Accrued payroll journal entries

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Payroll Accrual: A Comprehensive Guide**

What is Accrued Payroll?

 Accrued payroll refers to salaries earned by employees that have not yet been paid or recorded on the company's books.

Journal Entry for Accrued Payroll

• Debit: Salaries Expense

• Credit: Salaries Payable

How is Accrued Payroll Recorded?

- At the end of each accounting period, the company records an accrual for unpaid payroll.
- This accrual is a liability on the company's balance sheet.

Journal Entry for Payroll

• **Debit:** Salaries Payable

• Credit: Cash

Entry for Salaries Accrual

• See "Journal Entry for Accrued Payroll" above.

Payroll Accrual - Debit or Credit?

- The accrual itself is a debit to Salaries Expense and a credit to Salaries Payable.
- When payroll is paid, the payment is a credit to Salaries Payable and a debit to Cash.

Journal Entry for Accrued

- The journal entry for accrual is the same as the journal entry for accrued payroll.
- **Debit**: Expense
- Credit: Liability

Example of Accrued Payroll

- Employees earn \$10,000 in wages for the week, but payday is not until next week.
- The company would record an accrual of \$10,000 for accrued payroll.

Is Accrued Payroll Accounts Payable?

• Yes, accrued payroll is classified as an accounts payable liability.

How to Reverse Accrued Payroll

- When payroll is paid, the accrual must be reversed.
- This is done by debiting Salaries Payable and crediting Salaries Expense.

Is Payroll a Debit or Credit?

- Payroll expense is a debit to the income statement.
- Payroll paid is a credit to cash on the balance sheet.

General Ledger in Payroll

 The general ledger tracks all transactions related to payroll, including accrued payroll and payroll payments.

Journal Entry for Salaries and Wages Payable

• See "Journal Entry for Accrued Payroll" above.

How to Enter Accrued Payroll

- Debit Salaries Expense for the amount of unpaid payroll.
- Credit Salaries Payable for the same amount.

How to Accrue Payroll at Month End

- Calculate the total salaries earned by employees up to the end of the period.
- Create a journal entry for the accrual.

Journal Entry for Accrued Income Paid

• **Debit:** Accounts Receivable

• Credit: Income

Why Use Payroll Accrual?

 Accrual accounting ensures that expenses and revenues are recorded in the periods in which they are earned or incurred, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Is Accrued Payroll a Debt?

 Yes, accrued payroll is a liability that the company owes to its employees for unpaid wages.

Accrued Payroll Reconciliation

 The accrued payroll balance on the balance sheet is reconciled each period to ensure accuracy.

Double Entry of Accruals

 Accruals are always recorded with a debit to an expense or asset account and a credit to a liability or revenue account.

Journal Entry Recording an Accrual

• See "Journal Entry for Accrued" above.

How to Record Paid Accrued Expenses

- Debit the expense account.
- Credit the accrued expense account.

Is Accrued Payroll a Debit or Credit?

- Accrual: Debit for expense, credit for liability.
- Payment: Credit for liability, debit for cash.

Cash Basis of Payroll

- Under the cash basis of accounting, payroll is recorded only when paid.
- This is not generally accepted accounting practice (GAAP).

Do You Accrue Net or Gross?

Accrue gross wages before any deductions are taken.

Accrual Journal Entry

• See "Journal Entry for Accrued" above.

Journal Entry for Accrued Liabilities

• See "Journal Entry for Accrued" above.

Is Accrued Payroll an Operating Liability?

Yes, accrued payroll is considered an operating liability.

Journal Entry for Accrued Income Paid

• See "Journal Entry for Accrued Income Paid" above.

Is Accrued Payroll Accounts Payable?

• Yes, accrued payroll is classified as an accounts payable liability.

How to Record the Payment of Accrued and Current Salaries

- Debit Salaries Payable for the amount of accrued payroll.
- Debit Salaries Expense for the amount of current payroll.
- Credit Cash for the total payment.

Journal Entry for Salaries Paid

• See "Journal Entry for Payroll" above.

How to Record Accrued Payments

- Debit the expense account for the amount accrued.
- Credit the accrued liability account for the same amount.

Journal Entry to Record Accrued Revenue

• Debit: Accounts Receivable

• Credit: Revenue

How to Enter Accrued Income

- Debit the asset account.
- Credit the accrued revenue account.

Entry for Accrued Payroll

• See "Journal Entry for Accrued Payroll" above.

Is Accrued Payroll a Debt?

 Yes, accrued payroll is a liability that the company owes to its employees for unpaid wages.

Why Accrue Payroll?

• See "Why Use Payroll Accrual?" above.

How to Forecast Accrued Payroll

- Estimate the total wages to be earned during the period.
- Apply the accrued payroll formula to calculate the amount of payroll to be accrued.

Example of an Accrual Journal Entry

• Debit: Salaries Expense \$10,000

• Credit: Salaries Payable \$10,000

Offset for Accrued Payroll

• The offset for accrued payroll is Salaries Payable.

How to Record Payroll Entry

• See "Journal Entry for Payroll" above.

Double Entry for Salary

• Debit: Salaries Expense

• Credit: Salaries Payable

How to Record Cash Payments for Salaries

• Debit: Salaries Payable

Credit: Cash

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