



U.S. Railroad Retirement Board National Reporting Employers Training Seminar 2024 Virtual Schedule

<i>CST Time</i> *	Wednesday – September 11, 2024
09:00 AM - 09:30 AM	Welcome Address – <i>Mr. Thomas Jayne, Management Member of the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).</i>
09:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Executive Session – <i>The Senior Executive Officer will introduce the new members of the Executive Committee and each of them will share a little about themselves and their perspective on current issues facing the RRB.</i>
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Employer Coverage Issues – <i>The session will address what constitutes coverage under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) for employers and individual employees, the use of contract services, and how decisions are coordinated between the RRB, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and Social Security Administration (SSA).</i>
11:15 AM- 12:00 PM	National Railroad Investment Trust (NRRIT) – <i>A management member trustee will present on the status of the NRRIT trust funds.</i>
12:00 PM - 01:15 PM	Lunch
01:15 PM - 02:00 PM	Information Technology (IT) Modernization – <i>This session will provide details on the RRB's efforts to modernize its IT systems and improve the efficiency of existing applications. The session will detail 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 platforms in the implementation stage that the agency is developing.</i>
02:00 PM - 02:15 PM	Break
02:15 PM - 03:00 PM	Payment for Lost Time and Recent Cases – <i>This session will address the structure of Federal Employer's Liability Act (FELA) awards and the effect these types of awards have on covered employees, as well as the Supreme Court ruling on stock options.</i>
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Employer Experience Rating & Pre-Payment Verification – <i>This session will give an overview of the RUIA claims process and a complete look at the Experience Rating system. Learn how the employer contribution rate is calculated and how the payment and recovery of benefits affects the employers' rate.</i>

<i>CST Time*</i>	Thursday – September 12, 2024
09:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Master the Basics – <i>This session is for anyone getting started in the world of the Railroad Retirement Board. This session will provide working knowledge of reporting terminology and concepts and cover the various types of creditable compensation. It will also cover how to effectively complete and electronically file service and compensation reports and adjustments for prior years via the ERSNet system.</i>
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	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 discuss verifying employee social security numbers and other enumeration issues.</i>
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Retirement, Survivor & Disability Annuities - <i>This session is intended for those individuals covered under the RRA and for individuals who work in human resources and handle employee questions about eligibility of benefits.</i>
12:15 PM - 01:30 PM	Lunch
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	Audits of Employers – <i>This session will address audits conducted by the IRS and the Audit and Compliance Division of the Railroad Retirement Board. You will receive advice on how to prepare for and manage an audit, as well as information on audit authority, objectives, and scope.</i>
02:30 PM - 02:45 PM	Break
02:45 PM - 03:30 PM	Watching Out for the Trust – <i>Learn the role that RRB’s Inspector General has in investigating fraud, waste, and abuse and about some of the latest schemes and cases the Office of Inspector General has pursued in the interest of protecting the RRB’s trust fund.</i>