



Employers' Edge

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Alaska Division of
Retirement and Benefits

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December 9 in Anchorage and December 10 in Fairbanks

Gary Petersen from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Tim Beard with the Social Security Administration (SSA), and Kay Gouyton and Robert Gregg from the Division of Retirement and Benefits Audit Section will present an educational workshop for employers in Anchorage at the Captain Cook Hotel on December 9 and in Fairbanks at the City Hall on December 10.

Workshop classes will cover such topics as federal reporting changes, hiring issues, excise tax (gaming), fringe benefits and retirement system audit findings.

Classes are free, but attendees are responsible for their own travel and lodging. For more details and to register for the workshop, [send an email to Kay Gouyton](#). If you are registering, please provide the following information:

- Date/location you will attend
- How many people will attend
- Name(s) of attendee(s)

Additional information will be available on the Division of Retirement & Benefits website as topics are gathered. CPE will be available for those taking the workshop.

Alaska Retirement Management Board meets in Anchorage December 2-3

The next regular meeting of the Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB) will be held in Anchorage December 2-3 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel. The public is invited to attend.

An [agenda will be available at the ARMB website](#) where you may also view minutes from past ARMB meetings. For questions regarding the ARMB, contact the ARMB liaison, [Judy Hall, in the Treasury Division](#).

Fiscal Year 2012 Employer Contribution Rates Available

The Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB) has established Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) employer contribution rates for the PERS/TRS Defined Benefit (DB) and Defined Contribution Retirement (DCR) Plans.

Please refer to the [FY12 Employer Contribution Rates on our website](#) for complete information. The link to the PERS and TRS FY12 Rates is under **Quick Links** on the [Employer Services web page](#).

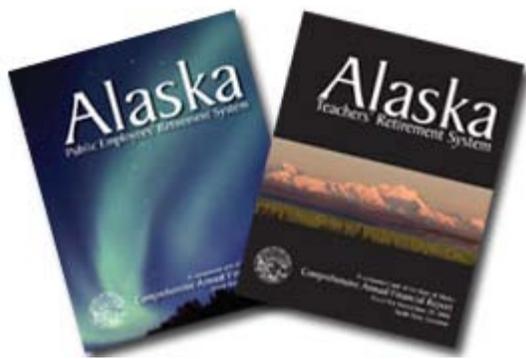
The Division will be sending rate letters to each employer electronically, as we did with FY11 rates, in April 2011 when the HRA rates are available. The rates will be effective for pay period end dates between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

For additional information regarding the actuarial determined rates, please refer to the June 30, 2009 PERS and TRS actuarial valuations which determined the fiscal year 2012 rates:

[PERS Actuarial Valuation](#)

[TRS Actuarial Valuation](#)

For questions about employer contribution rates, please contact Christina Maiquis at (907) 465-1845 or via email at Christina.Maiquis@alaska.gov.



PERS and TRS publications available online

The following PERS and TRS publications are available at the "[Publications](#)" link on the [Division of Retirement and Benefits website](#):

PERS Publications:[PERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#)[Actuarial Valuation Reports and Supplemental to the Valuation Reports](#)[Financial Statements](#)**TRS Publications:**[TRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#)[Actuarial Valuation Reports](#)[Financial Statements](#)**To navigate to any division reports, follow these steps:**

1. Go to the division's website at www.doa.alaska.gov/drb/
2. In the "Quick Links" column on the right, click on "[Publications](#)"
3. Click on the appropriate system, plan or fund.
4. Select the report you want to view.

If you prefer a hard copy of these reports, please contact the Division of Retirement and Benefits at (907) 465-5711.

Updated Forms and Brochures

The following forms and brochures have been updated since the last newsletter. Please be sure to use only the updated forms. Printing from the [Forms & Brochures page](#) on the division website will assure you always have the most current version.

Form No.	Description
	No forms/brochures have been updated since the October issue of the Employers' Edge

We hope you find this employer newsletter helpful. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact us. Any feedback from you will be greatly appreciated. Click here for [past issues](#) back to 2008. Email any comments to the editor, [Barbara Kelly](#).

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