

Employer Advisor

Utah's Unemployment Insurance Division Receives **Governor's Award for Excellence**



Utah's Unemployment Insurance Division was honored for its continual innovation and efficiency by Governor Gary R. Herbert at the annual Governor's Awards for Excellence ceremony.

The Unemployment Insurance Division is made up of 185 employees who serve 80,000 Utah employers and annually process more than 65,000 unemployment claims. Utah's unemployment tax and benefits program has been recognized as the best nationally by the U.S. Department

of Labor for seven of the last eight years; yet, such recognition has not slowed improvement.

Utah employers enjoy the ninth lowest unemployment insurance tax rate in the nation due to the Contributions Unit accurately calculating the annual tax rate, ensuring workers and independent contractors are properly reported, providing new employer coordination and conducting proactive collections. Consequently, in 2018, Utah collected \$185 million less in unemployment taxes compared to

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2013, yet still has the seventh healthiest trust fund nationally.

The Benefits Unit actively helps those receiving unemployment quickly re-engage with the workforce, resulting in Utah having the eleventh lowest benefit duration in the nation. Additionally, the Benefits Unit ensures only those who are eligible receive benefits, achieving the fourth lowest improper payment rate nationally.

In 2018, unemployment benefit payment timeliness was the highest in four years, and benefit accuracy and new employer status determinations were the best on record; all while implementing a significant IT system modernization and processing 30 percent more claims due to the federal shutdown.

Innovation and efficiency continue in 2019 with the implementation of mandatory online initial claim filing and employer quarterly filing. Utah's system is well-designed and the model is refined, but ultimately the incredible staff make the Unemployment Insurance Division great and continuously improving.

Remember!

Starting July 1, 2019, Paper Unemployment Insurance Wage Reporting Forms Will No Longer Be Accepted

DID YOU KNOW?

- 9 out of 10 employers are already filing their quarterly reports online.
- Online filing is a faster and more secure method to report wages and pay contributions due.
- Our online tool will automatically and accurately calculate tax liability, as well as allow you to make payments by electronic funds transfer (EFT), for one or many accounts at once.
- You can upload a file, or manually enter data for each business.
- Filing online creates a database for your accounts, allowing you to store, review, and amend previous reports.
- The Department of Workforce Services' website always requires encrypted communication, ensuring that all your information will be transmitted securely. This provides greater security than sending reports or checks in the mail, which travel through many hands and can be lost

Your next unemployment insurance quarterly wage report is due **JULY 31, 2019**.



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801-526-9235

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

At the Department of Workforce Services, we are always looking for new and better ways to serve you — our state's employers.

We have collaborated with our business partners at the State Workforce Development Board to create a brief survey to help us understand how employers in Utah are utilizing our services and how we can serve you better.

Please take a just few minutes to complete the survey, which you can find here:

surveymonkey.com/r/wioabusiness.