



**U.S Railroad Retirement Board
National Reporting Employers Training Seminar
2021 Virtual Schedule**

Time	Tuesday – August 3, 2021
10:00AM 10:15AM	Welcome Address – <i>Mr. Thomas A. Jayne, Management Member of the Board</i>
10:15AM 10:45AM	Executive Session <i>The Senior Executive Officer will share his perspective on current issues facing the RRB.</i>
10:45AM 11:00 AM	Break
11:00AM 11:45AM	Employer Coverage Issues <i>The session will discuss what constitutes coverage under the RRA and RUIA for employers and individual employees, the use of contract services, and how decisions are coordinated between the RRB, the IRS, and SSA.</i>
11:45AM 12:15 Noon	Management Member’s Session – Mr. Jayne and Staff will present from Mr. Jayne’s office
12:15 Noon 12:45 Noon	Lunch
12:45 Noon 1:30PM	Payment for Lost Time and Recent Cases <i>This session will discuss the structure of Federal Employer’s Liability Act (FELA) awards and the Supreme Court ruling on stock options and the effect these types of awards will have on covered employees.</i>
1:30PM 2:15PM	BA-15 “Report of Stock Options and Other Payments” (New) <i>The session will explain the purpose for reporting this information and will go over the Form BA-15 and what is included on this report.</i>

Time	Wednesday – August 4, 2021
10:00AM 10:45AM	Employer Experience Rating & Pre-Payment Verification <i>This session will give you an overview of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) claims process and a complete look at the Experience Rating system from A to Z. You will learn how your contribution rate is calculated and how the payment and recovery of benefits affects your rate.</i>
10:45AM 11:30AM	Master the Basics I <i>This session is for anyone who is getting started in the world of railroad retirement. This session will give you a working knowledge of railroad retirement terminology, concepts and cover the various types of creditable compensation.</i>

11:30AM 11:45AM	Break
11:45AM 12:30 Noon	Master the Basics II <i>This session covers how to effectively complete and electronically file the service and compensation reports via ERSNet system and how to prepare adjustments for prior years. We will also discuss alternative report filing methods.</i>
12:30 Noon 1:15PM	Lunch
1:15PM 2:00PM	SSA Reporting <i>This session will highlight online reporting services; review errors commonly found in Forms W-2 and W-3, and explain how discrepancies in taxes and earnings are reconciled. We will also address verifying employee social security numbers and other enumeration issues.</i>

Time	Thursday – August 5, 2021
10:00AM 10:45AM	Audits of Employers <i>This session will address both audits conducted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Audit and Compliance Division of the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB). You will receive advice on how to prepare for, and survive, an audit, as well as information on audit authority, objectives, and scope.</i>
10:45AM 11:30AM	Retirement & Survivor Annuities I <i>This session is intended for those individuals covered under the RRA and for individuals who work in the human resource areas and handle employee questions about eligibility of benefits.</i>
11:30AM 12:15Noon	Retirement & Survivor Annuities II <i>The session will cover how retirement and survivor benefits are calculated and review factors that affect benefits.</i>
12:15Noon 12:45PM	Lunch
12:45PM 1:30PM	IT Modernization <i>This session will provide details on RRB's IT modernization efforts to develop new systems and improve the efficiency of existing applications. The session will also present the various automation services available to employees on www.rrb.gov (i.e. Rail Net, Login.gov) and to employers, respectively. In addition, it will cover the new platforms in the implementation stage the agency is looking to rollout.</i>
1:30PM 2:15PM	Watching Out the Trust <i>Learn the role that RRB's IG has in investigating fraud and abuse. Also, hear about some of the latest schemes they have encountered and cases they have pursued in the interest of protecting the RRB's trust fund.</i>