

client services update



January 2005

Tip of the Month

Questions you might come across when running your year-end and/or January payroll

EARN/DEDN Maintenance

During your first payroll run of the year, all unused earning and deduction codes are changed to a status R in the EARN/DEDN screen. This means that these codes will be removed after the next database.

All limits on active earning and deduction codes are reset to zero if the maximum limit is reached. All yearly limits will have to be re-entered.

If the maximum limit isn't reached, all limits on active earning and deduction codes are set to the balance. For example, if a deduction code had a limit of \$500 and the actual amount for the year was \$400, the new limit will be set to \$100. Make sure that yearly limits are reverted back to their original amounts.

W2s

For any American dealers that use the cafeteria plan: when running W2s, the system will ask you for special deduction codes that are FICA exempt. Don't include cafeteria plan deductions, (even though they are FICA exempt) or these negative earnings won't be included in the taxable earnings box.

Check Run

On your first check run of the new year, a screen will ask you if it is the first check run of the year for one or more of the employees selected in the run. Some people will see this message three or four times in January. This message can occur after the first check run of the year if the check run is using a different pay type for the first time, or if an employee who wasn't hit on the first check run of the year is being affected on the new check run. If either of these situations apply, then you can press <F1> to continue; if there is still a problem, contact PFW Client Services for further support.

\$ZPER0181 Check Run Date Error

Is this the first check run of the calendar year for one or more of the employees selected for this run?

The following employee: Company/Division/Employee# – 01/01/00004

Was last paid on: 12312004

Choose the correct option:

- 1) If this IS the first check run of the calendar year, press <F1> to continue the run.
 - 2) If this IS NOT the first check run of the calendar year, contact PFW System Support at (519) 474-3700.
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Attention Canadian Payroll Users

Before your first check run for 2005, you will need to apply the 2004 tax changes. The 2005 Canadian payroll rates are now available as a PPU and can be requested from PFW support. The PPU must be requested after your last payroll check run of 2004 and before your first payroll check run of 2005.

Attention U.S. Payroll Users

Before your first check run for 2005, you will need to update your FICA, MEDICARE and USFED tables. You will still be able to perform check runs in January if the new tables aren't loaded—you have a one month grace period—but you will not be able to complete your first check run in February until the 2005 tables are loaded. If you are unsure of how to do this, or if you require the payroll rates, please contact Client Services at (519) 474-3700.

NOTE: if your state tax rate has changed, you must also update these values in the USSTATE table. These values should be confirmed with your local tax offices.

Note to CNH Dealers

All CNH dealers should now have release R6V02 loaded. Many recent changes require the current PFW release, so please contact PFW Client Services if you have not already loaded release R6V02.

Continuing on Our Charted Course: San Diego 2005

PFW's biennial Dealership Management Conference is scheduled for February 23-26, 2005 in San Diego, California at the Catamaran Resort Hotel. We are sure that this conference is going to be one that you won't want to miss, so join us in San Diego as we continue on our charted course towards success!

Don't wait to register! Fax back the registration form you received in the mail as part of the conference registration package to (519) 474-3661, or go online to www.pfw.com/conference.



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