# **EMPLOYER EXCHANGE**



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#### Highlights...









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- Form RL-11D1, Request for Medical Evidence from Employers, created. See Program Letter 2017-02 for more information.
- Form G-251A, Railroad Job Information, revised. For more information, see Program Letter 2017-03.
- Modern RRB.gov unveiled on June 10. See Program Letter 2017-04 for more information.
- Trigger of Surcharge in RUIA Contribution Rate issued. Read more...
- Notice of Annual Rates (2018) released. For more information, see Program Letter 2018-01.
   Available on ERSNet: Form G-73a.1, Notice of Death of Railroad
- Retirement Annuitant, and RL-5a, Notice to Employer of Annuity Award Listing. For additional information, see Program Letter 2018-02.
- Form BA-12, Application for Employer Reporting Internet Access, revised. PDF available to view, save, and print.
- Worksheet for Computing Excess Railroad Retirement Taxes
  Withheld in 2018 released. PDF available to view, save, and print.
- ANNUAL REPORTS DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2018.
  - » Employers are encouraged to use ERSNet to submit their Annual Report of Creditable Compensation (Form BA-3) and the Report of Gross Earnings (Form BA-11) for 2017.
  - » Employers must include a Report Specifications Sheet (Form G-440) when using an alternative method (secure email, FTP Interchange, or CD-ROM) to submit Form BA-3 and Form BA-11.
  - » Employers should notify the RRB if they have no creditable service and compensation for 2017 to report on Form BA-3, or if they have no employees with social security numbers ending in 30 to report on Form BA-11. Please submit all No Employee reports via ERSNet. If you are submitting a No Employee report through an alternate method, check the appropriate box on Form G-440.
  - » Employers submitting addresses for new employees or updates to employee addresses on Form BA-3 don't need to submit the Form BA-6 Address Report (Form BA-6a).

## RUIA TAX DEPOSITS AND FORM ID-40R/S



Employers should use their 2018 contribution rate to calculate RUIA tax deposits. The RRB issued **Form ID- 40R/S**, *Annual Notice to Employers – Railroad Unemployment Act/Annual Proclamation*, to all employers in October 2017. Contact the Quality Reporting Service Center (QRSC) if you did not receive **Form ID- 40R/S**.

Please note, the maximum earnings subject to RUIA contribution for 2018 is \$1,560 per month.

### **PLEASE RETURN GL-99 FORMS**



Form GL-99, Employer's Deemed Service Months Questionnaire, was released in October 2017. The information provided on the form could result in the RRB awarding additional service months to applicable employees based on their reported months of service and tier II compensation for the 2016 calendar year. Please complete any GL-99 forms you have received and return them to QRSC as soon as possible.

## COMING SOON: NRETS and NRO



The RRB is finalizing details for the **10th National Rail Employer Training Seminar (NRETS)** scheduled for *summer 2018* in Chicago. Informational announcement coming soon.

The RRB is also planning the **National Reporting Officers (NRO) meeting** for labor employers in Chicago for the *autumn of 2018*. Invitations will be sent once details are confirmed.

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