



# Rhode Island Department of Revenue

## Division of Taxation

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### **NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYERS: FUTURE TRANSFER OF EMPLOYER TAX UNIT**

As a result of legislation recently approved in the 2021 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly and signed into law by Rhode Island Governor Daniel J. McKee, the Rhode Island Division of Taxation's Employer Tax Unit will be transferred to the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT).<sup>1</sup> The Division of Taxation is working with DLT on an implementation plan to gradually transition the Employer Tax Unit to DLT.

For the time being, however, the Employer Tax Unit will continue to be located at the Division of Taxation, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island. Its phone numbers will remain the same. So, too, will its forms, its email addresses, and its website: <http://www.uitax.ri.gov/>.

The transfer will not happen immediately. Rather, the transfer will take place gradually, over time, to allow for as smooth a transition as possible with minimum disruption.

The Division of Taxation, which is part of the Rhode Island Department of Revenue (DOR), will work cooperatively with the DLT to keep stakeholders informed in the months ahead about key stages of the transfer. Further guidance will be issued in due course.

The primary goal of the Employer Tax Unit is to provide and account for the funding needed to pay unemployment insurance benefits to eligible jobless workers; temporary disability insurance (TDI) benefits to eligible workers idled by injury or illness unrelated to their jobs; and temporary caregiver insurance (TCI) benefits to help eligible claimants care for a seriously ill child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, or grandparent, or to bond with a newborn child, new adopted child, or new foster-care child. These programs provide economic stability to workers, families, communities, and the Rhode Island economy as a whole.

The Employer Tax Unit will not be transferred immediately. Thus, for the foreseeable future, nothing will change: The Employer Tax Unit's phone numbers, email addresses, forms, instructions, policies, procedures, and website all will remain the same.

The Division is posting this Notice now to avoid any possible misunderstanding and to let employers and other stakeholders know that updates related to the transfer will be posted in the months ahead on the following website: <http://www.uitax.ri.gov/>

<sup>1</sup> House Bill 6122 Substitute A as amended: <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText21/HouseText21/H6122Aaa.pdf>.

The Employer Tax Unit processes all quarterly tax and wage reports (Form TX-17), and accompanying tax payments, submitted by Rhode Island employers. These payments include all required employment security, job development fund, and TDI taxes.

Contact Information

The transfer will take time, so none of the changes involving the transfer is imminent. When the changes do occur in the months ahead, the Division and the DLT will notify employers and other stakeholders. Further, the Employer Tax Unit will communicate the changes in the months ahead via the following website: <http://www.uitax.ri.gov/>.

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