

# FOR THE BOOKKEEPER MISCELLANEOUS 2012 INFORMATION

FICA TAX	Maximum Wage	Employer Rate	Employee Rate
Old Age Benefits	\$110,100	6.20%	4.20% (January 1 – February 29) 6.20% (March 1 – December 31)
Medicare Benefits	Unlimited	1.45%	1.45%
<b>FUTA TAX</b> (Federal unemployment per employee)	\$7,000	0.60% *	n/a
<b>SUTA TAX</b> (Illinois unemployment compensation per employee)	\$13,560	Rate determined by employer experience.	

\*Plus an additional Illinois 0.3% (pending litigation).

## **BUSINESS MILEAGE RATE FOR 2012 – 55.5¢**

### **MAXIMUM EARNINGS BEFORE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ARE REDUCED**

Full retirement age varies from age 65 to 67 by year of birth. Visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) to determine your retirement age.

- If you are under full retirement age during all of 2011; you lose \$1 for each \$2 you earned above \$14,160
- If you reach full retirement age in 2011; you lose \$1 for each \$3 you earn above \$37,680 until the month you reach full retirement age.
- Full retirement age and over – No limit.

### **401(K) MAXIMUM DEFERRAL LIMIT \$17,000 (age 50 or over, eligible for an additional \$5,500)**

### **SIMPLE 401(K) AND IRA DEFERRAL LIMIT \$11,500 (age 50 or over, eligible for an additional \$2,500)**

### **WITHHOLDING DEPOSIT RULES**

If you deposit your taxes at the same time you write each payroll, you need not change your method.

### **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011:**

- The mandatory annual threshold for making electronic payments for withholding income tax is \$12,000. Visit [www.iltax.com](http://www.iltax.com) to use Webpay.

#### **Withholding Deposit Rules**

Less than \$2,500  
 \$2,500 and Over  
 \$100,000 and Over  
 \*\* Up to \$50,000 annual liability  
 \*\* More than \$50,000 liability

#### **Federal**

Deposit with return  
 \*\*  
 1 Banking Day  
 15<sup>th</sup> of following month  
 Deposit at time of payroll

#### **Withholding Deposit Rules**

Less than \$1,000 annually  
  
 \$1,000 - \$12,000 annually  
 \$12,000 and over annually

#### **State**

If allowed by state, with annual return IL-941.  
 All else, monthly.  
 15<sup>th</sup> of following Month  
 Deposit at time of payroll

**PLEASE CATEGORIZE PAYMENTS FOR MEALS,  
ENTERTAINMENT, AND TRAVEL AS FOLLOWS:**

- “Business Meals and Entertainment” -All meals and entertainment.  
*\* except those provided 100% by employers on premises*
- “Travel” -Air fare and out-of-town expenses  
excluding meals and entertainment.
- “Trade Shows and Conventions” -Do not include meals or entertainment  
which are not part of the regular program.
- “Christmas” -Company party or gifts.
- “Club Dues” -Social club dues are not deductible.

<b>ILLINOIS SALES TAX RATES</b>	<u>Unprepared Food</u>	<u>General Rate</u>
Arlington Heights	2.25%	9.25%
Addison	1.75	8.25
Bensenville (Cook)	2.25	9.50
Bensenville (DuPage)	1.75	8.25
Chicago (Cook)	2.25	9.50
Chicago (DuPage)	1.75	8.25
Elk Grove (Cook)	2.25	9.25
Elk Grove (DuPage)	1.75	8.00
Schaumburg (Cook)	2.25	9.25
Schaumburg (DuPage)	1.75	8.00

These rates also do not include any entertainment tax assessed directly by local municipalities on food and beverages consumed on premises at eating/drinking establishments.

Please visit the following web address to locate a specific municipality rate:  
<http://tax.illinois.gov/Publications/taxratefinder.htm>. If you have additional questions, please contact Kelly Switt.

<b><u>MINIMUM WAGE (as of 7/1/10)</u></b>	<u>Beginning July 1, 2010</u>
Federal	\$7.25
State	8.25
State (under 18)	7.75

**Minimum Gross Income for Filing 2011 Tax Returns**

	<u>Under 65</u>	<u>65 or older</u>
Single	\$ 9,500	\$ 10,950
Head of Household	12,200	13,650
Married	19,000	20,150 (one person over 65) 21,300 (both over 65)

Dependent children under age 18 - \$5,800 if all wages  
\$950 if other income

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