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**EDD reminds California small employers to begin filing
and paying taxes online on January 1**

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) today reminds all California employers with fewer than 10 employees that beginning January 1, 2018, all employment tax returns, wage reports and payroll tax deposits must be submitted electronically.

“Employers who file electronically save time and increase security with data encryption,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “EDD will also be able to process returns and payments faster, with greater accuracy and at lower cost.”

Assembly Bill 1245, signed into law by Governor Brown in 2015, required employers with 10 or more employees to electronically file and pay taxes beginning January 1, 2017. All remaining employers are required to electronically file and pay taxes beginning January 1, 2018. More information on the new e-file and e-pay requirements is available on EDD’s [website](#).

EDD encourages employers to use its “[e-Services for Business](#)” to file electronically and manage their accounts. EDD also offers employers online tutorials and technical assistance, available through the same webpage, or through the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.

The online file and pay system offers a wide range of benefits for employers, including:

- Reducing errors that are common with paper forms.
 - Protecting data through electronic encryption, which is safer and more secure than paper forms.
 - Providing an automated receipt so employers immediately know their return, report, or payment was received by EDD.
 - Saving time by keeping employers’ basic account information available for future transactions.
 - Providing an easy way to update employer account information.
- Reducing employers’ paper and mailing costs.

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Employers who are unable to meet the electronic filing and payment requirements can file an *E-file and E-pay Mandate Waiver Request* (DE 1245W). Employers can download the [DE 1245W](#) from EDD's website, or request the form by calling the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886 or from their nearest [EDD Employment Tax Office](#).

Waiver requests can be submitted by fax to (916) 255-1181, or by mail to:
CA Employment Development Department
Document and Information Management Center
P.O. Box 989779
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9779

The EDD is an integral part of California's tax system and is one of the largest tax collection agencies in the nation, working with approximately 1.4 million employers and maintaining employment records for more than 18 million California workers. The EDD collects the Personal Income Tax, Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance, and Employment Training payroll taxes for the State of California. In State Fiscal Year 2016-17, the EDD's Tax Branch collected more than \$70.6 billion in payroll taxes, including more than \$58.2 billion in Personal Income Taxes.

These payroll tax collections play a vital role in California's economy. The funds provide financial help to the unemployed and those with disabilities, as well as those bonding with new children or caring for loved ones. They also provide customized training to workers at California businesses. In addition, payroll taxes benefit the people of California by helping fund the State's programs, such as K-12 education, State Colleges and Universities, Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, and Public Safety.

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