



# Employer *Bulletin*

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## Employers Must Now Report All Returning WRS Annuitants

Effective August 1, 2012, all WRS annuitants returning to the service of a WRS participating employer must be reported, regardless of whether the service is paid or unpaid, WRS eligible or ineligible. The *Rehired Annuitant Form* (ET-2319) has been revised to reflect this new requirement and is available online; please discard any versions of ET-2319 with revision dates prior to 07/12.

The new requirement that all WRS annuitants, including volunteers, returning to work for a WRS participating employer submit the *Rehired Annuitant Form* is codified in Administrative Code ETF 20.02 (4). ETF codified the new requirement to:

1. monitor compliance with Wis. Stat. §40.26 (1), which requires a minimum break in service;
2. emphasize the need for a valid, good-faith termination as required by Administrative Code ETF 10.08; and
3. ensure that the WRS maintains its status as a qualified plan for federal income tax purposes [Wis. Stat. §40.015].

## 2013 WRS Contribution Rates

ETF expects to announce 2013 employee and employer required WRS contribution rates and other rates (including disability, unfunded liability and sick leave (state only) rates) on September 20, 2012, after the ETF Board reviews and approves the rates recommended by its consulting actuary. As of this writing, nearly all WRS employers have completed the process of reconciling 2011 monthly remittances with employee hours and earnings detail. As a result, ETF was able to send the necessary information to ETF's consulting actuary, who is currently compiling the data and expects to have the rates ready by September 20, 2012. The final rates will be available on ETF's Internet site as well as being announced in an upcoming *Employer Bulletin*.

## Statement of Benefits

The 2011 WRS *Statement of Benefits*, which details WRS member account balances and interest crediting through December 31, 2011, should be distributed by the end of October.

The 2011 financial footnote disclosure should be available by early to mid-September.

## Thank You

All of us here at ETF truly appreciate your patience, understanding and efforts during the 2011 reconciliation process as we worked to implement recent law changes.

## Contact

For questions regarding this *Employer Bulletin*, please contact the Employer Communication Center toll-free at (888) 681-3952 or locally at (608) 264-7900.

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