2016 Key Administrative Dates and Deadlines for Calendar-Year Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plans¹



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JANUARY

1/1/16 • Automatic Employer Surcharge
1/13/16 • Form 5500 Schedule MB Posting
1/31/16 • Required Minimum Distribution

FEBRUARY

2/1/16* • Form W-2 • Form 1099-R

• Form 945

2/10/16 • Form 945 (Alternative Date)
 2/14/16 • Triennial Benefit Statement
 2/29/16 • Form W-2 (paper)

• Form 1099-R (paper)

MARCH

3/1/16 • Notice of Request for Extension of Amortization Period

3/15/16 • Request for an Automatic Extension

of Amortization Period
3/30/16 • Zone Certification
3/31/16 • Form W-2 (electronic)

• Form 1099-R (electronic)

APRIL

4/1/16 • Required Minimum Distribution4/29/16 • Annual Funding Notice

4/30/16 • Notice of Endangered or Critical Status

<u>May</u>

5/31/16 • Contribution Surcharge

JUNE

JULY

7/28/16 • Summary of Material Modifications

AUGUST

8/1/16* • Plan Audit

• Form 5500 or Form 5558

Form 8955-SSA or Form 5558

Notice to Terminated Vested Employees

Small Plan Annual Funding Notice

• Form 5330

8/30/16 • Summary Report of Multiemployer Plan

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

10/15/16 • Corrective Plan Amendment

10/17/16* • Form 5500

Form 8955-SSA

Notice to Terminated Vested Employees

PBGC Comprehensive Premium Filing

November

11/16/16 • Summary Report of Multiemployer Plan

11/26/16 • Funding Improvement Plan

or Rehabilitation Plan Adoption

DECEMBER

12/26/16 • Funding Improvement Plan or Rehabilitation Plan Schedule

12/31/16 • Annual Benefit Statement Notice

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^{*}The date reflected is the next business day following a filing date of an IRS, Department of Labor, or Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation form that otherwise would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday.

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DATE	Ітем	Action
1/1/16	Automatic Employer Surcharge	For a plan first certified as critical in 2015, contribution surcharges increase to 10% (from 5%) on employer contributions if the bargaining parties have not adopted a schedule related to a rehabilitation plan.
1/13/16	Form 5500 Schedule MB Posting	Post 2014 Form 5500 (<i>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</i>) basic plan information and Schedule MB (<i>Actuarial Information</i>) on the plan sponsor's existing Intranet site, if 2014 Form 5500 was filed on 10/15/15; if filed prior to 10/15/15, the deadline is 90 days from the date of the filing.
1/31/16	Required Minimum Distribution	Pay to participants increase in monthly age-70-1/2 required minimum distribution (RMD) to reflect additional benefits accrued in 2015.
2/1/16*	Form W-2	Contributing employer to provide 2015 IRS Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) to employees, reporting wages and coverage as an "active participant" in a qualified defined benefit pension plan.
2/1/16*	Form 1099-R	Provide IRS Form 1099-R (<i>Distributions from Pensions, Annuities, Retirement and Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.</i>) to recipients of 2015 distributions.
2/1/16*	Form 945	File IRS Form 945 (Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax) to report income tax withheld from 2015 distributions.
2/10/16	Form 945 (Alternative Date)	File IRS Form 945 if the withholding taxes on 2015 distributions were timely paid in full.
2/14/16	Triennial Benefit Statement	For plans that last provided the triennial benefit statement for the 2010-2012 period, provide the PPA triennial benefit statements to participants for the 2013-2015 period.
2/29/16	Form W-2 (paper)	File 2015 IRS Form W-2 with the Social Security Administration, if not filing electronically.
2/29/16	Form 1099-R (paper)	Transmit paper copies of Form 1099-R to the IRS using Form 1096 (Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns) if not filing electronically.
3/1/16	Notice of Request for Extension of Amortization Period	Provide the 14-day advance written notice to participants, beneficiaries, alternate payees, participating unions, and PBGC of an intent to submit to the IRS an application for an extension of the amortization period for 2015.
3/15/16	Request for an Automatic Extension of Amortization Period	Deadline to request from the IRS an automatic extension of amortization charge bases for 2015.
3/30/16	Zone Certification	Deadline for the plan's enrolled actuary to provide to the IRS and plan trustees the actuarial certification of the plan's 2016 funded status and, if applicable, the progress toward a previously adopted funding improvement plan or rehabilitation plan.
3/31/16	Form W-2 (electronic)	Contributing employer to file 2015 IRS Form W-2 with the Social Security Administration electronically, unless filed on paper by 2/29/2016.
3/31/16	Form 1099-R (electronic)	Transmit 2015 Form 1099-R electronically with the IRS, unless filed on paper by 2/29/2016.
4/1/16	Required Minimum Distribution	Deadline to make the first RMD to terminated vested participants who attained age 70-1/2 in 2015 and to participants older than age 70-1/2 who retired in 2015.
4/29/16	Annual Funding Notice	Provide the 2015 annual funding notice to participants, beneficiaries, labor organizations representing participants and beneficiaries, contributing employers, and PBGC if the plan has more than 100 participants. (Note: Additional information must be included for endangered and critical plans.)
4/30/16	Notice of Endangered or Critical Status	If the plan's 3/30/16 2016 Zone Certification classifies the plan's status as endangered or critical, notify participants, beneficiaries, participating unions, contributing employers, PBGC, and DOL or, if earlier, within 30 days of date of the certification.
5/31/16	Contribution Surcharge	If the plan's 3/30/16 2016 Zone Certification first certified the plan's funded status as critical, a surcharge of 5% on employer contributions applies if the bargaining parties have not adopted a schedule related to a rehabilitation plan. (This amount increases to 10% on 1/1/17 if the bargaining parties do not adopt the rehabilitation plan by then.)
7/28/16	Summary of Material Modifications	Provide a Summary of Material Modifications to participants if the plan adopted amendments for 2015, unless the information was included in an updated and timely distributed Summary Plan Description.

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8/1/16*	Plan Audit	Deadline to obtain a qualified accountant's audit report or limited scope audit to include as attachment to Form 5500 Schedule H (<i>Financial Information</i>) if there are more than 100 eligible participants, unless Form 5558 is filed with IRS to obtain an extension.
8/1/16*	Form 5500 or Form 5558	File 2015 Form 5500 using DOL EFAST2 or file IRS Form 5558 (Application for Extension of Time to File Certain Employee Plan Returns) for each multiemployer plan to extend Form 5500 filing due date by 2-1/2 months to 10/17/16.
8/1/16*	Form 8955-SSA or Form 5558	File IRS Form 8955-SSA (Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Vested Benefits) or file IRS Form 5558 to extend the filing deadline for Forms 8955-SSA.
8/1/16*	Notice to Terminated Vested Employees	Provide a notice describing the amount of the vested accrued benefit at normal retirement age to terminated vested employees who were reported on 2015 IRS Form 8955-SSA or file IRS Form 5558 to extend the filing deadline for Form 8955-SSA to 10/17/16.
8/1/16*	Small Plan Annual Funding Notice	For plans with 100 or fewer participants in 2014, provide the 2015 annual funding notice to participants, beneficiaries, contributing employers, labor organizations representing participants and beneficiaries, and PBGC, unless a Form 5558 will be timely filed with the IRS to extend the Form 5500 filing due date by 2-1/2 months to 10/17/16. (Note: Additional information must be included for endangered and critical plans.)
8/1/16*	Form 5330	File IRS Form 5330 (<i>Return of Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans</i>) to report and pay excise taxes on 2015 prohibited transactions and nondeductible contributions.
8/30/16	Summary Report of Multiemployer Plan	Provide summary information (an "ERISA §104(d) notice") about the plan's 2015 finances to participating unions and contributing employers, if Form 5500 was filed on 8/1/16.
10/15/16	Corrective Plan Amendment	Deadline to adopt a retroactive corrective plan amendment if the plan fails minimum coverage, nondiscrimination, and/or compensation requirements for 2015 for nonbargaining employees.
10/17/16*	Form 5500	File 2015 Form 5500 using DOL EFAST2, if the due date was extended by a timely filed IRS Form 5558. (A posting of the 2015 Form 5500 basic plan information and Schedule MB on the plan sponsor's existing intranet site is required within 90 days of filing Form 5500.)
10/17/16*	Form 8955-SSA	File 2015 IRS Form 8955-SSA if the due date was extended by a timely filed IRS Form 5558.
10/17/16*	Notice to Terminated Vested Employees	Provide a notice describing the amount of the vested accrued benefit at normal retirement age to terminated vested employees who were reported on 2015 IRS Form 8955-SSA if the due date was extended by a timely filed IRS Form 5558.
10/17/16*	PBGC Comprehensive Premium Filing	File the 2016 PBGC Comprehensive Premium Filing and pay flat-rate premium of \$27 per participant.
11/16/16	Summary Report of Multiemployer Plan	Provide summary information (an "ERISA §104(d) notice") about the plan's 2015 finances to participating unions and contributing employers, if the Form 5500 due date was extended by a timely filed Form 5558.
11/26/16	Funding Improvement Plan or Rehabilitation Plan Adoption	Deadline to adopt a funding improvement plan or a rehabilitation plan if the 3/30/16 Zone Certification first certified the plan's funded status as endangered or critical.
12/26/16	Funding Improvement Plan or Rehabilitation Plan Schedule	If the plan's 3/30/16 Zone Certification first certified the plan's funded status as endangered or critical, provide participating unions and contributing employers a notice showing revised benefit and/or contribution structures under the funding improvement plan or rehabilitation plan that was adopted during 2016 or, if earlier, 30 days after date of adoption.
12/31/16	Annual Benefit Statement Notice	Provide an annual notice about the availability of and the means to obtain the pension benefit statement for 2016 to participants if the alternative notification approach will be used for 2016.