Payroll Processing for Townships

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Introduction

 Session is designed to help elected officials understand and administer payroll

 Overview of payroll tax and withholding filing and payment requirements

Software Options

Agenda

- Payroll basics-review of accounting concepts
- Social Security-who is covered and why
- Tax payments
- Required tax forms
 - Pre-Employment
 - Quarterly
 - Annual
- Software Options

Accounting Concepts

- Gross Pay is the amount that is due to be paid to the individual employee. This can be expressed as an annual, quarterly, or monthly salary, or hourly wages.
- Gross Pay is then reduced for required Federal and State income taxes, and Social Security and Medicare taxes (if applicable).

Other Withholdings

 Can include voluntary and mandatory pension withholdings, deferred compensation, insurance co-pays, etc.

Net pay= Gross pay - the aforementioned withholdings.

Example of Net Pay

Clerk: Sherry Myway

Gross Pay: \$10,000

Deductions:

SS Tax (\$0)

Med Tax (\$0)

F.I.T W/H (\$ 325)

S.I.T W/H (\$ 230)

457 Deduction (\$ 1000)

Net Pay \$8,445

Accounting for payroll

 Gross Pay should be posted to salary and wage expenditure accounts

 Withholdings are "IOU's" and should be posted to liability accounts

Net pay as a reduction of cash

Payroll should be charged to line items in accordance with the State Uniform Chart of Accounts

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/unifor mchart_24524_7.PDF

Or call the department at 517-373-3221.

State Uniform Chart of Accounts

- The Michigan chart of accounts uses 9 digits with an option for an additional three numbers for "sub accounts":
- The first three digits indicate the Fund number.
- The next three indicate the department (no departments for balance sheet accounts or revenues).
- The last three digits are line items.

Chart of Account Examples

101-000-001	General Fund Cash		
206-000-001	Fire Fund Cash		
101-253-706	Treasurer's Salary		
206-336-706	Fire Fund Salaries		
101-253-715	Treasurer's Payroll Taxes		
101-298-715	Unallocated Payroll Taxes		

		Clerk:	Supervisor:
		Sherry Myway	Patrick Pushover
Gross Pay	101-215-701	10,000.00	-
Gross Pay	101-171-701		12,000.00
457 Plan ded.	101-000-231	1,000.00	1,200.00
Med. W/H	101-000-229.001	-	174.00
S.S. W/H	101-000-229.002	-	-
FIT W.H.	101-000-229.003	325.00	-
S.I.T. W/H	101-000-228	230.00	300.00
Net Pay	101-000-101	8,445.00	10,326.00

Federal and State Payments

- EFTPS
- Payment with Form 941
- Michigan Treasury Online: 5080 (monthly and quarterly) or 5081 (annual) Sales, Use and Withholdings (MICHIGAN)

Federal Tax Payments

On a quarterly basis with IRS Form 941, if the total amount of these taxes is under \$2,500 for the quarter.

EFTPS-Generally all employers are required to pay taxes electronically – unless they meet the exception above. Enroll on line at www.eftps.gov or by phone 1-800-555-4477

Federal Tax Payments (continued)

Rules for this are outlined on Pages 25-30 of IRS Circular E and are complex. We recommend that you make your deposit on the same day you issue payroll checks to avoid late penalties and interest. LOGIN

Login

In order to make, view or cancel a Payment, you must first login.

Please enter your Employer Identification Number (EIN) or your Social Security Number (SSN), PIN, and Internet password in the fields below. If you do not have a PIN, please enroll first.

EIN (for Business)	
or	
SSN (for Individual)	
PIN	
Internet Password	Need a Password

CANCEL LOGIN ▶

WARNING!

You are using an Official United States Government System, which may be used only for authorized purposes. Unauthorized modification of any information stored on this system may result in criminal prosecution. The Government may monitor and audit the usage of this system, and all persons are hereby notified that the use of this system constitutes consent to such monitoring and auditing. Unauthorized attempts to upload information and/or change information on this web site are strictly prohibited and are subject to prosecution under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 and Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 and 1030.

Make sure the security lock is closed $\stackrel{\triangle}{=}$ on your browser.

State Tax Payments

- Purpose: Serves as transmittal for taxes due. Generally for Townships this is limited to Michigan Income Tax withheld from employee pay checks.
- Filing requirements: Determined by the State of Michigan based on their estimate of your annual taxes collected. This information is initially gathered from the registration forms (MI 518) and is updated by actual experience with the Township.

State Tax Payments

- Update: Starting in 2015, all taxpayers will be required to file a return regardless of whether tax is due
- How to pay: can be made electronically through the "Michigan Treasury Online" system, through Treasury approved software, or paper filed-but you must download the forms from the State's web site, no paper forms will be mailed.

Michigan Department of Treasury 5080 (07-14)

2015 Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes Monthly/Quarterly Return

Issued under authority of Public Acts 167 of 1933 and 94 of 1937, as amended.

This form cannot be used as an amended return; see the Amended Monthly/Quarterly Return (Form 5092).

Taxpayer's Business Name	Busines	ss Account Number (FEIN or TR Numbe	r)	Return Period Ending (MM-YYYY)		
PART 1: SALES AND USE TAX		Sales		Use: Sales and Rentals		
Gross sales, rentals and services	1a.		1b.			
		A. Sales Tax]	B. Use Tax		
Total sales and/or use tax. Multiply taxable sales, rentals and services by 6% (0.06)	2a.		2b.			
Total pre-paid tax from Form 5083, 5085 or 5086 (e-file only)	3a.	XXXXXX	3b.	XXXXXX		
Remaining amount of sales and use tax eligible for discount. Subtract line 3 from line 2	4a.		4b.			
Total of allowable discounts. Multiply line 4 by your applicable discount rate	5a.		5b.			
6. Total sales and use tax due. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6a.		6b.			
PART 2: USE TAX ON ITEMS PURCHASED FOR BUSINES	S OR I	PERSONAL USE				
Total amount of use tax from purchases and withdrawals from i Multiply taxable amount by 6% (0.06)			7.			
PART 3: WITHHOLDING TAX						
Total amount of Michigan income tax withheld			8.			
PART 4: TOTAL TAX/PAYMENT DUE						
Amount of sales, use and withholding tax due. Add lines 6a, 6b amount available for future tax periods (skip lines 10-14)	, 7, and	8. If amount is negative, this is the	9.			
10. Overpayment from prior return period or amount previously pai	10.					
11. Amount of tax due. Subtract line 10 from line 9			11.			

- Registration needed to access the free "Michigan Treasury Online" system.
 - Create Account
 - Create a Business Relationship
 - https://mto.treasury.michigan.gov

Welcome to Michigan Treasury Online (MTO)

MTO is a convenient, secure way to file, pay, and manage your business tax account online.

Log In (Existing MTO User) * Required						
* Username	Forgot Username?					
* Password	Forgot Password?					
LOG IN						

Create User Profile (New To MTO)

Sign up to file, pay, and manage your business tax account online.

Visit help center link on the top right bar for FAQs and tutorials outlining how to register and navigate MTO.

CREATE USER PROFILE





Michigan Treasury Online Home

Select a business card to perform transactions on behalf of the selected business. To establish access rights to a business not listed, select "Create a New Business Relationship". If you would like to file now without creating a business relationship, click the "Fast File Now" button.

Your Businesses

Q Enter a name to search













Business Information

Legal Address

Flint, MI 48503-5362

FEIN

86

Access Rights

Manage Business

Registered Tax Types

Sales Tax, Withholding Tax

Next Return Filing Due Date

February 20, 2016

Last SUW Payment

N/A

Last Return Filed

N/A

Available Actions

- ▶ File and Pay SUW
- ▶ Other Pay Options
- ▶ Manage Business
- ▶ Letters and Licenses

File and Pay a Tax Return

The returns that are required to be filed by this business are displayed here. Only one tax return for each registered sales, use & withholding tax type is required based on the businesses filing frequency.

You may make multiple payments within the filing period by using the "Other Pay Options" menu.

Required Tax Returns

Тах Туре	Period	Due Date	
SW	Monthly - Jan 2016	02/20/2016 1	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - Feb 2016	03/20/2016 1	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - March 2016	04/20/2016	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - April 2016	05/20/2016	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - May 2016	06/20/2016	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - June 2016	07/20/2016	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - July 2016	08/20/2016	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - Aug 2016	09/20/2016	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - Sep 2016	10/20/2016	FILE RETURN
SW	Monthly - Oct 2016	11/20/2016	FILE RETURN

Available Actions

▼ File and Pay SUW

File and Pay a Tax Return

Amend and Pay Processed Returns

View and Print Filed Returns

▶ Other Pay Options

2016 Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes Monthly/Quarterly Return

Selected Taxes

* Required

Check the box(es) for the taxes you are filing today. By checking a box you are specifying the tax you are filing and you will only be presented with information for that tax.

□ Sales Tax
☑ Withholding Tax

Warning

If you do not check a box for a tax you are obligated to file, you have not fulfilled your obligation and you may be subject to a computed assessment, or other action by the Department, for failure to file or pay a tax.

Click here for instructions to complete the electronic filing of this form using MTO. [6]

Use Tax on Items Purchased for Business or Personal Use

Total Purchases and Withdrawals 6

2. Use Liability

Withholding Tax

Total Amount of Michigan Income Tax Withheld 6

\$

Summary

1. Amount of Sales, Use and Withholding Tax Due

2. Total Prior Payment 1

3. Amount of Tax Due

4. Penalty Paid With This Return Calculate Penalty @

5. Interest Paid With This Return Calculate Interest &

6. Payment Due

* I declare under penalty of perjury that this return is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Michigan Tax Due Dates

Most Townships will be on a quarterly or monthly payment system. Payments and return filings are dues as follows:

Monthly Filers – 20th day of the following month.

Example: October Michigan Income Tax is due November 20th.

Quarterly Filers –20th day of the month following close of a calendar quarter.

NOTE-must file returns even if no tax due.

Why are some of the employees covered by Social Security/Medicare, and others are not?

Answer

- Prior to March 31, 1986, Township's participation in the "Social Security System" was voluntary.
- These voluntary arrangements were covered by agreements known as "218 Agreements".
- Federal law made Medicare Tax coverage mandatory for all employees hired after 3-31-86.

Social Security Coverage

- Budget Act of 1990 required Social Security and Medicare coverage of all township employees with exceptions:
- Exception #1 Employees covered by public retirement system (PRS) may be excluded from the social security portion (6.2%) if they are "covered" by a "public retirement system".
- Exception #2 Payments to "election workers" not exceeding \$1,600 per <u>calendar</u> <u>year</u> are exempt from Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Social Security Coverage (continued)

To qualify for the "PRS" exception:

Defined benefit plan-employees must end up with an accrued benefit comparable to the basic benefit they would have had under social security- Per IRS Revenue Procedure 91-40, the benefits must be at least 1.5% of average compensation received in the last three years of employment multiplied by the number of years of service.

Social Security Coverage (continued)

- A defined contribution plan (such as a 457 plan). If an allocation of at least 7.5 percent of the employee's compensation is made to their account.
- Contributions by employee and employer count toward this calculation.
- Note: Exception for Election Workers previously noted apply, even if covered by a 218 agreement, effective 1-1-2003 (modification 975)

FICA Tax Rates

- FICA=Social Security PLUS Medicare Taxes
- Both Funded By Employer and Employee "Contributions"
- Social Security for 2015/16=6.2% Employer and Employee (12.4%) wages up to \$118,500
- Medicare for 2015/16=1.45% Employer and Employee (2.9%) on all taxable wages.
- Extra Medicare Taxes for 2015-high earners pay additional .9%(no employer match) on wages over \$200,000)

Payroll Tax Forms

Pre Employment

Quarterly Filings

Annual Filings

PRE-EMPLOYMENT

IRS Form W-4

Michigan Form W-4

Homeland Security Form I-9

State Of Michigan New Hire Form

SSA 1945

IRS Form W-4

- Purpose: To document employee's selected number of federal withholding allowances. All taxpayer's are entitled to a certain number of "allowances" which reduce the federal income tax withheld from employee's pay.
- Federal income tax deductions for personal and dependants exemptions
- Large itemized deductions.

Filing Requirements

This form is generally not filed with the IRS (unless requested by the IRS). It should be retained with the employee's payroll or personnel records. All employees should be given the opportunity to review their withholding allowances annually.

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		Separate here an	d give Form W-4 to your	employer. Keep t	he top part for your	records	
	W-A	Employ	ee's Withholdir	ng Allowan	ce Certifica	te	OMB No. 1545-0074
Form Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Whether you are entitled to claim a certain number of allowances or exemply subject to review by the IRS. Your employer may be required to send a copy of the IRS.					2015		
1	Your first name	and middle initial	Last name			2 Your social	security number
	Home address (number and street or rural ro	ute)	3 Single	Married Marr	ied, but withhold a	at higher Single rate.
				Note. If married, b	ut legally separated, or spo	use is a nonresident	alien, check the "Single" box.
	City or town, sta	ate, and ZIP code		4 If your last n	4 If your last name differs from that shown on your social security card,		
				check here.	You must call 1-800-7	72-1213 for a re	placement card. 🕨 🗌
5	Total number	of allowances you are o	claiming (from line H abov	e or from the app	olicable worksheet o	n page 2)	5
6	Additional am	nount, if any, you want v	vithheld from each payche	eck			6 \$
7	I claim exemption from withholding for 2015, and I certify that I meet both of the following conditions for exemption.						
	 Last year I I 	had a right to a refund o	f all federal income tax w	ithheld because l	had no tax liability,	and	
	• This year I e	expect a refund of all fed	deral income tax withheld	because I expec	t to have no tax liab	ility.	
	If you meet b	oth conditions, write "E	kempt" here			7	
Under	penalties of per	jury, I declare that I have	examined this certificate ar	nd, to the best of r	ny knowledge and be	elief, it is true, o	orrect, and complete.
Emple	oyee's signatur	e					
	* ¥	unless you sign it.) 🕨				Date ▶	
8	Employer's nam	ne and address (Employer: Co	omplete lines 8 and 10 only if s	ending to the IRS.)	9 Office code (optional)	10 Employer is	dentification number (EIN)
For P	rivacy Act and I	Paperwork Reduction A	ct Notice, see page 2.		Cat. No. 10220Q		Form W-4 (2015)

Michigan W-4

Purpose

- Same as IRS W-4. Important to Note: Since Michigan Income Tax does not allow for itemized deductions, and is a flat rate (not graduated), employees should generally only claim exemptions for their exact number of dependency exemptions.
- Filing Requirements-See IRS W-4

MI-W4

EMPLOYEE'S MICHIGAN WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE STATE OF MICHIGAN - DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

(Rev. 8-08)

This certificate is for Michigan income tax withholding purposes only. You must file a revised form within 10 days if your exemptions decrease or your residency status changes from nonresident to resident. Read instructions below before completing this form.

Issued under P.A. 281 of 1987.		1. Social Security Number	2. Date of Birth
▶ 3. Type or Print Your First Name, Middle Initial and Last	Name	4. Driver License Number	
Home Address (No., Street, P.O. Box or Rural Route)		▶ 5. Are you a new employee? Yes If Yes, enter date of hir	e
City or Town	State ZIP Code	□ No	
Enter the number of personal and depend Additional amount you want deducted from (if employer agrees)	n each pay		• . •
I claim exemption from withholding because a. A Michigan income tax liability is b. Wages are exempt from withhold c. Permanent home (domicile) is known.	se (does not apply to nonres s not expected this year. ding. Explain:	sident members of flow-through	entities - see instructions):
EMPLOYEE: If you fail or refuse to file this form, your employer must withhold Michigan income tax	Under penalty of perjury, I certify exceed the number to which I am will not incur a Michigan income to	that the number of withholding exemption entitled. If claiming exemption from with ax liability for this year.	ons claimed on this certificate does not sholding, I certify that I anticipate that I
from your wages without allowance for any exemptions. Keep a copy of this form for your records.	Employee's Signature	-	▶ Date
INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYER: Employers must report all new hires to the State of Michigan. Keep a copy of this certificate with your records. If the employee claims 10 or more personal and dependent exemptions or claims a status exempting the employee from withholding, you must file their original MI-W4 form with the Michigan Department of Treasury. Mail to: New Hire Operations Center, P.O. Box		and 11 before sending to the Michi none No. and Name of Contact Person 11. F	gan Department of Treasury.
85010; Lansing, MI 48908-5010.			

Homeland Security I-9

Purpose:

 Documents pre-employment efforts by employers required by the Federal government relative to legal immigration status.

Filing Requirements:

- Not filed, should be retained for all employees hired after 11-6-1986 for potential inspection by the Bureau of Immigration. All new employees should be subject to this review.
- "Fillable" forms on line at http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf
- Current form expires 8/31/16



expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

Employment Eligibility Verification

USCIS Form I-9 OMB No. 1615-0047 Expires 03/31/2016

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

►START HERE. Read instructions carefully before completing this form. The instructions must be available during completion of this form.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE: It is illegal to discriminate against work-authorized individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because the documentation presented has a future

Section 1. Employee Information and Att than the first day of employment, but not before acc			and sign S	ection 1 of	Form I-9 no later
Last Name (Family Name) First Name	e (Given Name)	Middle Initial	Other Nam	es Used (if a	any)
Address (Street Number and Name)	Apt. Number	City or Town		State	Zip Code
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) U.S. Social Security Number	E-mail Address	5		Telepho	one Number
I am aware that federal law provides for imprison connection with the completion of this form.	nent and/or fi	nes for false statements	or use of	false doc	uments in
I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (check	one of the fol	lowing):			
A citizen of the United States					
A noncitizen national of the United States (See in	structions)				
A lawful permanent resident (Alien Registration N	lumber/USCIS	Number):			
An alien authorized to work until (expiration date, if app (See instructions)	olicable, mm/dd/	yyyy)	Some alier	ns may write	e "N/A" in this field.
For aliens authorized to work, provide your Alien i	Registration N	umber/USCIS Number OF	R Form I-9	4 Admissio	on Number:
1. Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number:					3-D Barcode
OR				Do No	t Write in This Space
2. Form I-94 Admission Number:					
If you obtained your admission number from Cl States, include the following:	BP in connecti	on with your arrival in the	United		
Foreign Passport Number:					
Country of Issuance:			*		
Some aliens may write "N/A" on the Foreign Pa	assport Numbe	er and Country of Issuance	fields. (S	ee instruct	ions)
Signature of Employee:			Date (mn	n/dd/yyyy):	
Preparer and/or Translator Certification (To b employee.)	e completed a	and signed if Section 1 is p	repared by	y a person	other than the
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Signature of Preparer or Translator:				Date (n	nm/dd/yyyy):
Last Name (Family Name)		First Name (Give	n Name)	'	
Address (Street Number and Name)		City or Town		State	Zip Code
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Form I-9 03/08/13 N					Page 7 of 9

Section 2. Employer or Authorized Representative Review and Verification

(Employers or their authorized representative must complete and sign Section 2 within 3 business days of the employee's first day of employment. You must physically examine one document from List A OR examine a combination of one document from List B and one document from List C as listed on the "Lists of Acceptable Documents" on the next page of this form. For each document you review, record the following information: document title, issuing authority, document number, and expiration date, if any.)

List A OF Identity and Employment Authorization	-	st B ntity		AND	Er	List 0	: Authorization
Document Title:	Document Title:			D	ocument T	itle:	
ssuing Authority:	Issuing Authority	r		Is	suing Auth	ority:	
Document Number:	Document Numb	per:		D	ocument N	lumber:	
Expiration Date (if any)(mm/dd/yyyy):	Expiration Date ((if any)(mm/dd/yyyy)):	E	xpiration D	ate (if any)(n	nm/dd/yyyy):
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E-Verify

 Established by US Department of Homeland Security for employers to voluntarily augment the efforts with I-9 to ensure employees are eligible to work

 Enrollment is free, and simple: https://everify.uscis.gov/esp/vislogin.aspx?JS=YES

State of Michigan New Hire Form

Purpose

 Assist in locating recipients of public assistance and unemployment benefits who fail to report earnings and parents who owe child support

Can file on line at

http://mi-newhire.com/MI-newhire/instruct.aspx

Michigan Department of Treasury 3281(Rev. 9-12)

State of Michigan New Hire Reporting Form

Federal law requires public (State and local) and private employers to report all newly hired or rehired employees who are working in Michigan to the State of Michigan. This form is recommended for use by all employers who do not report electronically.

Michigan New Hire Operations Center P.O. Box 85010 Lansing, MI 48908-5010 Phone: (800) 524-9846 Fax: (877) 318-1659

- A newly hired employee is an individual not previously employed by you, and a rehired employee is an individual who was previously employed by you but separated from employment for at least 60 consecutive days.
- Reports must be submitted within 20 days of hire date (i.e., the date services are first performed for pay).
- This form may be photocopied as necessary. Many employers preprint employer information on the form and have the employee complete the necessary information during the hiring process.
- When reporting new hires with special exemptions, please use the MI-W4 form.
- Online and other electronic reporting options are available at: www.mi-newhire.com.

- Employers who report electronically and have employees working in two or more states may register as a multi-state employer and designate a single state to which new hire reports will be transmitted. Information regarding multi-state registration is available online at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/newhire/employer/private/newhire.htm#multi or call (410) 277-9470.
- Reports will not be processed if mandatory information is missing. Such reports will be rejected and you must correct and resubmit them.
- For optimum accuracy, please print neatly in all capital letters and avoid contact with the edge of the box. See sample below.

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EMPLOYEE Information (Mandatory)			
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Last Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:		
Zip Code:	Hire Date:		

Filing Requirements

The information must be sent to the State within 20 days of an employee's date of hire. The information must be reported for all township employees hired, rehired or returning to work after any break in employment. The number of hours worked or compensation received does not affect this requirement.

How to get forms

- The "State of Michigan New Hire Reporting Form" *Mail reports to:* Michigan New Hires Operation Center
 P.O. Box 85010
 Lansing, MI 48908-5010
- Fax reports to: (877) 318-1659

SSA 1945

- Required for all new hires not covered by Social Security, after January 1, 2005
- Employee must sign a statement that they are aware that they are not covered by Social Security
- Employer must forward statement to pension plan administrator
- Available at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/form1945

Statement Concerning Your Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security

Employee Name Employee ID #

Employer Name Employer ID#

Your earnings from this job are not covered under Social Security. When you retire, or if you become disabled, you may receive a pension based on earnings from this job. If you do, and you are also entitled to a benefit from Social Security based on either your own work or the work of your husband or wife, or former husband or wife, your pension may affect the amount of the Social Security benefit you receive. Your Medicare benefits, however, will not be affected. Under the Social Security law, there are two ways your Social Security benefit amount may be affected.

Windfall Elimination Provision

Under the Windfall Elimination Provision, your Social Security retirement or disability benefit is figured using a modified formula when you are also entitled to a pension from a job where you did not pay Social Security tax. As a result, you will receive a lower Social Security benefit than if you were not entitled to a pension from this job. For example, if you are age 62 in 2005, the maximum monthly reduction in your Social Security benefit as a result of this provision is \$313.50. This amount is updated annually. This provision reduces, but does not totally eliminate, your Social Security benefit. For additional information, please refer to the Social Security publication

Quarterly Filings

- UA 1028 (Must be reported online)
- US 941

Question: Any "taxable employers" for Unemployment?

UA 1028

- Purpose: To report to the UA employees worked in each month of the calendar quarter and the total "non exempt" payroll for the quarter.
- Due quarterly by the 25th day following close of a calendar quarter:

April 25th
July 25th
October 25th
January 25th

Employees not reported:

- Elected officials.
- Members of legislative bodies.
- 3. Those serving with local units of government on a temporary basis in case of fire, storms, snow, earthquakes, floods or similar emergencies.
- Those who serve in posts, under the laws of Michigan, that are designated as major non-tenured policymaking or advisory positions or in policymaking or advisory posts.

Employer's Quarterly Wage/Tax Report

YOU MUST FILE THIS REPORT EVEN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY OR HAVE NO PAYROLL FOR THE QUARTER.

For details about completing this report see the instructions page. Only amounts over \$5 may be subject to active collection.

Employer Type: Contributing (Complete Sections 1, 2, 3 & 4) Reimbursing (Complete Sections 1, 2 & 4) Check this box if this is an Amended report. Indicate quarter and year				collec	tion.						
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Employers or Section 4 for Reimbursing Employers.

On Line Filing Requirements-UIA 1028

- https://miwam.unemployment.state.mi.us/mip /webdoc/_/#1
- All Employers regardless of size will be required to file UIA 1028 on line.
- Phase in of on line filing requirements:
 - 25 Employees or more-First Quarter 2013
 - 6-24 Employees-First Quarter 2014
 - 1-5-First Quarter 2015
 - EVERYONE SHOULD BE DOING NOW!



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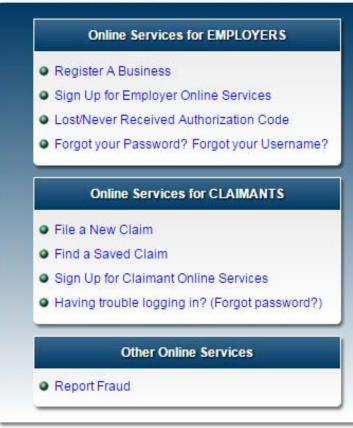


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Taxable Wage Limit:		\$9,500.00
Gross Wages:		\$0.00
Excess Wages:		\$0.00
Out of State Wages:	1	\$0.00
Taxable Wages:		\$0.00
Calculated Tax Rate:	•	0.50%
Calculated Tax Due (Rounded):	•	\$0.00
Obligation Assessment and Other Rate Factors:	•	0.75%
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Total Tax Due:		\$0.00
Total Tax Due.		
Apportionment Election		
Audited Report		

QUARTER ENDING DATE: 12/31/2015

Is this the Final Report for this business?

Yes No

Provide the number of all full-time employees and part-time workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month:

October	November	December
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Note: When initially filing, the Wage Detail section is pre-populated with up to 250 employee records. Additional records may be added manually or through the 'Import' functionality.

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IRS Form 941

- Purpose: This form is completed by the Township and is used by the IRS to determine:
- All federal tax deposits were made in a timely and accurate fashion.
- Method to gather information on amounts paid to employees subject to federal income tax, Medicare tax, and Social Security withholding.

Filing Requirements-Form 941

The IRS 941 is a quarterly "settlement" with the IRS for taxes withheld and the Township's matching payroll taxes payable for "Medicare" and Social Security taxes, due:

Tax Period
First Quarter - (3/31)
Second Quarter - (6/30)
Third Quarter - (9/30)
Fourth Quarter - (12/31)
Due Date
April 30
April 30
Cotober 31

Note on Filing 941's:

- Due dates referred above are filing date not payment due dates. Taxes (both withholding and Township matching) must be paid within time prescribed by IRS in order to avoid penalties.
- For reference please see pages 29-30 of Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide, published by the IRS.
- Larger Townships (annual liability \$50,000) have to file schedule B, along with form 941

Form 94 (Rev. Janu	41 for 2015: Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Roary 2015) Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service	eturn 950114 OMB No. 1545-0029
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2	Wages, tips, and other compensation				2	19800
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4	If no wages, tips, and other compens	ation are subject to soc	ial security or	Medicare tax		Check and go to line 6.
		Column 1		Column 2		_
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5b	Taxable social security tips	-	× .124 =			
5c	Taxable Medicare wages & tips	12000 .	× .029 =	348		
5d	Taxable wages & tips subject to Additional Medicare Tax withholding		× .009 =			
5e	Add Column 2 from lines 5a, 5b, 5c, a				5e	348
5f	Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand—	·Tax due on unreported	tips (see instr	uctions)	5f	
6	Total taxes before adjustments. Add l	ines 3, 5e, and 5f			6	673
7	Current quarter's adjustment for fract	tions of cents			7	
8	Current quarter's adjustment for sick	рау			8	
9	Current quarter's adjustments for tips	and group-term life insu	ırance		9	
10	Total taxes after adjustments. Combin	ne lines 6 through 9 .			10	673
11	Total deposits for this quarter, include overpayments applied from Form 941			-		
	in the current quarter				11	-
12	Balance due. If line 10 is more than line	11, enter the difference	and see instruc	ctions	12	673 .

Annual Filings

IRS/SSA Form W2/W3

 Michigan Annual Return for Sales, Use, and Withholding Taxes

IRS Form W-2 and W-3

Purpose: To transmit annual calendar information to employees and governmental agencies which shows gross income and withholdings. Governmental copies of the W-2's are distributed as follows:

Copy A – U.S. Social Security Administration.

Copy 1 or 2 - State of Michigan Department of Treasury (along with form 5081).

Other copies for the employees and the Township's records.

Filing Requirements-W2/W3

- Form W-2 employee copies Due 1-31
- Copies to Social Security Administration Due February 28
- Copies to State of Michigan (along with annual Sales, Use, Withholdings) - Due February 28

Suggestion - If you manually prepare W-2's, consider filing on line on Social Security Web site http://www.ssa.gov/employer/#a0=0

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2015 Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes Annual Return

This form cannot be used as an amended return; see the 2015 Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes Amended Annual Return

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Michigan Annual S.U.W. 5081

 Purpose: Serves as transmittal for Michigan copies of form W-2, shows total withheld per W-2's and total paid and reconciles any differences.

- Filing requirements-Annual-due 2-28.
- Department will no longer mail paper forms, see previous slide about MTO

Other Requirements-W-2 Reporting – Affordable Care Act

IF your Township pays for health insurance, the act requires you to distribute a summary of benefits and coverage to participants and the obligation to report the cost of an employee's health coverage on the 2015 Forms W-2 issued in January 2016.

Small Employer Exception

Note: Employers are exempt if they were required to file fewer than 250 Forms W-2 for the preceding calendar year.

The IRS reserves the right to eliminate this exemption. If it does so, it will do so only for future years, after the further guidance, if any, is issued.

Tips for "Fool Proof" Payroll Reporting

- "Balance" employee earnings records to general ledger or cash disbursement totals.
- Recommend that you maintain a "control sheet", where the totals for all employee earnings records are recorded and compared to the general ledger or cash disbursement journal on a quarterly or monthly basis as appropriate.
- Use "control sheet" to prepare payroll tax returns.

Tips for "Fool Proof" Payroll Reporting

 Reconcile amounts reported on 941 to W-2/W-3 totals prior to filing fourth quarter 941 and

W-2/W-3s. We have tool on our web site PSLZ.com http://www.pslz.com/documents.html

Each employee file should contain:

I-9 (if applicable)

New Hire Form (if applicable)

W-4, MI-W4

Authorization for other withholdings

SSA 1945 (if applicable)

Software Options

- Third Party and "On Line" Processor
 - ADP
 - Paychex
- In house processing-using "integrated programs" designed specifically for local governments
- In house processing using low end "off the shelf software"

Third Party Processors-Batch Processing

- Companies can handle payrolls for all types of businesses including government
- Potential Internal Control Improvements
- Cost effective way of managing payroll process- no update fees or forms to buy

 Many processors offer tax filing and payment systems, benefit administration

One Line Payroll Processing

Software is "cloud based' doesn't reside on your PC or network

Most offer general ledger integration-download directly to your software

 Many vendors also offer tax filing and payment systems, benefit administration

Caution-regarding "outsourcing"

- All companies not created equally-be careful who you partner with!
 - "SOC 1" Report
- Many cases of fraud prosecuted by the FBI/IRS in past few years.
- You are responsible for unpaid taxes, if third party fails to pay on your behalf-See
 December 2011 Financial Forum.

Integrated Applications

- "Integrated" means that all modules, such as accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, point of sales, etc., post to the general ledger.
- Integrated applications require much higher technical accounting skills to successfully operate. These packages include Fund Balance, BS&A, Versis, Cogitate, and others.

Integrated Applications

- These applications allow users to post transactions in "real time" to the general ledger.
- Issues: acquisition costs, maintenance costs, technical expertise to run, sometimes outweigh benefits.
- Best for townships with needs for multiple operating funds, utilities and special assessments.

"Off the Shelf Software"

- Not recommended as a replacement for integrated packages, needs point in that direction.
- Some "Low End" (cheap) off the shelf packages have been successfully used as an intermediate step by townships looking to computerize some of the accounting functions, or those whose budget does not allow for integrated packages.