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**Unemployment Tax Alert**

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE TO INCREASE RATES FOR FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 2010**

### **Situation**

As a result of legislation passed last year and their request for a \$6 million Title XII loan this month, the state of New Hampshire has announced that all employers' unemployment tax rates will be increasing for the first and second quarters of 2010.

### **What The Employer Needs To Know**

If the employer's "Reserve" on the Tax Rate Determination issued in August, 2009 was positive, the rate on that notice will be increased 0.5% for the first two quarters of 2010. If the "Reserve" was negative, the rate will be increased 2.0%.

As a reminder, that same legislation increased the taxable wage base from \$8,000 to \$10,000 effective January 1, 2010.

### **What You Can Expect**

No employer specific rate increase information will be issued by the agency; however, the higher rate will be indicated on the blank quarterly contribution reports for those quarters. If you use a third party payroll provider, please make sure they are aware of this rate change to avoid underpayment of contributions due.

If you have any questions, please contact your tax consultant.

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