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2/15

- Payroll tax deposit due if liability is over \$2500

2/18

- Presidents' Day (Banking Holiday) SBG will be open



2/20

- Sales tax reports due

Don't FORGET!
 **File your Annual Report to renew your Corp or LLC before May 1st!**

**Before 5/1, it will be \$150.
After 5/2, it will cost you \$550.
After 9/2, it will be \$700
(Includes a re-instatement fee which cannot be waived)**

We will be open on Fridays during the tax season (January - April)

Semi-Weekly 941 Deposit Due Dates

Payroll Check Date:	Deposit is Due on:
Feb 1	Feb 6
Feb 2-5	Feb 8
Feb 6-8	Feb 13
Feb 9-12	Feb 15
Feb 13-15	Feb 21
Feb 16-19	Feb 22
Feb 20-22	Feb 27
Feb 23-26	Mar 1
Feb 27-Mar 1	Mar 6



IRS Releases Income Tax Withholding Tables Reflecting 2013 Changes



As employers begin issuing 2013 paychecks, here is a summary of new withholding rates and changes affecting Social Security and Medicare rates, directly from the IRS.

Updated tables, which were issued by the IRS after President Obama signed the *American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012*, show the new rates in effect for 2013. They supersede tables issued on December 31, 2012. The newly revised version of IRS Notice 1036 contains the percentage method income-tax withholding tables and related information that employers need to implement changes for 2013.

Employers should also begin withholding Social Security tax at the rate of 6.2% of wages paid following the expiration of the temporary 2% payroll tax cut that was in effect for 2011 and 2012. The tables incorporate the new 0.9% Medicare tax (in addition to the 1.45% withheld by employers).

Employers should start using the revised withholding tables and correct the amount of Social Security tax withheld as soon as possible in 2013, but not later than February 15, 2013. For any Social Security tax under-withheld before that date, employers should make the appropriate adjustment in workers' pay as soon as possible, but not later than March 31, 2013.

Employers and payroll companies will handle the withholding changes, so workers typically don't need to take any additional action, such as filling out a new W-4 withholding form.

However, the IRS urges workers to review their withholding every year and, if necessary, fill out a new W-4 and give it to their employer. For example, individuals and couples with multiple jobs, people who are having children, getting married, getting divorced or buying a home, and those who typically wind up with a balance due or large refund at the end of

the year may want to consider submitting revised W-4 forms.

The new tax tables and a summary of other changes can be found in [IRS Notice 1036](#), which can also be found on our website at www.smallbg.com on the [Forms](#) page.

Article from www.bizactions.com—January 25, 2013

Did you run your PAYROLL UPDATES for QUICKBOOKS?



QUICKBOOKS?

If you use the Payroll subscription for QuickBooks, **it is very important that you run the Intuit Payroll Updates as you receive them.**

By running the updates, you will ensure that you are using the current rates — such as the new withholding rates.

If you have any trouble installing the updates, contact SBG for assistance.



EASY TO ACCESS FORMS

Do you need a copy of the new W-4 for 2013? What about a copy of the most recent W-9? For copies of the new forms for 2013, please visit our website at www.smallbg.com and click on the [Forms](#) page. You can download a copy of the new W-4, I-9 and W-9 — among other forms. We will try to keep all of the pertinent forms you might need on our website so they will always be convenient for you to retrieve. If you don't see the form you need, contact Kewanna at 731-2221 or by email to kgroman@smallbg.com.



Other Important Provisions Affecting Individuals and Businesses

The *American Taxpayer Relief Act* includes many provisions that will change the tax landscape in 2013. Here are just a few:

- **Liberalized rules for certain retirement savings plans.** The new law lifts most of the previous restrictions regarding the rollover of funds from a 401(k) or similar plan into a Roth account. Participants who have 401(k) plans with in-plan Roth conversion features can now make transfers to a Roth account at anytime.
- **Employer-provided parking allowance restored.** For 2012, employer-provided parking allowances are tax-free up to a monthly limit of \$240. For 2013, the monthly limit is \$245. Thanks to the new law, businesses can allow these same amounts for 2012 and 2013 for tax-free transit passes or vanpooling. For example, your company can give each employee up to \$245 per month this year to pay for the park and ride plus up to another \$245 to pay for the train. Without the new law, there would have been only a \$125 monthly limit on employer-provided transit passes and vanpooling for 2012 and 2013. Alternatively, your company could offer a salary reduction arrangement instead, allowing employees to set aside money pre-tax up to the same limits listed above, effectively reducing the federal income and employment taxes they pay.
- **The Research Tax Credit extended.** Under prior legislation, this key credit expired at the end of 2011 even though it enjoys significant bipartisan support in Congress as well as from the President. The new law revives the credit for 2012 and 2013.
- **Section 179 depreciation enhanced and extended.** Previously, this important tax break was set to fall to \$125,000 in 2012 (with an investment limit of \$500,000) from the previous dollar limit of \$500,000. For 2013, absent new legislation, it would have fallen further to \$25,000 (with a \$200,000 investment limit). The new law restores the higher amounts for 2012 and 2013, with a dollar limit of \$500,000 and an investment limit of \$2 million.
- **Bonus depreciation extended.** Also extended through 2013 is 50% bonus depreciation. For some property the extension is through 2014. This tax break relates to certain new assets placed in service before January 1, 2014 (or January 1, 2015 depending on the property).
- **Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) renewed.** This tax break is part of the general business credit. It rewards employers for hiring individuals from targeted groups that are otherwise hard-to-employ. It provides a credit equal to 40% of the first year's wages, up to \$6,000. The WOTC also revives the credit which expired at the end of 2012, related to hiring unemployed veterans and veterans with service-related disabilities (part of the *Vow to Hire Heroes Act of 2011*). The credit for hiring qualified veterans can be as high as \$9,600.

This is just the beginning. The *American Taxpayer Relief Act* brings many changes, restores and extends some previous tax provisions and eliminates or alters others. As details are revealed, we will bring you additional coverage of the features of the new law in future articles.

Article from www.bizactions.com — January 25, 2013

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Do you KNOW an Entrepreneur?

Refer them to Small Business Group & they will receive a one-on-one consultation... **FREE!**

If they sign up with SBG, YOU could receive a credit on next year's client engagement.

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TANGIBLE TAX RETURNS: DID YOU GET A POSTCARD?

Many of you have received a postcard in the mail stating that you are exempt from filing a Tangible tax return this year, as long as your assets are still below the \$25,000 exemption limit. If you received this exemption notice, please put it in the mail to us. The exemption applies to those returns that were filed on time. We are going to assume that you filed the tangible return on time last year since we got it to you in time to do so. If you received an exemption notice and you have purchased new assets this year, please contact our office so we can determine if you will need to submit a tangible tax return or not. If you have any questions, contact SBG at 731-2221.



Have you made your TAX APPOINTMENT yet?

We have already started scheduling tax appointments so if you have your information ready, go ahead and contact Kewanna (ext. 11) or Charia (ext. 15) as soon as possible to reserve your preferred date. We ask that you keep your scheduled appointment. If you do find it necessary to cancel/reschedule your appointment, please remember that **we must interview you by Feb. 20th for business returns and March 20th for personal returns to avoid having to go on extension.**

Our goal is to have NO ONE on extension!

Effective 1/1/13

FL Minimum Wage increases to \$7.79/hr

FL tipped employee minimum wage increases to \$4.77/hr