



COMPUTER CHRONICLES

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Payroll Tax changes to make before April 1

Due to the federal economic stimulus package recently passed by the U.S. Congress, there has been a change in the Federal Tax Brackets.

Please change these brackets before doing your April 1, 2009 payroll.

Early release copies of new federal income tax withholding (percentage method and wage bracket method) have been issued by the IRS to implement the Making Work Pay income tax credit contained in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The IRS asks that employers begin using these tables in lieu of the applicable previously published tables as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, 2009. To make the changes go to: Maintenance/Earnings and Ded/Edit and change each one that applies.

Please note that the federal withholding rates for 2009 have not changed since January 2009. It is still \$3,650 for married and single rates. See the new federal tax tables, at right, for married and single rates.

| Federal Single | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------|
| Up to | Amount | Percent |
| \$7,180.00 | \$0 | 0 |
| \$10,400.00 | \$0 | 10 |
| \$36,200.00 | \$322.00 | 15 |
| \$66,530.00 | \$4,192.00 | 25 |
| \$173,600.00 | \$11,774.50 | 28 |
| \$375,000.00 | \$41,754.10 | 33 |
| 0 | \$108,216.10 | 35 |

| Federal Married | | |
|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| Up to | Amount | Percent |
| \$15,750.00 | \$0 | 0 |
| \$24,450.00 | \$0 | 10 |
| \$75,650.00 | \$870.00 | 15 |
| \$118,130.00 | \$8,550.00 | 25 |
| \$216,600.00 | \$19,170.00 | 28 |
| \$380,700.00 | \$46,741.60 | 33 |
| 0 | \$100,894.60 | 35 |

Survey feedback wanted to ensure most helpful upgrades

NMPP Energy is committed to providing you with high-quality service and support at the lowest possible cost. Please help us assess the quality of our software upgrades by participating in the brief online survey (click on the survey link included in this e-mail). We appreciate your assistance in helping us improve our service.

The feedback we receive through this survey will be vital in helping us shape the software upgrades for 2009. We want to ensure the software upgrades that are made are valuable to you, the end-use customer.

The survey includes a list of several possible new functions, which may be included in the 2009 upgrade. Please think about what would be useful and more efficient to you as you are performing your daily work. We ask that you return the survey to Lana Claycomb by March 20.

Again, thank you for your continued assistance in helping us provide you with the best service and product possible.



Upcoming Event

2009 Annual PMUG Conference

Sept. 16-18 • Minneapolis, Minn.

Installing PowerManager® on a New Workstation

Use the most current PowerManager® installation CD you can find. During the installation process, at the point where it asks for the destination, change the destination to C:\PmanWin. After the installation is completed, delete the PmanWin folder from the local C: drive. This eliminates any confusion about where the application actually resides and leaves the BDE installed on the workstation.

Now change the desktop shortcut properties Target value to reference the Menu.exe file found on the server's PmanWin\Programs folder and change the Start In value to reference the PmanWin\Programs folder on the server. Make the same changes to the Start menu and PowerManager® program group shortcuts or delete these shortcuts if

they aren't likely to be used.

Next, configure the BDE. Run the BDE Administrator program found either in Control Panel or in the PowerManager program group. In the BDE Administrator program, go to the Configuration tab. Under Configuration, you will find Drivers and System. First, expand Drivers, then expand Native and then choose Paradox. In the Definition pane:

- Change the NET DIR value so it is the same as an existing workstation.

Now go back to the Configuration pane, expand System and choose INIT. Make the following changes for INIT in the Definition pane:

- Change LOCAL SHARE to TRUE;

- Change MAXFILEHANDLES to 1024;

- Change SHAREDMEMSIZE to 8192.

Now go to the menu at the top of the BDE Administrator, click on Object and select Exit. Answer Yes when prompted to save changes and OK when notified that all BDE applications must be re-started for changes to take effect.

Finally, if possible, copy the SCSPriv folder from the old workstation to the new workstation. Files in this folder contains user screen layout modifications, last selected report design names, last range of dates and a few other settings. This is not required but it makes things easier on the user.



Did you know...

Almost half of people online have at least three e-mail accounts. In addition, the average consumer has maintained the same e-mail address for four to six years.

—Source: DoubleClick study via DMNews.com

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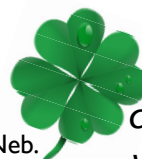


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Mark your calendars...

- March 16-20 Nebraska Clerks School, North Platte, Neb.
- March 24-26 NMPP's Annual Meeting & Conference, North Platte, Neb.
- June 17-19 Nebraska Municipal Accounting & Finance Conf., Kearney Neb.
- Sept 16-18 PMUG Conference, Minneapolis, Minn.
- October Annual Refresher Courses (dates unknown)



“Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck.”

— Author Unknown

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