



EDD Reminds Employers of E Filing Beginning January 1, 2017

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) is reminding many employers that beginning January 1, 2017, a new state law takes effect that requires the electronic submission of employment tax returns, wage reports, and payroll tax deposits.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1245, signed into law by Governor Brown in 2015, requires employers with 10 or more employees to electronically file and pay taxes beginning January 1, 2017. Beginning January 1, 2018, all remaining employers must electronically file and pay taxes. Employers can use the EDD's "[e-Services for Business](#)" to fulfill the requirements of this new law.

"Our 'e-Services for Business' online system makes it simple for employers to file electronically and manage their accounts at any time and from anywhere using a computer, tablet or even a smart phone – no specialized software needed," said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning, Jr. "Employers will save time and money while operating in a secure, encrypted environment."

To ease the transition from paper forms and coupon booklets to electronic reporting, the EDD is offering employers online tutorials and technical assistance. EDD's tutorials and additional information are available at its [e-Services for Business](#) webpage, or through the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886, available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time).

The online file and pay system offers a wide range of benefits for employers, including:

- Reducing errors that are common with paper forms;
- Protecting data through electronic encryption, which is safer and more secure than paper forms;
- Providing an automated receipt so employers immediately know their return, report, or payment was received by EDD;
- Saving time by keeping employers' basic account information available for future transactions;
- Providing an easy way to update employer account information; and
- Reducing employers' paper and mailing costs.

More than 42 percent of California employers already voluntarily use "e-Services for Business" to electronically submit their employment tax returns, wage reports and payroll tax deposits to the EDD. Employers can find more information about the new e-file and e-pay rules at www.edd.ca.gov/eFileMandate.

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