information on voluntary severance payments.

#### **Self-paced tutorials and EDX classes.**

Self-paced tutorials on a number of subjects can be found through the "EDX Self-paced Education" link, under the "Employer Training & Education" heading, on the PERS employer website. The list of available subjects is growing, and includes tutorials on USERRA, the Status Check screen, and UAL, NC (normal cost) and side accounts.

A schedule of EDX employer training classes is available through the "EDX Class Schedule & Registration" link, under the "Employer Training & Education" heading, on the PERS employer website. All classes are conducted in the PERS headquarters computer lab. Registration is exclusively online through the "EDX Class Schedule & Registration" link.

#### **PERS holidays in November 2008.**

PERS will be closed for Veteran's Day on Tuesday, 11 November 2008, and will re-open 8:00 am Wednesday, 12 November 2008. There will be no EDX batch processing Tuesday evening, 11 November 2008.

PERS will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, 27 November and Friday, 28 November 2008. There will be no EDX batch processing on Thursday evening, 27 November or Friday evening, 28 November 2008. EDX online should be available 6:00 am Thursday, 27 November 2008 through 6:00 am Sunday, 30 November 2008.

Best regards,

PERS Employer OCE Team

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