Overview

**Audience:** Campus Payroll Managers or designees responsible for deficit hour reconciliation reporting

**Action Item:** Provide annual deficit hours reconciliation report by *February 21, 2014*

**Affected Employee Groups/Units:** Non-exempt employees on alternate/compressed work schedules

**Summary**

This Technical Letter provides information regarding the annual December review requirement for reconciling deficit hours for non-exempt employees whose work schedules differ from the State’s standard shift (Monday through Friday, eight hours per day).

The campus payroll manager, or designee responsible for deficit hour reconciliation reporting, should review the remainder of this technical letter for background information, reconciliation requirements, and sample reports.

**Background**

Coded memo [HR 2003-28](#) advised campuses of certain recordkeeping and payment requirements for non-exempt employees subject to Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) regulations who are assigned to work week schedules that do not conform to the standard pay periods prescribed by the Department of Finance. Specific guidelines and instructions were provided to ensure FLSA compliance, including administration of the “Table of Workdays” method (also referred to as “plus/minus” or “excess/minus”). This method is used to maintain an accounting of deficits (debits) or excess hours (credits), as appropriate, for employees whose work schedules differ from the State’s standard shift (Monday through Friday, eight hours per day).¹

¹ “Credits/excess hours” are regularly scheduled hours worked in excess of standard hours within a given pay period. “Debits/deficit hours” are regularly scheduled hours not worked by the employee within a given pay period that were paid by the employer.
The FLSA provides certain record-keeping requirements for employees subject to FLSA, including the prompt payment of wages and payment of an employee’s minimum wages for all work actually performed in a given pay period. As a result, HR 2003-28 instructed campuses to review their current practices to ensure that requirements specific to recordkeeping and the administration of “excess” and/or “deficit” hour balances were satisfied.

As a reminder, all campuses must reconcile employees’ deficit hours at least once each calendar year in December and provide an annual report to the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources.

December 2013 Reconciliation Requirements

December 2013 Reconciliation: The December 2013 reconciliation timeline is the standard timeline. In consideration of campus leave posting practices, campuses are requested to reconcile deficit balances incurred from January through December 2013 and to furnish the required report to the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources by February 21, 2014.

State University Police Association (SUPA): For Unit 8 employees, annual reconciliation requirements remain in effect in that any deficit hour balances incurred from January through December will be offset by accumulated excess hours incurred in that same year, and if an excess hour balance remains, it will be reconciled and paid out as part of the annual reconciliation process in December. Refer to Technical Letter HR/Salary 2010-24 Supplement #1 for detailed information.

Action Item

Report deficit hours to the attention of Valerie Kerbs via e-mail at vkerbs@calstate.edu by Friday, February 21, 2014. Please report the deficit hours in the reporting format provided in Attachment A, which includes a sample on how to complete the report. If there are no deficit hours to report for your campus, please submit the report and indicate “NONE TO REPORT.”

Questions may be directed to Human Resources Management at (562) 951-4411. This Technical Letter is also available on the Human Resources Management’s web page at: http://www.calstate.edu/HRAdm/memos.shtml.

Attachment

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## SAMPLE

2013 Deficit Hours Reconciliation Report

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**Sort report by Unit, then Employee Name**

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³ Refer to Integrated CSU Administrative Manual (ICSUAM), "Accounts Receivable Collections" (Policy # 3131.01) and SCO PPM Section I
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CAMPUS: ____________________________

CONTACT NAME: ____________________________

CONTACT PHONE: ____________________________

CONTACT E-MAIL: ____________________________

Return completed report to Valerie Kerbs via e-mail at: vkerbs@calstate.edu by February 21, 2014.

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