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Job Service North Dakota Lowers Unemployment Insurance Tax Rates

Bismarck, ND – North Dakota employers will see a reduction in their unemployment insurance tax rates effective January 1, 2015 with the average 2015 tax rate dropping from the current rate of 1.19 percent to 1.12 percent.

Job Service North Dakota Executive Director, Cheri Giesen said, “North Dakota has continued to see growth in employment and wages over the past year. These higher wages have caused the taxable wage base to increase. However, a solvent unemployment insurance trust fund has enabled us to reduce 2015 tax rates which helps offset the increased costs from the higher taxable wage base.”

The 2015 tax rate schedule will range from 0.10 percent to 9.70 percent compared with the 2014 schedule which ranged from 0.16 percent to 9.76 percent. The taxable wage base on which employers pay taxes will increase from the current rate of \$33,600 to \$35,600. North Dakota law sets the unemployment insurance taxable wage base at 70 percent of the statewide average wage.

Giesen said, “The new 2015 rates will help us maintain a stable tax environment for employers while providing a level of tax rate reduction.” More than 66 percent of the state’s employers will receive the lowest rate of 0.10 percent under the new tax rate schedule.

North Dakota Century Code outlines the tax rate-setting process and takes into account the current unemployment insurance trust fund balance, historical data, statewide annual wages, and unemployment insurance benefit projections for the next calendar year.

Job Service will mail 2015 tax rate notices to employers beginning December 5th. Employers who have not received their notices by December 12th should contact the Job Service unemployment insurance tax area at (701) 328-2814. TTY customers can call 800-366-6888.

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