

**DES UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE NEWSLETTER
FOURTH QUARTER | DECEMBER 2019**

Important Information

COMING SOON 2020 TAX RATE NOTICES

The notices are scheduled to be mailed out at the end of December.

New updates to the Arizona Tax and Wage System brings new features for Arizona Employers

- View/Print UI Tax Rate Notices
- View/Print Benefit Charge Notices
- Make payments to a Closed Account

Important Information regarding the Quarterly Tax and Wage Report (UC-018) and Report of Changes (UC-514)

The Department no longer mails out the Quarterly Tax and Wage Report or Report of Changes

What does this mean for you?

- File, pay, and report changes quicker and with fewer processing steps online
- Reduced mailing costs
- More timely and accurate processing

If you'd like to add an additional email to receive news and updates from the department, please visit our website at

www.azuitax.gov

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have eight or more consecutive quarters of wage reports filed with zero wages or missing wage reports, the unemployment tax system will automatically close your account effective the last day of the 8th quarter?

If this occurs and your business resumes paying wages you need to complete an Employer Registration Application (UIT-1159A) which can be found on our website under forms by clicking the button below. Once the application has been completed you can send it to the department via fax, mail or email.

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Tax and Wage Reports (UC-018) must be filed with the department, by the end of the month following the end of the quarter.

- 1st Quarter (January - March) Due by 4/30

- 2nd Quarter (April - June) Due by 7/31
- 3rd Quarter (July - September) Due by 10/31
- 4th Quarter (October- December) Due 1/31

Wage Reporting / Due Dates

All wages paid must be reported for the quarter in which they were paid

- Taxable Wages = \$7,000 per employee per calendar year
- Gross Wages = Total wages paid to each employee
- Excess Wages = Gross Wages – Taxable Wages

The Federal Unemployment Tax Act; 26 U.S.C 6402 (F)(4) mandates that the state Unemployment Insurance (UI) program refer delinquent Unemployment Compensation accounts to the Department of Treasury. If a debt is owed to the UI program, the IRS could reduce or withhold any Federal Tax refund by the amount of the debt owed. To make a payment visit our website

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ONLINE REPORTING

File your Quarterly Tax and Wage Report online at www.azuitax.gov

The online Tax and Wage System (TWS) allows employers with up to 34,000 employees to:

- File a Quarterly Tax and Wage Report
- Make a Payment (ACH Debit)
- Report Address and Business Changes
- View / Print copies of Quarterly Filings previously filed via the internet

AZURE is a bulk file upload server to server process that uses a Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP).

- Electronically transmit up to 5,000 Tax and Wage Reports per file
- Make a Payment (ACH Credit)
- Receive Electronic Acknowledgment

IRME

The Internet Response Module for Employers (IRME) allows employers to respond to Wage Audit Notices electronically. Prompt response to these notices reduces improper payments, decreasing charges to your UI account to stabilize future tax rates.

SIDES E-Response

The UI State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) is a free service that employers can use to respond electronically to Notice to Employer (form UB-110) requests for separation information regarding former employees. Use SIDES to reduce mailing costs, decrease response time, and provide accurate and complete information initially to reduce additional requests for more information and overpayments.

For more information- Contact us:

- TWS /AZURE - UITAccounting@azdes.gov or (602) 771-6601
- IRME - WageAuditUnit@azdes.gov or (602) 364-4300
- SIDES E-Response - UIAClientAdvocate@azdes.gov or (602) 542-5954

Let's Work Together

ARIZONA@WORK partners with employers throughout the state to meet their workforce needs. With locally based services, we have the network to connect people and jobs. By helping businesses succeed and grow, we lay the groundwork for a stronger Arizona economy. And by sharing the solutions you need to find the right employees - right here, right now -we're committed to real teamwork with you. For further information - **CONTACT US TODAY!**

- Job Posting / Recruitment Assistance - www.arizonaatwork.com or ESAW@azdes.gov
- Apprenticeship - www.azapprenticeship.com
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services - TStump@azdes.gov
- Workforce Opportunity Tax Credit - WOTC@azdes.gov or (602) 771-0899

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General Unemployment Questions / Information

- UI Tax: www.azuitax.gov or (602) 771-6606
- UI Benefits: www.azdes.gov or (602) 364-2722 or (877) 600-2722

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are always striving to improve our service and relationships with employers. Please let us know how we're doing by completing our survey by clicking on the button below. <http://www.azdes.gov/uitaxsurvey>

THANK YOU