EMPLOYMENT & WORKFORCE

Employer Tax Deadline
EXTENSION FAQ

As South Carolina responds to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus, we remain open and ready to assist employers. We are closely monitoring this rapidly changing situation and are prepared to meet the needs of South Carolina employers, including providing tax relief and online services. Our top priority is the health and safety of all employers and employees. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we face the challenges of COVID-19 together.

TAX RELIEF

To assist employers during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are offering additional time to pay quarterly unemployment insurance (UI) taxes for the first quarter of 2020 normally due April 30 until June 1, 2020. Penalty and interest will not be charged if payment is made by June 1. We are automatically applying this tax relief for all employers; you don't need to take any additional action.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING WAGE REPORT DEADLINE:

Wage Report filings are still due no later than April 30. This extension only applies to tax payments and will not extend the deadline by which you must file your quarterly wage report. Wage reports submitted timely by Employers are necessary to determine if claimants are monetarily eligible to receive benefits. Accordingly, DEW must require the wage reports by the prescribed deadline of April 30.

EMPLOYER SERVICES

We are currently open and ready to assist employers, but we expect request for information response times to be longer than normal. We appreciate your patience. We value the health and safety of our employers and all South Carolinians, so we encourage you to avoid visiting our office in-person as much as possible. We suggest you:

- Use our available online services. Visit SUITS, our free, online tax system, at *uitax.dew.sc.gov* to securely manage your South Carolina UI taxes.
- Help protect yourself and prevent the spread of the virus by reaching us through your self-service portal in SUITS instead of visiting in person. Online request for information can be submitted using your self-service portal in SUITS, the agency's online tax system. In order to ensure we properly address your question, we recommend labeling the Subject line as **"COVID-19."** You may access SUITS at any time at *uitax.dew.sc.gov*. For instructions on how to use SUITS, please visit *dew.sc.gov/suits*.
- Consider filing your quarterly wage report electronically, which is safer and faster. Visit *dew.sc.gov/suits* to learn more.

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IS DEW OFFERING TAX RELIEF TO EMPLOYERS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

Yes. UI tax payments for the first quarter of 2020 due April 30 will now be due June 1, 2020. Penalty and interest will not be charged if payment is made by June 1.

DO I HAVE TO DO ANYTHING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS TAX RELIEF?

No, we are automatically applying this tax relief for all applicable payments; you don't need to take any additional action.

DOES THIS AUTOMATIC EXTENSION APPLY TO BOTH THE FILING OF MY WAGE REPORT AND PAYMENT OF UI TAXES?

NO, the automatic extension until June 1 **ONLY extends time for the payment of UI taxes.** DEW must still require that employers file their quarterly wage report by the deadline of **April 30.** Wage reports submitted timely by Employers are necessary to determine if claimants are monetarily eligible to receive benefits. Accordingly, DEW must require the wage reports by the prescribed deadline of April 30.

WHAT IF I NEED MORE TIME TO FILE MY WAGE REPORT?

The automatic extension only applies to the payment of UI taxes. You will still be required to file your first quarter wage report on or before April 30. If you believe your circumstances will prevent you from meeting the filing deadline, please contact us through your self-service portal in SUITS, at *uitax.dew.sc.gov*. In order to ensure we properly address your question, we recommend labeling the Subject line as **"COVID-19."** You may access SUITS at any time at *uitax.dew.sc.gov*. For instructions on how to use SUITS, please visit *dew.sc.gov/suits*.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MY UI TAXES BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

If you do not believe you will be able to make full payment by the extension deadline of June 1, please contact our office to discuss your account activity or login to your self-service portal in SUITS for more information.

WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT MY TAXES?

You can submit an online request for information using your self-service portal in SUITS, the agency's online tax system. In order to ensure we properly address your question, we recommend labeling the Subject line as **"COVID-19."** You may access SUITS at any time at *uitax.dew.sc.gov*. For instructions on how to use SUITS, please visit *dew.sc.gov/suits*.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VIRUS?

For the latest information about the virus in South Carolina, visit the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's dedicated web page, *scdhec.gov/COVID19*.