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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Eligible employers have been given additional time to make first quarter unemployment insurance contributions due to COVID-19. The first quarter contributions, which are due April 30, 2020, will be delayed until the end of the second quarter, July 31, 2020. To be eligible for the delay, an employer must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Have 50 or fewer employees.
- Be in good standing with no delinquencies in quarterly payments.

Employers must notify the Iowa Department of Workforce Development of their intent to delay payment by Friday, April 24, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. No interest or penalties will accrue for delayed payments for the eligible employers. Employers still need to file their quarterly reports containing employee wage data necessary to compute benefit eligibility and amounts to be paid to the employees.

All unemployment claims filed and paid as a result of COVID-19 will have the charges waived for employers. The moneys paid to employees filing for unemployment insurance benefits will be paid out of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. The Trust Fund balance is included in determining the tax rates for employers. This means that the tax rates in the future may still be affected.

Additional information for employers can be found [here](#).

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