### **Purpose**

This recommended practice describes the actions that agency payroll may need to take at calendar year-end. These actions will help ensure that each employee receives a correct IRS Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement and that OSPA is ready for the new tax year.

## Authority / References

See Resources below

# Scope / Applicability

This practice applies to all agencies that use OSPA.

## Responsibilities / 2008 Timeline

For more information, see Notes, Supporting Documentation / Forms, and Reports below.

Date / Deadline	Activity	Who
Before October run	Outdate for 11/30/08:	OSPS /
1	DPT / DPN P050 gross pay adjustments	OSPA
10/27/08	Charitable Fund Drive P070 deductions	
11/03/08	Enter 2009 PEBB deduction codes on Payroll Deduction Table	OSPS
After October Datamart Update, 11/13/08	Send datamart query results to agencies with employees who have SVNN deductions that may exceed \$5,000. See Notes, Maximum Amounts.	OSPS
November run 1, 11/24/08	Distribute ANNLDEC Deceased Employees – Agency Summary report to agencies. See Reports.	OSPS / OSPA
11/30/08	Last date to set P010 check dates for employees who transfer in 2008	Agencies
12/01/08	Enter 2008 Charitable Fund Drive Codes on the Payroll Deduction Table	OSPS

Date / Deadline	Activity	Who
November run 2, 12/09/08	<ul> <li>For 2008, last date:</li> <li>Will have access to set P010 check dates for months prior to November</li> <li>Set correctives for September and October</li> <li>Enter cash payments for 2008 expense reimbursements without setting 11/30/08 P010 dates</li> <li>Request check reversals for pay periods prior to November</li> </ul>	Agencies
12/31/08	<ul> <li>For 2008, last date to:         <ul> <li>Pay-off leave balances for employees who separated prior to December</li> </ul> </li> <li>Accept payment from an employee for the return of a 2008 overpayment without the need for a corrected W-2</li> <li>Request manual checks for separated employees with net pay positive adjustments</li> </ul>	Agencies
01/02/09	Last date to receive updated Form W-5, Form 8233, Form W-9, or OSPS Form 99.01  Remind employees to give agency HR any home address changes for W-2's	Agencies
December run 2, 01/09/09	<ul> <li>Last date for 2008 to:</li> <li>Request check reversals</li> <li>Enter non-cash expense reimbursements or fringe benefits</li> <li>Correct negative YTD amounts from the XREF68N Employees with Negative Amount(s) Listed report</li> <li>Request P060 tax adjustments for separated employees with net pay positive adjustments</li> <li>Record return of 2008 overpayment</li> <li>Correct payments from the B850-01 Nov or Dec Pay Reported in Two Tax Years report</li> </ul>	Agencies
After December run 2, 01/12/09	First date with access to set P010 check dates for 2009	Agencies
01/20/09	W-2's produced	OSPS / OSPA

Date / Deadline	Activity	Who
January run 1,	Outdate 2008 Governor's Food Drive P070	OSPS /
01/26/09	deductions for 02/28/09	OSPA
	Last date to change EIC Y for employees without a new W-5	Agencies
01/31/09	Deadline for mailing W-2's	Agencies
02/15/09	Last date to receive updated Form W-4 for exemption from withholding	Agencies
February run 1, 02/23/09	Last date to change withholding on P010 for employees who have not submitted a new W-4 claiming exemption from withholding	Agencies
After March run 1, 03/26/09	First date to request that OSPS delete December 2008 P010 check dates	Agencies

# Systems / Applications

System / Application	Functionality
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# Prerequisites

## Recommended Practice

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## **Notes**

Notes in this section provide additional information on the following:

- ACH
- Automatic Outdates
- Checks
- Corrections
- P010 and P370 Dates
- Employee Separations
- Employee Transfers

- Maximum Amounts
- Taxes

### ACH

- **Rejects** After November run 2, rejected direct deposits will not process normally. Work with OSPS to determine the required manual calculation and P050 entry.
- **Stops** -- After November run 2, for pay periods prior to November, OSPS can stop the ACH from depositing; but we cannot reverse the transaction in OSPA. You will need to make adjusting entries on the November or December P050 screen. Contact OSPS for specific instructions.

### **Automatic Outdates**

As part of the year-end process, OSPS will request an automated process for OSPA to outdate some on-going P050 Gross Pay Adjustments and P070 Deductions and Deduction Adjustments. They include:

- Charitable Fund Drive Contributions Before October run 1, OSPA will outdate any on-going Charitable Fund Drive deductions on the P070 with an end date of 11/30/YYYY. With the October run 1 reports, you will receive **E560-04-01 List of In/Outdated Deductions.**
- Governor's Food Drive Contributions -- Before January run 1, OSPA will outdate any on-going Food Drive deductions on the P070 with an end date of 02/28/YYYY (02/29 in leap years). With the February run 1 reports, you will receive the E560-04-01 List of In/Outdated Deductions report.
- **PEBB Domestic Partner Insurance** Under federal and state tax law, health insurance benefits provided by an employer to an employee are not taxable for the employee if the benefits are for the employee or the employee's spouse or eligible tax dependents. An employee may submit a PEBB Domestic Partner Certification for Dependent Tax Status for the partner and/or children.

If the employee does not claim the partner and/or children as a tax dependent, the imputed value of the benefit is taxable income for the employee. In this case, we make a DPT (Domestic Partner Taxable) entry on the P050 to make the imputed value subject to withholding. For **part-time or job share** employees with out-of-pocket premium costs for domestic partner insurance, the out-of-pocket costs may reduce the employee's taxable income. If so, we also make a negative DPN (Domestic Partner nontaxable) entry on the P050.

The DPN and DPT amounts remain in effect for one plan (calendar) year. Before October run 1, OSPA will outdate the DPT and DPN entries on the P050 with an END DATE of 11/30/YYYY. With October run 1 reports, you will receive:

- E820-1 Gross Pay Adjustments Outdated, which lists employees where OSPA has outdated the DPT and DPN entries
- E820-2 Gross Pay Adjustments Beginning after Outdate, which shows GPA's with a STRT DATE after the END DATE for the automated process
- E820-3 Duplicate Gross Pay Adjustments

See Entry Guides, PEBB, Domestic Partners.

### **Checks**

Cancellations / Reversals -- For current tax year payroll checks with errors, reverse the checks, remove the hours and/or gross pay adjustments, and set a corrective flag prior to December Run 2 final. DO NOT process any corrections that will create a net pay negative that the employee will not repay in the current tax year.

After November run 2 final, we cannot reverse October and prior checks.

- After December run 2 final, we cannot reverse or cancel checks for that year. Instead, call or e-mail OSPS for assistance or see the Recommended Practice, Taxes, Corrected W-2 (W-2c). Also, see the Cancel an Employee Check flowchart on the OSPS website (see Resources).
- **Early Check Release** If you release a paycheck prior to January 1, make sure the employee understands the tax implications of cashing the check early. If an employee cashes a December paid January check on or before December 31, you will need to request two corrected W-2s:
  - For the tax year in which the employee cashed the check, request a corrected W-2 to increase taxable. Medicare subject, and social security subject income
  - For the subsequent tax year, request a W-2c to decrease the taxable, Medicare subject, and social security subject income
- **Manual Checks for Separations --** If your agency issues an agency check to a separating employee, be sure to enter the PANN deduction on the P070 Deductions and Deduction Adjustments by December run 2.
- Old Checks Payroll checks are valid for two years. An employee can cash a check as long as it is correct and has a date within the last two years. The wages are tax reportable in the year in which the employee received the check, even if the employee delays cashing it.

- **Social Security Wage Base Limit** If you need to reverse a check for an employee who has reached the maximum dollar amount on which OSPA will calculate social security taxes (\$102,000 for 2008):
  - After you have made the necessary changes in OSPA, compare the SSEC on the P370 to the SOC SEC TAX on the employee's remittance advice or to the SSEC on the payroll register.
  - If the P370 is different from the amount on the remittance advice or register, calculate the difference and subtract it from the net when you request the replacement check.

### Corrections

Setting the Corrective Flag – Normally, you can set the Corr(ective) Flag on the P190 Payroll Register Data for any pay period displayed on the screen.

After November run 2 final, OSPA will only allow a corrective for the November pay period. When you set the corrective flag, OSPA will ensure you have entered 11/30/08 check dates on the P010 (see Dates, P010).

After December run 2 final, we cannot set corrective flags for the old tax year.

#### **CURRENT EMPLOYEES**

Ideally, correct errors before November Run 2 cutoff. If the November pay period is closed, the timing will dictate the process you use.

- Corrections after November Run 2 After November run 2 final, we cannot enter corrections and set correctives for any pay period prior to November. Instead, make all the adjustments for the tax year on the P050 Gross Pay Adjustments, regardless of the month you need to correct:
  - Use 11/30/YY as the pay period end date, even if the adjustment is for months prior to November
  - Use the P370 Calculation of Current Pay-off (see Dates, P370) and the P091 YTD Wages, Taxes, and Retirement to verify your entries
  - On the P010, enter FINAL CHECK ISSUED: 11/30/YY and FINAL CHECK PERIOD ENDING: 11/30/YY (see Dates, P010). You must have November P010 dates in order to set the November corrective flag.
  - On the P190 Payroll Register Data set the corrective flag for November

Corrections Between November Run 2 and December Run 2 – If you will be requesting a manual check before noon on December 31 or the corrections are for non-cash fringe benefits, make the corrections in the November pay period, set 11/30/YY P010 check dates, and set the P190 corrective flag for the November pay period.

If you will not be requesting a manual check, make the changes for cash wages on the P050 in the January pay period.

Corrections after December Run 2 – Because it is a closed tax year, we cannot make corrections after December run 2 of any tax year. For positive changes to cash wages, make the corrections on the P050 for the January pay period. For changes to non-cash fringe benefits, request a corrected W-2 (see the Recommended Practice, Taxes, Corrected W-2 (W-2c).

Overpayments – If the employee has a net pay negative in November and OSPA will automatically reduce the employee's December wages by the amount of the net pay negative, you do not need to make any adjustments.

If the employee has or will repay an overpayment by the end of the year in which it occurred (December run 2 in OSPA), make entries to reduce gross wages and withholding for that tax year.

If an overpayment is going to cross tax years:

- Reimburse the joint payroll account
- Reverse the entries that caused the negative in OSPA
- Have your agency's accounting office set-up an A/R to collect the overpayment from the employee
- If you let the negative roll over into the next year, the employee's W-2 for that year will be understated.

If the employee will not repay all or part of an overpayment in the same year that the overpayment occurred, the amount still owed is taxable to the employee for that year. This is because the employee received and had use of those funds during the year. When the employee has repaid the full amount, request a corrected W-2 for the year in which the overpayment occurred. The OSPS Accountant will request a refund of social security and Medicare taxes on behalf of the agency. The employee is not entitled to file an amended return (Form 1040X) to recover the income tax on these wages. Instead, the employee is entitled to a deduction (or credit in some cases) for the repaid wages on his or her income tax return for the year of repayment. See Recommended Practice, Taxes, Corrected W-2 (W-2c).

Do not make negative P050 entries to correct prior year overpayments; prior year negative P050 entries will understate wages for the current tax year. Instead, ask your agency's accounting staff to set-up an A/R and request a corrected W-2 when the employee repays the A/R.

#### SEPARATED EMPLOYEES

The timing of when you learn about any necessary corrections for separated employees will dictate the process.

**Separations Prior to December** -- After November Run 2 and prior to December 31, if you determine that your agency owes money to a previously separated employee, send OSPS a written request to enter the gross pay on the P050 for the December pay period. OSPS will also enter P010 check dates of 12/31/YY. This will calculate the entry in the current tax year and avoid an unnecessary corrective.

**December Separations** – **Prior to November run 2** final, make corrections in the appropriate month(s) that are still on the P190 and set the P190 corrective flag. If the P190 does not include the pay period that you wish to correct, make the corrections with a P050 entry for the December pay period.

If **after November run 2** you need to make corrections to prior months for an employee who separated in December, consolidate the corrections and make an entry on the P050 with a 12/31/YY pay period end date. Because we need to set December P010 check dates to include the final pay in the current year's wages, we cannot process corrections for prior months. See Dates, P010 Check Dates.

**Corrections after December 31** -- We cannot set a corrective flag for a separated employee **after December 31**. If you find that, you still owe money to a separated employee after December 31:

- Make the necessary entries on the P050 for the January pay period
- When you save the entries, OSPA will give you an error message
- Make a screen print with the entry and error message
- Write "please make entry" on the screen print and sign
- Fax the screen print to OSPS

This will produce a check with a new tax year date and a W-2 for the new tax year. This complies with Internal Revenue Service regulation §31.3121(a)-2, since the employee will receive the pay in the new tax year.

### <u>Dates</u>

#### P010 WITHHOLDING DATA / LOCATOR DATA CHECK DATES

Generally, you enter FINAL CHECK ISSUED and FINAL CHECK PERIOD ENDING dates on the P010 for the following reasons:

- An employee separated from state service
- An employee transferred to another state agency in any month except December
- You set a corrective for the November payroll run

Impact of P010 Dates on OSPA Processing -- P010 FINAL CHECK ISSUED (date printed on a check) and FINAL CHECK PERIOD ENDING dates are critical at year-end. These dates force the calculation of wages into the specified tax year.

During the payroll run, OSPA only uses P010 dates that apply to the pay period it is processing. In general, if you enter P010 dates for a prior pay period, OSPA will only apply those dates if you have also entered changes and set a corrective for that pay period.

For year-end, for example, if during the December pay period you have:

- Entered changes for November
- Set the corrective flag for the November pay period
- Entered November P010 dates

#### OSPA will:

- Use the P010 dates for the November changes
- Apply the November corrections to the old tax year
- Apply the December payroll to the new tax year

If you set a November corrective in December and do not enter November P010 dates:

- OSPA will apply the calculated wages for both November and December to the new tax year
- Because OSPA will not find a record of the prior November payment in the data for the new tax year, it will also again pay the employee for all of November's wages (resulting in an overpayment)
- The employee will be on the **B850-01 Nov or Dec Pay Reported in Two Tax** Years Report (see Reports).

#### **December Dates**

Agency payroll staff cannot enter, change, or delete December P010 check dates at any time. You can ask OSPS staff members to enter, change, or delete December dates. Write "please set P010 dates" on your manual check request; or, if you are not ordering a manual check, send an e-mail or fax to OSPS.

**December P010 Date after December Run 1** -- If you are considering requesting a December P010 date after December Run 1 final, consider the following:

- Does the P190 Payroll Register Data show a December set?
- If it does, did that set calculate taxes for the new tax year?

If the answer to BOTH of these questions is "YES," first reverse the check or cancel the ACH that created the set. Then you can ask OSPS to set December P010 dates.

**Removing a December P010 Date** -- If you wish to remove a December check date for an employee who still works for the agency:

- After March run 1 final, make sure the December set is no longer on the P190 Payroll Register Data
- Ask OSPS to delete the date.

By waiting, you avoid the risk of setting a corrective for a closed tax year. OSPA will normally remove the December run from the P190 Payroll Register Data with the March run.

- Separations in December -- If a separating employee will receive his/her final pay during December, we need to include that payment in the current year's W-2. We can force the wages into the current year by entering December FINAL CHECK ISSUED and FINAL CHECK PERIOD ENDING dates on the P010.
- **Transfers in December** -- Do not request check dates for December if an employee is transferring from one state agency to another. The IRS considers all State of Oregon agencies as one employer. Without check dates, OSPA will combine the December wages from both agencies into the December paid January wages and report them in the next tax year.

#### **January Dates**

Agency payroll staff cannot enter, change, or delete January dates on the P010 until after December run 2. We suggest that you set up a pending folder as a reminder to delete the January dates after December Run 2 final.

#### P370 CALCULATION OF CURRENT PAY-OFF

The P370 shows entries you have made since the last final payroll run. The amounts shown are the result of an on-line calculation. OSPA makes the calculation based upon the pay period end date and check date you enter for the inquiry.

- Check Date in Old Tax Year -- If you enter a check date for the old tax year, OSPA will use the withholding percentages for the old tax year to calculate the amounts displayed on the P370.
- Check Date in New Tax Year -- If you enter a check date in the new tax year for a pay period in the old tax year, OSPA will display amounts based upon the withholding percentages for the new tax year. This means that the amounts will not match the withholding calculated during the payroll run.

In addition, OSPA will calculate the pay for the full month. Since the employee did not receive payment in the tax year you have indicated, OSPA assumes the full month is due (December has been paid as 2008 wages, not 2009, or vice versa).

## Employee Separations in December

**Separations Prior to December Run 1** – Because only OSPS staff members can add, change, or delete December check dates on the P010, write "please set P010"

dates" on your manual check request. If you will not be requesting a manual check, e-mail or fax a request to set P010 dates to OSPS.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you have set a corrective flag for November and the employee separates before December Run 1, contact OSPS. We must handle this procedure with caution to prevent the November corrective from calculating into the next tax year.

- **Separations after December Run 1** If you receive notice after December run 1 that a non-hourly employee is separating in December and OSPA has already produced a payment for the entire month for the employee:
  - If the employee has direct deposit, OSPS can stop the deposit up to the deadline listed on the OSPS Processing Calendar. If possible, request a manual check prior to December 31.
  - If the employee will receive a check, ask OSPS to reverse and reissue the check with a December date.
  - If you are able to issue a manual check by the last working day in December, OSPA will include the final check in the employee's taxable wages for the ending tax year.

If you are unable to cancel the ACH prior to the deadline or reissue a check prior to the last working day of the month, the employee's payment will be made after January 1 and will be included in the employee's income for the new tax year.

- **Separated Employees with Direct Deposits** As with normal separations, delete any direct deposits on the P070 for the pay periods that are still on the P190. This avoids an accidental direct deposit if you later set a corrective for a prior month. For year-end, any accidental deposits may result in an incorrect W-2 or manual adjustments on the P050.
- Separated Employees with Oregon Savings Growth Plan (OSGP) Deductions The PTD1 Payroll Deduction Table lists the maximum annual amount (maximum amt ytd) an employee may contribute to a deferred comp plan.

Normally, the December deduction would count against the maximum annual amount for the new tax year. If an employee will separate in December and has a DCNN 100 deduction, check the XREF44 Payroll Register – Alpha for the employee's year-to-date OSGP contribution. Add the December deduction to the YTD total. If the resulting total will exceed the maximum amt ytd on the PTD1, work with the employee to adjust or delete the deduction on the P070 Deductions and Deduction Adjustments for the employee's final pay. Notify OSGP of the change.

If the separating employee has a DCNN 600 (catch-up) deduction on the P070, contact customer service at OSGP.

Separated Employees with PEBB Flexible Spending Accounts -- The PTD1 Payroll Deduction Table also lists the maximum annual amount (maximum amt ytd) an employee may contribute to a PEBB Flexible Spending Account (Health or Dependent Care).

If an employee will separate in December and has a FDNN or FHNN deduction, check the XREF44 Payroll Register – Alpha for the employee's year-to-date total. Normally, the December deduction would be included in the edit for the next tax year. If, with the addition of the December deduction, the employee will exceed the maximum amt ytd on the PTD1, work with the employee to delete the deduction on the P070 for the employee's final pay.

### Employee Transfers in December

Normally, you will enter P010 check dates for employees who are transferring from one state agency to another. DO NOT request check dates for December for transferring employees. The IRS considers all State of Oregon agencies as one employer. Without check dates, OSPA will combine the December wages from both agencies into the December paid January wages and report them in the next tax year.

### Maximum Amounts

**Savings Bonds** -- The U.S. Treasury limits the purchase of paper Series EE savings bonds to \$5,000 (face value of \$10,000) per primary owner (SSN or TIN of first person on the bond) per year.

After the October run 2 data mart update, OSPS will query the OSPA data mart for P070 SVNN deductions. OSPS will notify you if your agency has employees where the annual total for an employee is likely to be ≥ \$5,000.

If you receive a listing of employees that may exceed the limit:

- Determine if the purchases for the primary owner will exceed \$5,000 in the year
- If they will, work with the employee to change the P070 deduction and/or purchase information

See <a href="http://www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/research/fag/annualpurchaselimitchangega.htm">http://www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/research/fag/annualpurchaselimitchangega.htm</a> .

**Social Security Wage Base Limit** – The wage base limit is the maximum wage that is subject to social security taxes. For 2008, the limit is \$102,000. Once an employee has the maximum wage in the year, OSPS will not calculate social security taxes on the employee's wages for the rest of the year.

At the end of the year, if you set a corrective for an employee, OSPA may change the social security tax calculations because of the change in an employee's wages.

### <u>Taxes</u>

Earned Income Credit (Form W-5) -- A Form W-5 claiming an earned income credit is valid for one calendar year. To continue to receive the earned income credit in the next year, an employee must file a new Form W-5 by January 1 each year. OSPS will distribute the EICRPT Earned Income Credit Report YYYY after October Run 1. The report lists employees who have received an earned income credit in the current year. If you do not receive a new form by January 1 of the new tax year, change the EIC CD to N on the P010 effective for the January pay period.

Exemption from Withholding (Form W-4) -- A Form W-4 claiming exemption from withholding is valid for one calendar year. To continue to be exempt from withholding in the next year, an employee must file a new Form W-4 by February 15 each year. OSPS will distribute the E370-06-1 Income Tax Exemptions report after October Run 1. The report lists employees claiming exemption from withholding or more than 10 withholding allowances. Use the report to identify employees who need to submit a new W-4.

If you do not receive a new W-4 by February 15 for an employee who has claimed exemption from withholding, change the employee's withholding on the P010 prior to the cut-off for February run 1 final. Use the withholding on the employee's most recent W-4 that does not claim an exemption or enter the default values of STAT S and EXEM 00.

If you receive a new W-4 that claims exemption from withholding, send a copy to the OSPS Accountant.

See Recommended Practices, Taxes, Withholding.

**Expense Reimbursements** – OAM 50.10.00 PO and 50.10.00 PR Education Assistance Payments require that OSPA agencies reimburse employees for taxable education expenses through OSPA. They may also choose to reimburse non-taxable education expenses through OSPA.

OAM 50.20.00 PO and 50.20.00 PR Moving Expenses require that agencies make all agreed upon reimbursements for employee moving expenses through OSPA, whether taxable or non-taxable.

To include taxable expense reimbursements on the employee's Form W-2 for the correct year, you must enter them on the P050 Gross Pay Adjustments prior to November run 2 of that year.

See Recommended Practice, Taxes, Expense Reimbursements and Fringe Benefits. If you have questions on a particular situation, please call or e-mail OSPS.

**Foreign Nationals** – Ask any employees who are foreign nationals and who are not legal permanent residents to re-submit the following forms at the beginning of each calendar year:

- OSPS Form 99.01 Determination of Foreign National's Residency with supporting documentation
- If a non-resident alien exempt from income tax withholding under a tax treaty, IRS Form 8233 Exemption from Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual
- If a resident alien exempt from income tax withholding because of a tax treaty,
   IRS Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification
- If exempt from social security and Medicare taxes because of a Totalization Agreement, Certificate of Coverage from home country

See Recommended Practices, Taxes, Foreign Nationals.

State-Owned Vehicle -- If an employee has the use of a state vehicle and the use of the vehicle is a taxable fringe benefit under OAM 50.30.00 PO and 50.30.00 PR Fringe Benefits – Vehicles, the value of that use must be included on the employee's W-2. You may defer reporting the use of the vehicle for November and December to the next tax year. Enter all other months on the P050 prior to November run 2 of each year.

See Recommended Practice, Taxes, Expense Reimbursements and Fringe Benefits. If you have questions on a particular situation, please call or e-mail OSPS.

## Exceptions

## Troubleshooting

## Supporting Documentation / Forms

IRS Forms, available on the IRS web site, <a href="http://www.irs.gov/">http://www.irs.gov/</a>

- Form 8233 Exemption from Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual
- Form W-4 Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate
- Form W-5 Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate
- Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

OSPS Forms, available on the OSPS web site,

http://oregon.gov/DAS/SCD/OSPS/form.shtml

- Form 99.01 Determination of Foreign National's Residency
- Form 99.10 Reverse Employee Check

Request for Corrected W-2 (W-2c)

### Resources

IRS Publications, available on the IRS web site, http://www.irs.gov/

- Publication 15 (Circular E) Employer's Tax Guide
- Publication 15-A Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide
- Publication 15-B Employer's Tax Guide to Fringe Benefits
- Publication 463 Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses
- Publication 521 Moving Expenses
- Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education
- Public Employer Tax Guide
- FSLG Taxable Fringe Benefit Guide

#### Oregon Accounting Manual, <a href="http://oregon.gov/DAS/SCD/SARS/oam\_toc.shtml">http://oregon.gov/DAS/SCD/SARS/oam\_toc.shtml</a>

- 40.10.00 PO General Business Travel Expense Rules
- 45.40.00 PO Payment of Employee Expenses through OSPA
- 50.10.00 PO and 50.10.00 PR Education Assistance Payments
- 50.20.00 PO and 50.20.00 PR Moving Expenses
- 50.30.00 PO and 50.30.00 PR Fringe Benefits -- Vehicles

#### Statewide Human Resource Rules and Policies, <a href="http://oregon.gov/DAS/HR/rules.shtml">http://oregon.gov/DAS/HR/rules.shtml</a>

- 40.055.10 Current Employee Relocation
- 40.055.20 New Employee Relocation

#### OSPA Reference Manual, http://oregon.gov/DAS/SCD/OSPS/referencemanual.shtml

- Entry Guide, Leave, Pay Off
- Recommended Practice, Manual Checks
- Recommended Practice, Separating Employees
- Recommended Practice, Taxes, Corrected W-2 (W-2c)
- Recommended Practice, Taxes, Expense Reimbursements and Fringe Benefits
- Recommended Practice, Taxes, Foreign Nationals
- Recommended Practice, Taxes, Withholding
- Recommended Practice, Transferring Employees
- Report Descriptions, EICRPT Earned Income Credit Report YYYY
- Report Descriptions, E370-06-1 Income Tax Exemptions
- Report Descriptions, XREF68N Employees with Negative Amount(s) Listed
- Report Descriptions, B850-01 Nov or Dec Pay Reported in Two Tax Years
- Report Descriptions, E120-052A, E120-042A Payroll Exception Report
- Report Descriptions, E357-030 Separated Employees with Net Pay Positive Adj
- Report Descriptions, E492 Terminated Employees Having Leave Balances
- Screen Descriptions, P010
- Screen Descriptions, P370

Flowcharts for year-end processes (available only at year-end), <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/SCD/OSPS/yearend.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/SCD/OSPS/yearend.shtml</a>

## Reports

- **ANNLDEC Deceased Employees Agency Summary** OSPA prints this report after November and December final run 1. It lists any agency employees who have passed away during the calendar year. See Recommended Practices, Deceased Employees.
- EICRPT Earned Income Credit Report YYYY This report lists employees who have EIC CD = Y on the P010 Withholding Data / Locator Data. The employee must submit a new IRS Form W-5 Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate by January 1 each calendar year. OSPS will distribute the report after October run 1. Use it to identify employees who need to submit a new form. If you do not receive a new form by January 1, change the EIC CD to N on the P010. See Notes, Taxes, Earned Income Credit.
- XREF68N Employees with Negative Amount(s) Listed The XREF68N lists year-to-date negatives. Each payroll run, review all of the columns on the report. Correct any year-to-date negative amount(s) that would prevent printing of the W-2. If you do not make the correction by December run 2, the employee will not receive a W-2. If you do not know if a negative YTD amount will prevent production of the W-2 or you need assistance in making the correction, please call or e-mail OSPS.
- **E820-1 Gross Pay Adjustments Outdated, E820-2 Gross Pay Adjustments Beginning after Outdate, E820-3 Duplicate Gross Pay Adjustments** OSPS distributes these reports whenever OSPS runs the automated process to outdate specific kinds of P050 entries. You will receive them after OSPA outdates the DPT/DPN entries in October. See Notes, Automatic Outdates.
- E370-06-1 Income Tax Exemptions The report lists employees who have FEDERAL STAT = N on the P010. These employees must submit a new IRS Form W-4 Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate by February 15 each year. OSPS will distribute the report after October run 1. If you do not receive a new W-4 by February 15, change the employee's withholding on the P010. See Notes, Taxes, Exemption from Withholding, and Recommended Practices, Taxes, Withholding.
- **E560-04-01 List of In/Outdated Deductions** OSPS will distribute this report whenever OSPA automatically outdates a specific deduction type on the P070. See Notes, Automatic Outdates.
- **B850-01 Nov or Dec Pay Reported in Two Tax Years** OSPA will generate this report when an employee's November or December pay processed in two different tax years. See Notes, Dates, P010.

Work the report as soon as you receive it. It will identify potential overpayments. You may need to request a corrected W-2 if you do not correct the duplicate entries prior to December run 2 final.

**E120-052A, E120-042A Payroll Exception Report** – As with other payroll runs, thoroughly review the November and December exception reports, both preliminary and final.

For example, look for:

- Any 1150 "fatal" errors. Correct the errors to prevent OSPA from removing the employee's November or December wages from the year's income.
- Employees who have net pay negatives that will cross tax year(s). See Notes, Corrections, Overpayments.

If you have questions or problems with your exception reports, call or e-mail OSPS.

**E357-030 Separated Employees with Net Pay Positive Adj** – The report lists employees who have a SEPARATION DT/REASON on the P030 Job Status Data and a positive adjustment to their income that is <\$10.00.

If the adjustment amount is between \$1.00 and 9.99 or there are not current FINAL CHECK ISSUED and FINAL CHECK PERIOD ENDING dates on the P010, either request a manual check or that OSPS adjust taxable income and withholding on the P060 Tax/OPE Adjustments on File. Make the request prior to December run 2.

**E492 Terminated Employees Having Leave Balances** – The report lists terminated employees who have either a positive or a negative balance for leave types CT, ML, PB, PR, SL, or VA.

If the employee has a positive VA or CT leave balance and is eligible for a pay-off, make the P050 entries prior to November run 2. Your agency may have the policy of writing off fractional balances. If you are unable to enter P050 adjustments due to separation, call or e-mail OSPS for assistance.

A negative balance for VA, SL, or CT may indicate a miscalculation or data entry error in the processing of the final paycheck. You may have overpaid the employee. If the negative balance is significant, recover this overpayment. If the balance is very small, your agency policy may allow you to adjust the balance to zero. See Notes, Corrections, Overpayments.

**E381-30-2 W-2 Distribution List** – OSPS distributes this report after Publishing and Distribution, Department of Administrative Services, distributes employee W-2's. It lists the W-2's sent to your agency for distribution to employees. If an employee, who worked for more than one agency during the year, is not on the list, ask the employee to check with the other agency.

Recommended Practices

Year-end Payroll Processing

# Attachments

# Revision History

Date	Rev. No.	Modification
11/01/07	1.0	Original
11/09/07	1.1	Clarification of timeline and responsibilities
12/04/07	1.2	Add deferred comp to December separations
04/01/08	1.3	WR #3249 XREF68N rename; various clarifications from OSPS e-News issues
10/30/08	1.4	2008 year-end changes