

Payroll Compliance: Preparing for Year-End and 2016

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What We Will Cover...

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Updates from the IRS have a timetable that can be predicted but is never cast in stone. One year they release information as early as October 5th and other years as late as November 10th. This year the information for 2015 is coming in as expected but may not be in time for this webinar.

Attendees will be provided updated information as it becomes available via e-mail updates. We will begin sending the day after the webinar up until December 15th.



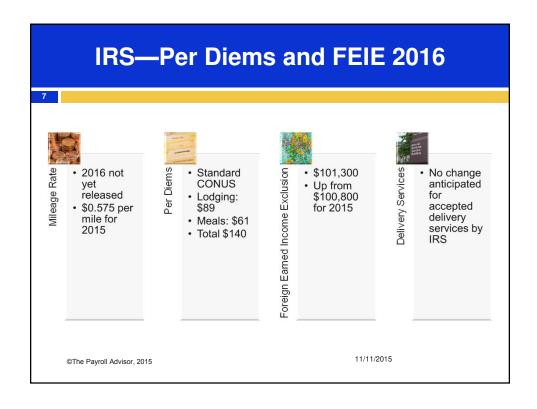


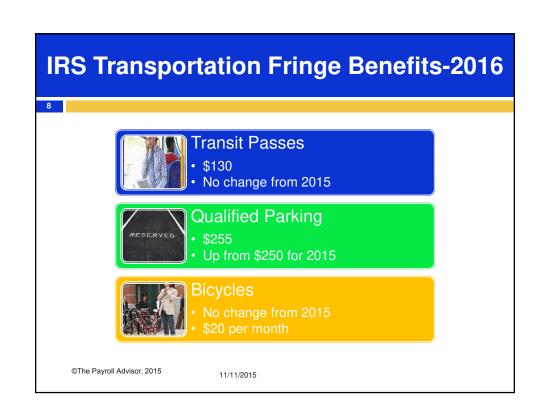
IRS-Pension Plans for 2016

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- ❖ Elective Deferral limit 2016: \$18,000
 - No change from 2015
- Catch up contributions limit 2016: \$6,000
 - Unchanged from 2015
- Defined Contribution Plans limitation 2016: \$53,000
 - Unchanged from 2015
- Annual compensation limit 2016: \$265,000
 - Same as in 2015

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IRS Earned Income Credit

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- Earned income credit
 - Must still notify employee of Earned Income Credit on back of copy B
 - State may still require notification



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IRS Adoption Benefits-2016

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- For 2016 this will be \$13,460
- Up from \$13,400 for 2015
- Begins to phase out at \$210,920 and completely phased out at \$241,920



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FSA Changes 2016

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- Dollar limitations under a Section 125 plan on voluntary employee salary reductions for contributions to health flexible spending arrangements is \$2,550 for 2016
- Same as the 2015 level



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FSA Changes

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- IRS has issued guidance on modifying the "use-or-lose rule for health flexible spending arrangements.
- Permits plan participants to carry over \$500 of unused balances remaining at end of plan year
- Also allows a grace period at the end of the plan year
- But cannot do both

Medical Savings Accounts-2016

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High deductible health plan definitions:

| Type of | Minimum | Maximum | Maximum |
|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Coverage | Annual | Annual | Annual |
| | Deductible | Deductible | Out-of-Pocket |
| | | | Expenses |
| | | | |
| Self-only | \$2,250 | \$3,350 | \$4,450 |
| Family | \$4,450 | \$6,700 | \$8,150 |

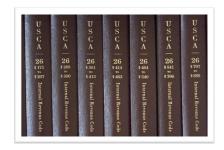
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Supplemental Tax Rates—2016

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- No changes expected
- Withholding up to \$1 million up 25%
- Withholding on wages in excess of \$1 million 39.6%
- Back up withholding— 28%



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Nonresident Alien Table—2016 Pending

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Amount to Add to Nonresident Alien Employee's Wages for Calculating Income Tax Withholding Only

| Payroll Period | Add Additional |
|---|----------------|
| Weekly | \$ 44.20 |
| Biweekly | 88.50 |
| Semimonthly | 95.80 |
| Monthly | 191.70 |
| Quarterly | 575.00 |
| Semiannually | 1,150.00 |
| Annually | 2,300.00 |
| Daily or Miscellaneous (each day of the payroll period) | 8.80 |

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Federal Holidays for 2016

Friday, January 1: New Year's Day

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Monday, July 4: Independence Day Monday, January 18:

Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

> Monday, September 5: Labor Day

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day Monday, February 15:

Washington's Birthday

Monday, October 10: Columbus Day

Monday, December 26: Christmas Day

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Monday, May 30:

Memorial Day

Friday, November

Veteran's Day

Virtual Currency

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Virtual currency. Notice 2014-21 describes the treatment of virtual currency for federal tax purposes. Bitcoin is an example of virtual currency. The fair market value of virtual currency (such as Bitcoin) paid as wages is subject to federal income tax withholding, Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax, and Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) tax and must be reported on Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement.



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Voluntary Classification Settlement Program (VCSP)

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- Launched on September 21, 2011 and still going
- Enable employers to resolve past worker classification issues
- Employers have opportunity to come into compliance by making minimal past payroll tax obligation payment
- Uses Form 8952
- Info on program: http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Voluntary-Classification-Settlement-Program

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Taxation of Fringe Benefits

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- Taxation of fringe benefits at year end including:
 - awards and prizes
 - moving expenses
 - personal use of company cars
 - gift certificates
 - Cell phones
 - Educational Assistance
- Best practices for gathering the data



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Reporting for Health Care Act

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- Affordable Care Act required all employers to report the cost of coverage under an employer-sponsored group health plan—Box 12 code DD
- Requirement optional for small employers at least for 2015 (filed less than 250 W-2s in 2014)
- This reporting is for informational purposes only
- Show employees the value of their health care benefits so they can be more informed consumers
- The amount reported does not affect tax liability—still not taxable wages

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Other Reporting under ACA

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- Form 1094-B and 1095-B: every person that provides minimum essential coverage to an individual
 - Health insurance issuers or carriers
 - Insurance coverage sponsored by employers

Question is: Are you an applicable large employer or an ALE?

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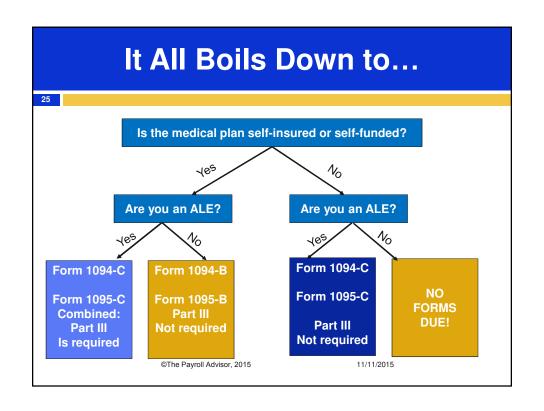
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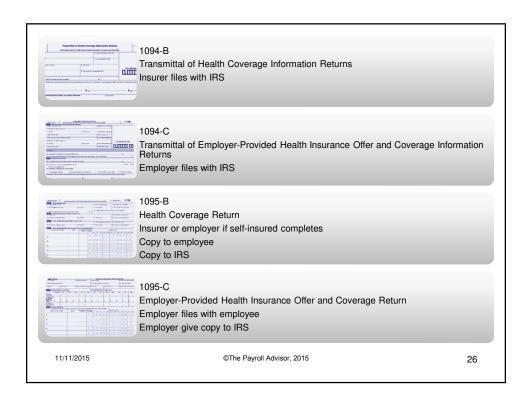
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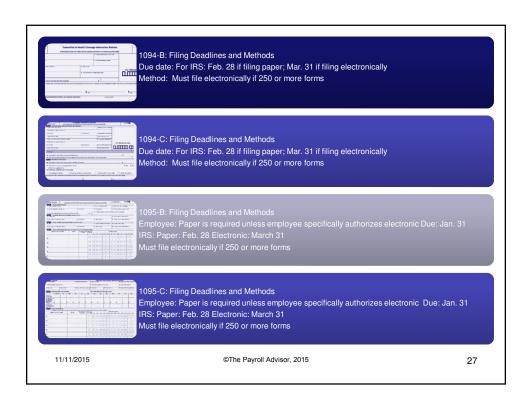
- Form 1094-C and 1095-C: Employer with 50 or more full-time employees during prior calendar year files
 - Employers subject to the employer shared responsibility provision

https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Employers/ACA-Information-Center-for-Applicable-Large-Employers-ALEs

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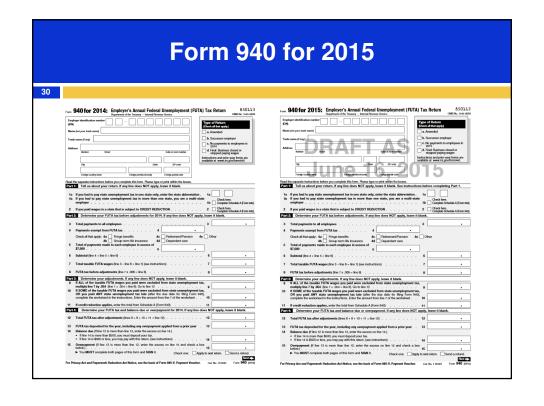


Additional Sources for ACA

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- https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Employers/ACA-Information-Center-for-Applicable-Large-Employers-ALEs
- http://www.irsvideos.gov/SmallBusinessTaxpaye r/AffordableCareAct
- http://www.ascentis.com/webinars/On-Demand/2015/Apr 8 HCR FiveYear/Apr 8 HCR. asp

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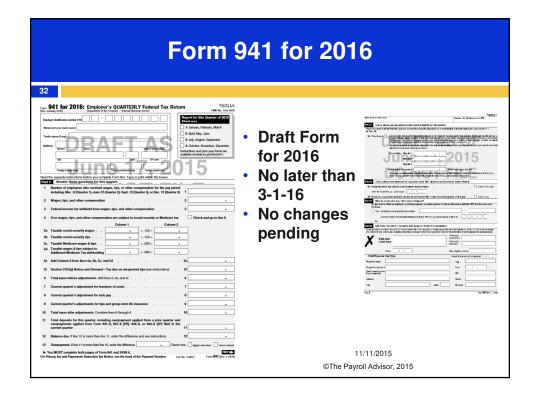
FUTA Credit Reduction for 2015

- There were 7 states and one territory for 2014
- 3 states and one territory for 2015

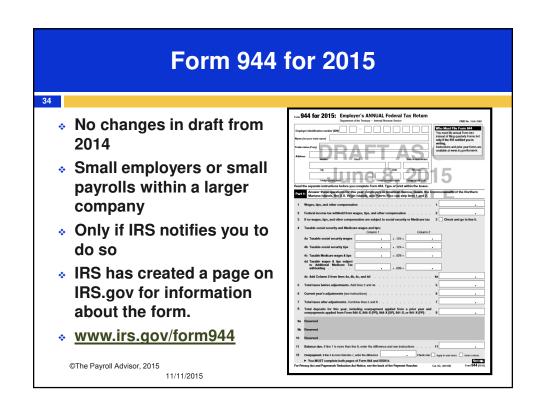
| State | Reduction Rate | Adjusted FUTA Rate |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| California | .015 | 2.1% |
| Connecticut | .021 | 2.7% |
| Ohio | .015 | 2.1% |
| Virgin Islands | .015 | 2.1% |

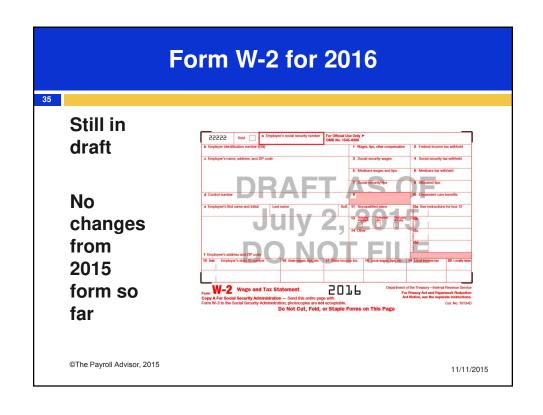
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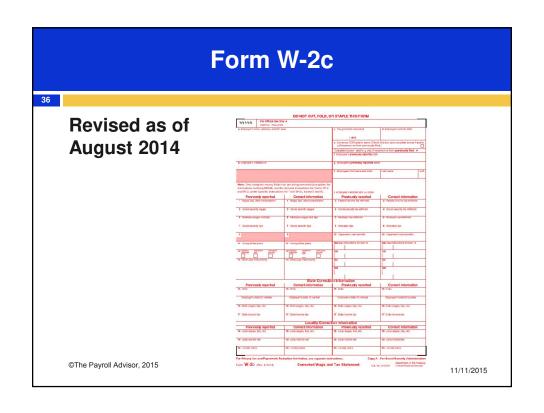
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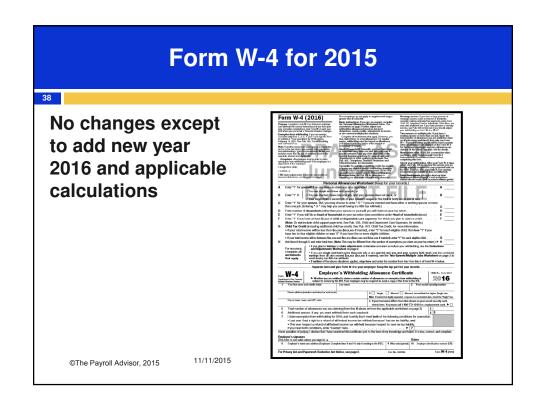
* Current form issued 1/2014 No form currently in draft for 2016 * The Payroll Advisor, 2015 11/11/2015

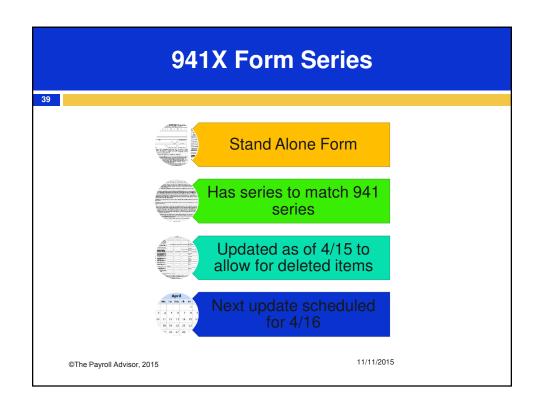


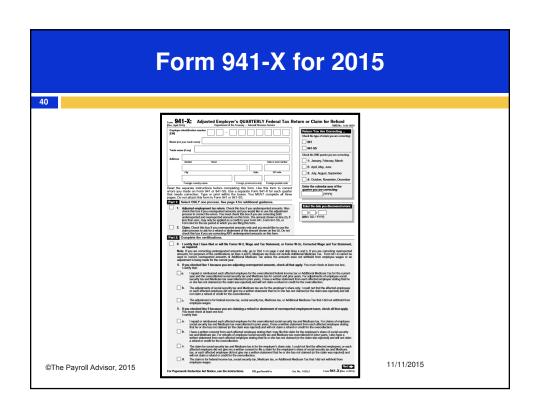




* Revised 8-2014 * Used to transmit Forms W-2c * No changes from last version | Some changes fro







Third Party Sick Pay Form 2015

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- Used first in 2014 to replace recap form
- Send to IRS not SSA
- Minor alterations from 2014



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Department of Labor Update 2016

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- Currently debating updating the salary levels for exempt employees—not if but how much!
- Issued a "clarification" of definition of employ and what is the "economic realities" test for determining when a work is an employee



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Proposed Salary Level-Exempt Employees

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- Will increase to \$921 per week or \$47,892 annually
- To prevent levels from becoming outdated the proposal includes update mechanism
- If approved in late 2015 the rate will be \$951 a week or \$49,452 annually
- For 2016 the estimate is \$970 weekly and \$50,440 annually
- Highly compensated will increase to \$122,148

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FLSA Has Recently Stated...

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- The FLSA definition of employ, which includes "to suffer or permit to work," was specifically designed to broadly cover as many workers as possible.
- The economic reality of the worker's relationship with the employer determines whether the worker is economically dependent on the employer (and therefore, an employee) or is in business for himself or herself (and therefore, an independent contractor).

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Significant Factors For Economic Realities Test

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- 1. Is the work an integral part of the employer's business?
- 2. Does the worker's managerial skill affect his or her opportunity for profit and loss?
- 3. Relative investments of the worker and the employer
- 4. The worker's skill and initiative
- 5. The permanency of the worker's relationship with the employer
- 6. Employer control of employment relationship

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Significant Factors For Economic Realities Test

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1. Is the work an integral part of the employer's business?

For example, the work of a carpenter is integral to the operation of a construction company but a worker engaged by a construction company to repair a copier is not

2. Does the worker's managerial skill affect his or her opportunity for profit and loss?

Ability to make independent business decisions, such as deciding to make business investments or hire helpers. But not deciding to work more jobs or longer hours

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Significant Factors For Economic Realities Test

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Relative investments of the worker and the employer

The worker must make some investment but not merely purchases tools to perform the job

4. The worker's skill and initiative

The skills should demonstrate that the worker exercises independent business judgment or initiative. Specialized skills do not indicate independent contractor status

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Significant Factors For Economic Realities Test

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5. The permanency of the worker's relationship with the employer

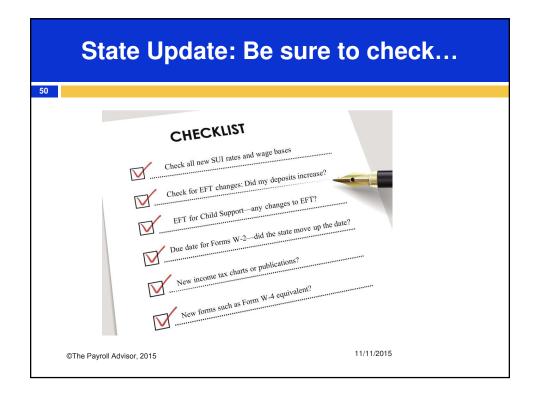
Permanent or indefinite suggests an employee but absence does not automatically indicate independent contractor. Is it the worker's choice?

Employer control of employment relationship

Independent contractor works relatively free of control. Factors include hiring and firing; amount of pay; hours worked and how the work is performed. Lack of control does not automatically classify as independent contractor. Must exercise control over meaningful aspects of the work.

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State Update-2016 SUI wage bases Minimum wage increases Withholding Tables and calculations Meals and lodging updates State laws new for 2016



Increases in State Minimum Wage

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Effective 2016:

Alaska: \$9.75

Arkansas: \$8.00

California: \$10.00

Connecticut: \$9.60

Hawaii: \$8.50

Maryland: \$8.75

Massachusetts: \$10.00

Michigan: \$8.50

Minnesota: \$9.50

Nebraska: \$9.00

New York: \$9.00 (eff. 12-

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Rhode Island: \$9.50

South Dakota: \$8.55

Vermont: \$9.60

West Virginia: \$8.75

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State Minimum Wage

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- * 10 states (AZ, CO, FL, MO, MT, NJ, NV, OH, OR, and WA) that have minimum wages that are linked to a consumer price index. As a result of this linkage, the minimum wages in these states are normally increased each year, generally around January 1st. The exception is Nevada which adjusts in the month of July each year.
- 4 states: DC, MI, MN, VT will begin linking to CPI between 2015 and 2019

State SUI Wage Bases 2016

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| State | Wage Base |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Colorado | \$12,200 |
| lowa | \$28,300 |
| Michigan | \$9,000 (lower) |
| Minnesota | \$31,000 |
| Missouri | \$13,000 (no change) |
| Montana | \$30,500 |
| Nevada | \$28,200 |
| New Mexico | \$24,100 |
| New Jersey | \$32,600 |
| Oklahoma | \$17,500 |
| South Dakota | \$15,000 (no change) |
| Vermont | \$16,800 |
| Washington | \$44,000 |
| Wyoming | \$25,500 |

SSA Update-What We Will Cover

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- Update on year-beginning annual changes for social security wage base and new Medicare
- Review of EFW-2 record changes for tax year 2015
- Review of filing deadlines
- Electronic delivery of W-2s to employees
- When to use the Form W-2c and when to correct the W-2 itself
- Using SSA's BSO to file W-2s and W-2c electronically

Social Security

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- OASDI Taxable wage base for 2016--\$118,500
- Same as for 2015
- Rate is same at 6.2%



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Medicare

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- Additional Medicare Tax began in 2013—appear to be no changes for 2016
- * Rate is 0.9%
- Requires employer to withhold additional amount on wages in excess of \$200,000 in calendar year

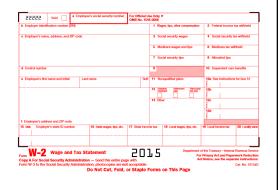


- No employer matching
- All wages currently subject to Medicare subject to this additional tax

Changes to 2015 Form

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- Physical Changes:
 - There are no physical changes to the Form W-2 for 2015
 - The Form is identical to the 2014 version



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EFW-2 Record Changes for 2015

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- Now available on line at https://www.socialsecurity.gov/employer/efw/15e fw2.pdf#zoom=100
- Location Address Field (positions 274-295) of the RA Submitter Record is no longer a required field

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Electronic Forms W-2

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- Software or website specs will vary
- Employee must consent electronic consent even if consenting on paper
- Big stumbling block is disclosure requirements
- Statement can be furnished on the web if employee given access info



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Disclosure Requirements

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- May get paper if they want it
- How long will the consent last
- Procedure for paper copy after giving consent
- How to withdraw consent and how it is confirmed
- Conditions on when electronic Form W-2 is not available
- Procedures for updating contact info for employee
- Employer must notify if changes in contact info for employer

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Disclosure Example from Yale

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- If an employee does not consent to receive an electronic version of Form W-2, he
 or she will be furnished a Form W-2 on paper.
- The 2012 Electronic Form W-2 Consent Statement is effective for Forms W-2 issued for the calendar year 2012 and all future periods until consent is withdrawn or the individual is no longer employed by the University.
- After giving consent, an employee may still equest a paper Form W-2 by contacting the Payroll office in writing. This in the payroll to: payroll taxforms@vale.ech. of S. or to Payroll Depailment Attn: Tax Form Request, Yale University (F.O. B. x 208356, New Heren CT 06520-8356. The request for a paper W-2 with of terminate consen
- An employee may withdraw his or her on ent ath 30 days' notice by sending a written confirmation of the withdraw his ard its effective date. This may be done via email to: payroll.taxforms@yalt.eth.or.o.s. mail to: payroll Department Attn: Consent Request, Yale University, PO Box 208356, New Haven, CT 06520-8356. The withdrawal of consent loss not apply to a Form W-2 that was furnished electronically before be withdrawal of consent is furnished. Upon receipt of the withdrawal, the University Payroll Department will send a written confirmation of the withdrawal via U.S. mail or email.

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Disclosure Example from Yale

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- The University will not provide the Form W-2 electronically to an individual who has terminated
 his or her employment with the University prior to 1/1/2014. These individuals will receive paper
 copies via U.S. mail. Only active University employees will have access to the electronic version
 of Form W-2. If a former employee requires an additional copy of the Form W-2, he or she may
 follow the aforementioned methods of contacting the University Payroll Department.
- If an employee has consented to receive an electronic version of Form W-2 and has not printed the form prior to termination, he or she should inject the University Payroll Department in order to receive a paper copy via U.S.
- The hardware and software require it is needed to access, print and retain Form W-2 electronically include an internet of peculon, web browser, and Adobe Acrobat reader.
- The electronic version of Form W-2 will be available on the web site for at least 3 years from its
 original posting date.
- The Form W-2 may be required to be printed and attached to a federal, state, or local income tax return.

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Correcting the Form W-2

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- If prior to processing
 - then correct the original
- If prior to disbursement to the employee
 - Then correct the original
- If after given to employee but not yet submitted to SSA
 - Then replace the original and correct the "employer submission version"

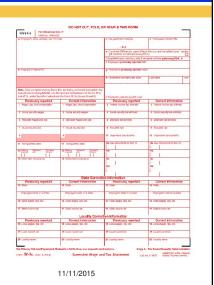
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When to Use Form W-2c

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- If the Form W-2 has been given to employee and submitted to SSA then issue Form W-2c
- If given to employee but the file is not correctable
- Be sure to use 8-2014 version



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Filing Requirements 2015

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- Electronic or Paper only to SSA and they really don't want the paper!
- States may require or accept magnetic media such as CD, diskette (still!) or electronic filing
- Some states do not require filing
- Using SSA's BSO to File
 - - * For smaller companies or EINs do it online
 - * Larger companies can upload file
 - **♦ W-2cs**
 - Can file them independent of W-2s

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Review of Filing Deadlines for 2015

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- To employee: February 1, 2016
- Paper filers to SSA: February 29, 2016
- Electronic filers to SSA: March 31, 2016
- Paper filers can use BSO and file electronically for the later deadline
- If employment ends before December 31, 2015 and employee asked for Form W-2 they must receive the completed copies within 30 days of the request or within 30 days of final wage payment, whichever is later

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State Year End Filing

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| January 31 | February 15 | February 28 | Last Day In February | March 15 |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Alabama | Illinois | Arizona | Colorado | Nebraska |
| Connecticut | New Jersey | Arkansas | Hawaii | |
| District of Columbia | | Delaware | Idaho | |
| Kentucky | | Georgia | Kansas | |
| Mississippi (on paper) | | Indiana | New Mexico | |
| North Carolina | | Louisiana | Ohio | |
| Pennsylvania | | Maine | South Carolina | |
| Utah | | Maryland | | |
| Virginia | | Massachusetts | | |
| Wisconsin | | Michigan | | |
| | | Minnesota | | |
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| | | Missouri | | |
| | | Montana | | |
| | | North Dakota | | |
| | | Rhode Island | | |
| | | Vermont | | |
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Forms W-2 do not need to be filed with state: California, Iowa, Maine (if filing on paper), New York, Oklahoma, and Oregon

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Best Practices Review

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Best time to take a good look around

- Taxation practices
- Wage and hour laws
- Independent contractors
- Watch out for state as well as federal
- Self audit is better than the alternative!



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Penalties In Effect

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If you fail to file a correct Form W-2 by the due date and cannot show reasonable cause you may be subject to a penalty as provided under section 6721:

- · Fail to file timely
- Fail to include all information required to be shown on Form W-2
- Include incorrect information on Form W-2
- File on paper forms when you are required to e-file
- Report an incorrect TIN
- Fail to report a TIN
- Fail to file paper Forms W-2 that are machine readable
- Using a reporting agent or payroll service does not relieve employer of penalty

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Penalties In Effect 2016

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- Penalty based on when correct Form W-2 is filed
- Per Form W-2:
 - \$50 (up from \$30) if filed within 30 days (March 30 if due date is February 28)
 - \$100 (up from \$60) if filed more than 30 days but by August 1st
 - \$260 (up from \$100) if filed after August 1st or if not filed at all

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Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS)

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The Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS) is one of the services offered by Social Security's Business Services Online (BSO). It allows registered users (employers and certain thirdparty submitters) to verify the names and Social Security Numbers (SSNs) of employees against Social Security Records.



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With SSNVS You May...

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- Verify up to 10 names and SSNs online and receive immediate results, and upload batch files of up to 250,000 names and SSNs and usually receive results the next government business day.
- Can key multiple screens
- No limit to the number of times the webpage may be used within a session
- File must be a text file (.txt) not Excel (.xls)

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SSNVS Continued...

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- Cannot be used to verify for I-9 or prior to hiring
- 4 (was 6) possible "No-Match Codes" are returned
- Provides an indicator if Social Security number belongs to a deceased person



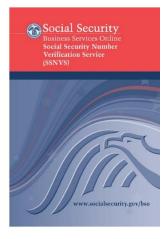
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Mismatch Codes

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- 1 = SSN not in file (never issued to anyone)
- 3 = Name matches; DOB does not match
- 5 = Name does not match, DOB not checked
- 6 = SSN did not verified; other reason



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Results Received

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A tally is displayed showing the total number of:

- * Records submitted,
- Failed,
- Deceased and
- Verified
- If verified the SSN submitted for verification matches SSA's records: a "blank" verification results field = a verified SSN
- If verified, the first five positions of the SSN will be masked with an "X"

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Results Received

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- When file has been processed may download or view results on the Status and Retrieval Results web page
- For 10 or less SSNs submitted the results may be downloaded or viewed online
- For more than 10 SSNs submitted the results may be downloaded only
- Have 30 days from the day they become available to download or view

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Sample Letter Employers Can Give to Employees

| Employees | |
|---|--|
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| We verified the following information with Social Security on this date: | |
| Name | |
| Social Security Number | |
| According to Social Security, the information above does not match Social Security's records. You should: | |
| Check to see if the information above matches the name and Social Security Number on your social security card. If it does not match, please provide me with the exact information as it is shown on your Social Security card. | |
| If the information above matches your card, please check with any local Social Security office to resolve the issue. Once resolved, please inform me of any changes. Go to www.ssa.gov or call 1-800-772-1213 to find the office nearest you. | |
| NOTE: This notice does not imply that you intentionally provided incorrect information about your name or Social Security Number, nor does this adversely affect your employment. | |
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Their Reconciliation Process of Your Forms

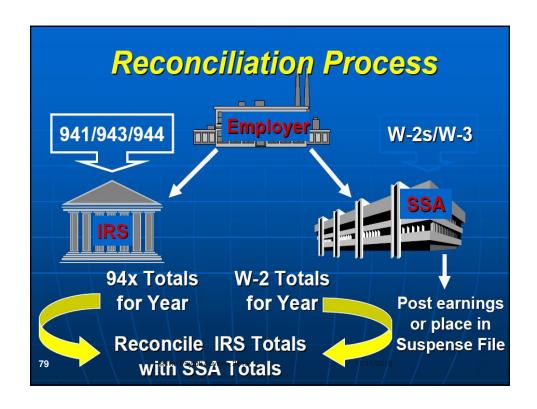
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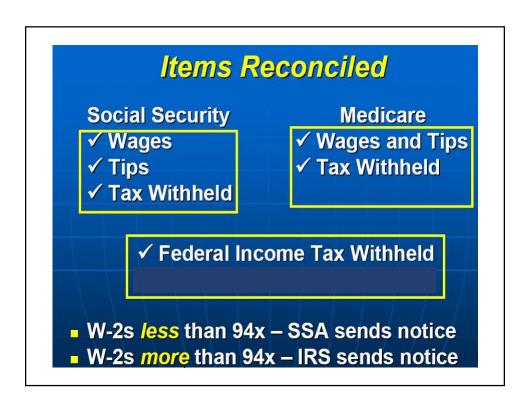
The following slides demonstrate the IRS's and the Social Security Administration's process of reconciling your submitted forms to their records...





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SSA Reconciliation Points

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Compare the amounts to be reported to SSA on Form W-3 to the sum of the amounts you reported to IRS on Forms 941, 943, 944, or Schedule H for the tax year. The following amounts on the IRS and SSA report should match:

| Item | W-2 Block | 941 Line | 944 Line |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Social Security Wages | 3 | 5a | 4a |
| Social Security Tips | 7 | 5b | 4b |
| Medicare Wages/Tips | 5 | 5c | 4c |
| Additional Medicare Wages/Tips | 5 | 5d | 4d |
| Federal Income Tax Withheld | 2 | 3 | 2 |

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SSA Reconciliation Points

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- When filing reports electronically, the total of all employee wage ("RW") records should agree with the amount entered in the "RT" record.
- Reconcile on a quarterly basis
- Errors are discovered in a timely manner
- 3 ways to reconcile
 - · Reconcile against payroll
 - Reconcile Form W-2 against Form(s) 941
 - · Reconcile Form W-2 against itself

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Returned wage reports from the Social Security Administration (SSA). Effective January 2015, the SSA will return Form W-2 electronic and paper wage reports under the following conditions:

- Medicare wages and tips are less than the sum of social security wages and social security tips,
- Social security tax is greater than zero; social security wages and social security tips are equal to zero, and
- Medicare tax is greater than zero; Medicare wages and tips are equal to zero.

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Reconciliation of Form 941 to Form W-2

| Lines on Form 941 | То | Boxes on Form W-2 | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|--|
| 2—Total Wages and tips and other compensation | То | 1—Wages, tips other compensation | |
| 3—Total income tax withheld from wages, tips and other compensation | | 2–Federal income tax withheld | |
| 5a - Taxable Social Security wages column 1 | То | 3—Social security wages | |
| 5a column 2 | | 4 – Social security tax withheld | |
| 5c –Taxable Medicare wages and tips column 1 5d—Taxable wages & tips subject to Additional Medicare Tax withholding | | F. Madiana was and time | |
| | | 5 – Medicare wages and tips | |
| 5c & 5d column 2 combined | То | 6 - Medicare tax withheld | |
| | | | |
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Reconciliation

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In addition to these totals, there are other boxes that must be verified before the Forms W-2 can be processed. These include box 12 that show listing for benefits as required by the IRS. These should be reviewed against the payroll records to make sure that the benefits have been recorded correctly.

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Reconciliation

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A very important box that must be reviewed is box 13. This box is for reporting whether or not the employee is covered by a retirement plan. It is critical that this box be marked correctly. The definition of retirement plan can be found in the instructions for the Form W-2 on the IRS website. Penalties can be assessed if this box is marked incorrectly.

| 13 | Statutory | Retirement | Third-party |
|----|-----------|------------|-------------|
| | employee | plan | sick pay |
| | | | |

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Notifying the Employees Memo...

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- Inform the employees of what is going on in payroll for year end and year beginning
- No more than 2 pages
- On or before Dec 1
- What should you include?



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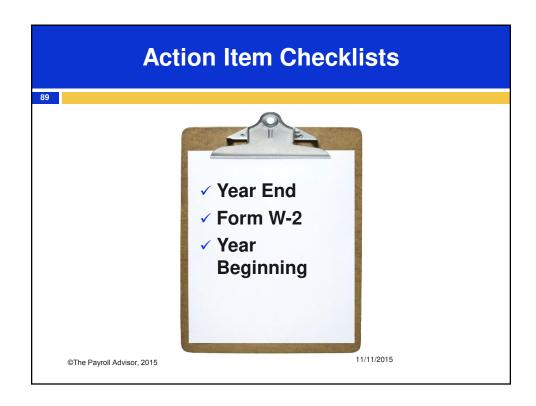
Military Spouse Exemptions

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- Form W-4 state equivalents that are used to claim exempt from state income tax for military spouses expire at the end of each calendar year
- Need to submit new form for 2016



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Year End

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- Set up committees
- Set up systems needed
- Verify all information
- Set up spreadsheets or files needed
- After the final payroll...



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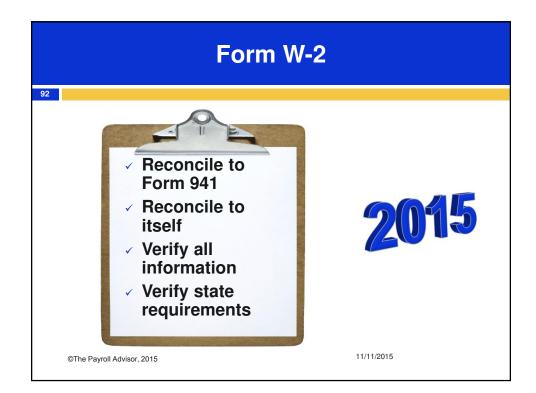
New Year

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- Set up calendars
- Before the first payroll run...
- After the first payroll run...
- Order forms and pubs
- Set up files and spreadsheets
- Updates

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Duplicate Form W-2

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- Announce procedures in advance to employees
- Create form for employees to use
- Employers are not prohibited from charging a fee for the issuance of duplicate Form W-2 per IRS Code



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Sample Request For Duplicate Form W-2 for Tax Year: 2015 Please return this form to: Petrie Plastics Company Inc. Payroll Department M/S 406 1402 Bonny Meadow Road Anytown, NY 01014 Fax: 123-45-6789 E-mail: payroll@petrieplastics.com Please issue a duplicate copy of the Wage and Tax Statement (Form W-2) for the following employee: Employee Name: Social Security No: Badge # (for current employees): Distribution of Form: (Circle One) Pick-Up From Payroll Mail Form State ZIP Code Reason For Request: (circle one) Never Received Lost/Misplaced/Destroyed Signature of Employee: If requesting form be mailed please provide copy of picture identification such as driver's license (former employees) or ID badge (current employees) along with this request form. If picking up the duplicate Form W-2 in person, please be prepared to show picture ID such as a driver's license (former employees) or your ID badge (current employees). Allow five business days to process your request. For Payroll Department Use Only: Date request received: Date form mailed to employee: Received by employee: Signature of Employee: ©The Payroll Advisor, 2015

Links and Websites

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- Electronic W-2 to Employees: 26 CFR § http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/get-cfr.cgi
- PDF on Filing electronically: http://www.ssa.gov/employer/08EFW2.pdf
- Info on verifying social security numbers on line: http://www.ssa.gov/employer/ssnv.htm
- PDF on Verifying social security numbers and names: http://www.ssa.gov/employer/ssnvs handbk.htm
- Social Security Administration Business Services Online: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/bso/

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