

Message to employers - Jan. 12, 2022

We included some information in error, but your tax rate is correct

When you received your recent unemployment tax rate notice, you might have seen two sentences about your forgiveness ratio at the bottom of the notice:

Your tax rate for 2022 is based on the following benefit charges and taxable wages.			
Experience Year	Benefit Charges*	Taxable Wages**	
2021 (07/01/20 - 06/30/21)	\$1,004,288.54	\$51,076,906.32	
2020 (07/01/19 - 06/30/20)	\$826,455.78	\$57,590,874.21	
2019 (07/01/18 - 06/30/19)	\$149,917.10	\$66,343,183.47	
2018 (07/01/17 - 06/30/18)	\$163,643.45	\$66,424,863.80	
Total	\$2,144,304.87	\$241,435,827.80	= 0.008881

The forgiveness ratio for the benefit charge offset program is 100.00%. We reduced your total benefit charges by \$2,729.30.
The forgiveness ratio for the benefit charge offset program is 86.24%. We reduced your total benefit charges by \$2090424.69.

*Benefit charges are your share of unemployment benefits that we paid to your former employees.
**Taxable wages are the total amount of your employees' wages on which you paid taxes.

The second sentence is correct and applies to your 2022 tax rate
The second sentence refers to your forgiveness ratio from the most current [tax relief program for 2022](#). This program resulted from [ESSB 5478](#).

The first sentence was included in error
The first sentence refers to your forgiveness ratio for an older benefit charge offset program you applied for in 2020. This program resulted from [HFB 2965](#).

You don't need to do anything, and we apologize for this mistake
We're sorry for any confusion our error caused. You don't need to take any action. Because your tax rate is correct, we don't plan to send a corrected tax rate notice. If you disagree with your tax rate, you can [request a review](#).

Questions?

We've updated our website with more info and resources on 2022 tax rates.

- [Employer taxes for 2022](#) - How financial relief is affecting unemployment tax rates in 2022.
- [Determining your tax rates](#) - Updated 2022 tax rate table, tax calculator and more.

You can also email the Account Management Center at OlympiaAMC@esd.wa.gov or call 855-829-9243.