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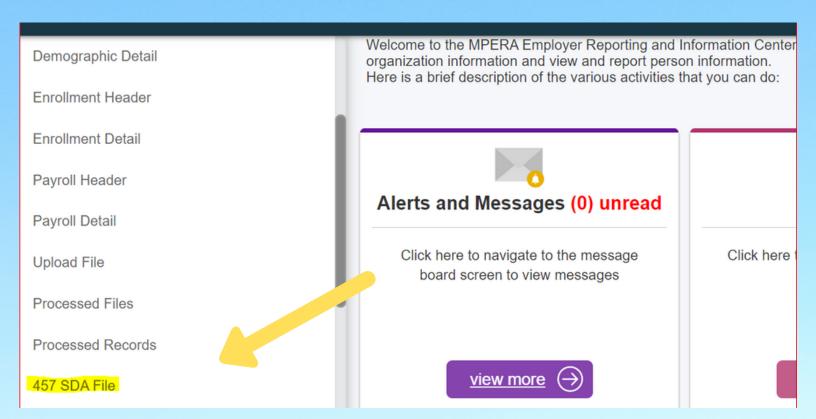
Hello from the Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA). This newsletter and those that will follow are intended to fill you in on the ongoing updates to ERIC, as well as to share some news about our agency and some tips and tricks to help you report payroll more efficiently.

MPERA implements a new electronic enrollment and salary deferral process for the State's 457 (b) plan

Great news for your employees!! Enrolling in 457(b) and making changes to their salary deferrals just became more streamlined. They can now do all of this electronically through the Empower website. Of course, the option to download the forms from Empower is still available for those that need it. Please keep an eye out for training sessions that your employees can view.



As for you the employer, there are no changes in your reporting process. Continue to download your 457 SDA File in ERIC so you are aware of updates made by your employees.

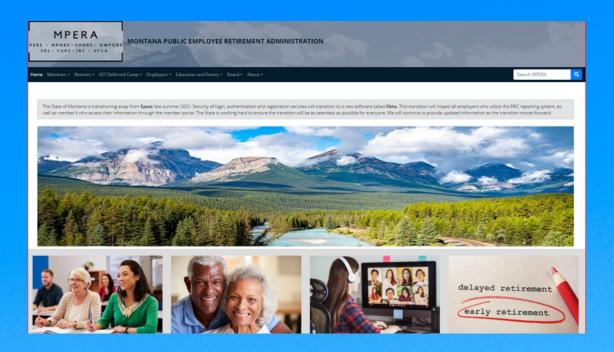


MPERA's Website has a new look!



If you haven't checked out our new website, stop by and take a look at mpera.mt.gov! If you have questions about the new updates, contact our Employer Support team, and they can assist you on navigating our new website!

click here to view new website!



Roberta Scow has taken a new position

For those of you that have MPERA's Roberta Scow on speed dial, you will have to take her off effective July 6th. Berta has been an invaluable asset to employer reporting, so we are sad to see her leave her position! The good news is, she isn't going far, she is moving into a Benefit Analyst position where her background in employer reporting will be a great addition to that position. Remember we still have an amazing support team in Cathy Grose and Diana Stitt that are available to help you with your needs. Thanks Berta, and we wish you well in your new endeavor!



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