Increase Your Chances of Passing the FPC or CPP Exam with PayTrain®





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PayTrain: Proven Approach & Latest Technology

- Created by the American Payroll Association (APA), the nation's leader in Payroll Education
- Successfully training payroll professionals for almost 30 years
- Designed for today's busy and mobile lifestyle
- One comprehensive online learning experience to prepare you for success on the exams



Why Choose Online Training?

Convenient

- Study at your own pace
- Set your own goals
- Focus on the content you need to learn most
- Work wherever you have an Internet connection
- Access e-books and study tools from your computer or mobile device*

*Form-fill activities and games are best experienced on a tablet or larger screen

Why Choose Online Training?

- Economical / cost-effective
- Most flexible study option
- Eliminates travel and minimizes time away from work
- Supports individual learning styles

How Can I Use Training to Advance My Career?

- General professional development
 - New-hire training
 - Career growth (i.e., promotion)
 - Expanded understanding of payroll

How Can I Use Training to Advance My Career?

- General professional development
 - Build confidence
 - Stand out from your peers
 - Keep current on payroll laws and regulations

How Can I Use Training to Advance My Career?

- Certification preparation
 - Fundamental Payroll Certification (FPC)
 - Certified Payroll Professional (CPP)
- Maintain your certification

APA's Online Programs

PayTrain® Fundamentals



 Web-based training that covers the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for <u>fundamental payroll practice</u>

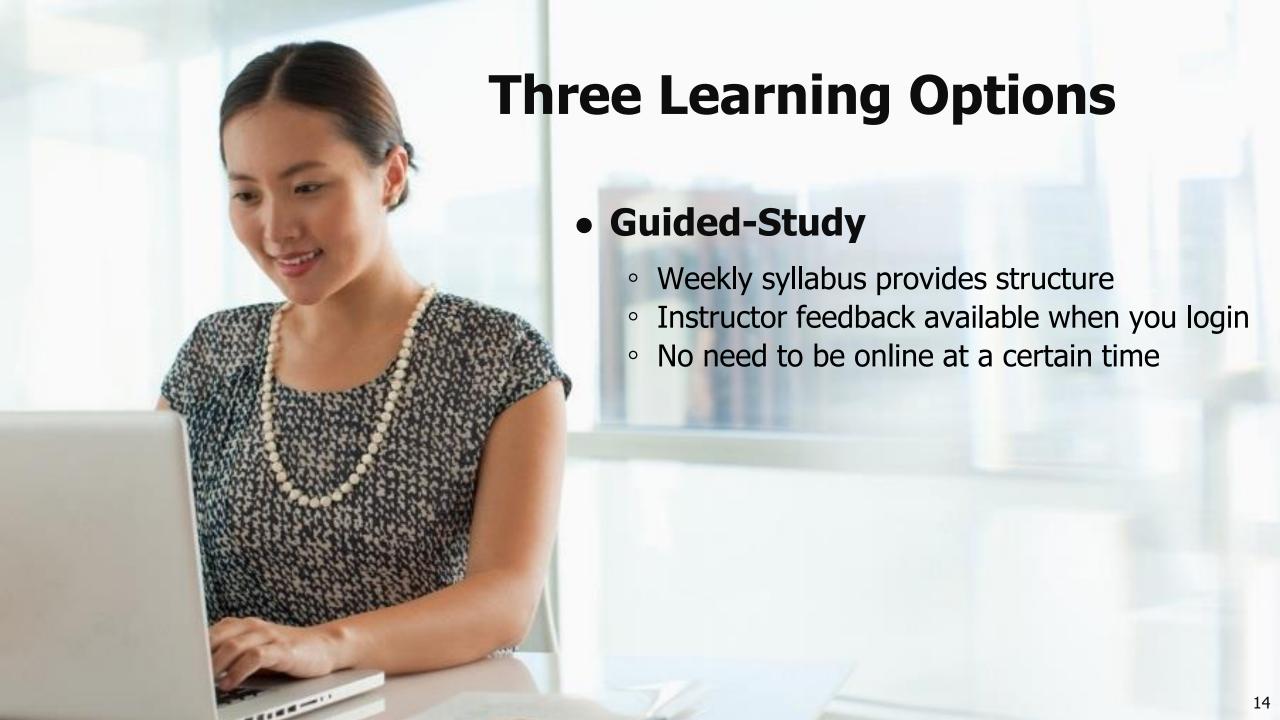
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 Web-based training that covers the knowledge, skills, and abilities deemed critical to the <u>mastery of payroll</u>









Instructor-Led

- Classes offered by APA's college and university partners
- Online program combined with expert instructors who provide guidance and keep you on pace
- Peer discussion and real-world experiences help reinforce material



PayTrain® Fundamentals



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- Entry-level payroll practitioners
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- HR and tax departments
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DETERMINE YOUR FOCUS FOR STUDY

The pre-test helps you to measure your current knowledge of the different areas of payroll. It consists of 50 questions covering all twelve modules of the course. You have the opportunity to skip questions and review and complete questions. At the end of the pre-test, you will see a report that shows your overall score and your score for each module. Your score on the pre-test is not used to determine your final score in the course but to let you know where to place the emphasis during your studies. At the end of the course, you will get a report that compares your post-test results with those of your pre-test so you can see your improvement.

To answer some of the pre-test questions, you must refer to government tax tables, which are available by clicking on the Reference Tables in the toolbar.

All tests in this course include a timing feature, which tracks how much time you spend answering questions. Tests and quizzes will not end if you use more time than the certification exam would allow.

GET STARTED

Begin your pre-test

Check your current knowledge before you begin your studies.

Assess

Pre-Test



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COURSE MENU











MODULE 1 PAYROLL CONCEPTS

Read the module in the e-reader (link provided under Gain the Knowledge).



Complete the online learning activities in the Check and Apply section.

Calculations provide a scenario and ask you to complete one or more payroll calculations related to the scenario. Hints and feedback guide you in completing the Calculation and developing payroll skills.

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Play the module game, Destination Payday which presents questions from the module in a fun format.

You can complete any of the activities as often as you want.

Module Game

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MODULE 2 CALCULATIONS OF PAY

Read the module in the e-reader (link provided under Gain the Knowledge).

Complete the online learning activities in the Check and Apply section.

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GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE

Read

Calculations of Pay

CHECK AND APPLY

Calculations

Calculating Pay

Calculating Overtime

Calculating Gross Pay

Calculating Federal Income Tax

Calculating Social Security and Medicare Taxes

Study: Module 2

Calculating Gross-ups

Flashcards

Calculations of Pay

TEST

Module 2 Quiz



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Helen's Form W-2

Isaac's Form W-2

Quarterly Form 941

Quarterly Form 941, Schedule B

Form 940

Information Return Penalties

Journal Entries

Customer Service

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An employee earns \$1,230.00 in taxable wages, is paid biweekly, and claims married and 3 allowance(s) on Form W-4. Using the Wage Bracket Method tables from the Resource Center, determine the employee's federal income tax withholding for the pay period.



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CALCULATING FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Question 2 of 6 Item: wage-brack-method





Your answer:

Submit

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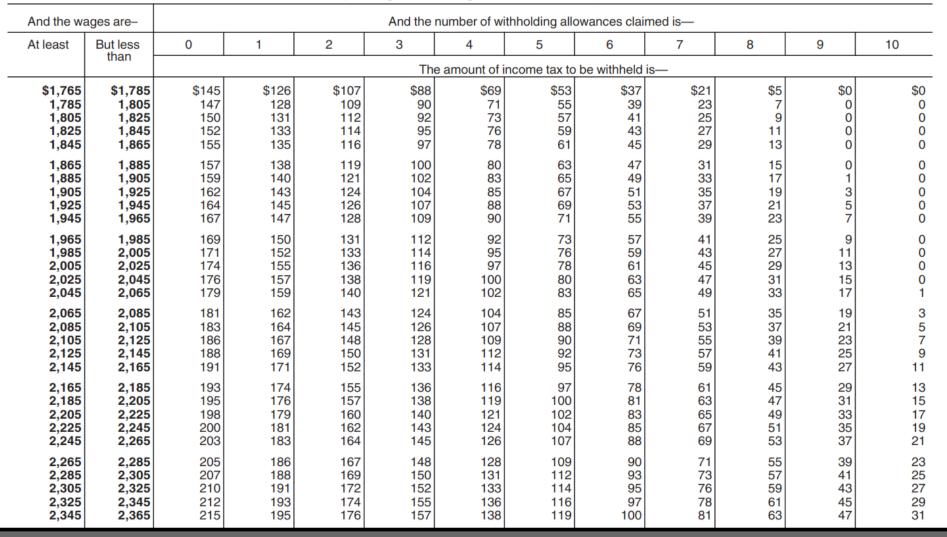
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Wage Bracket Method Tables for Income Tax Withholding

MARRIED Persons—BIWEEKLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 31, 2018)





Question 2 of 6

Item: wage-brack-method

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REGULAR RATE OF PAY

Item: 17-ex-rrp-mg



An employee works 48 hours during the workweek. The employee's compensation earned during the workweek includes:

- Hourly rate \$11.00
- Commission \$59.00
- Employer contribution to retirement plan \$46.00

During the week the employee was paid:

- Holiday 8 hours
- Expense reimbursement \$90.00

Step 1: Question 1

Step 2: Question 2

Step 3: Question 3

Which payment will be included in the regular rate of pay?

- \$88.00 holiday pay
- \$90.00 expense reimbursement
- \$46.00 retirement plan contributions
- \$528.00 regular pay

Submit

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RATIONALE

Among the types of compensation the FLSA excludes from the regular rate of pay are:

- Pay for time not worked, such as holiday pay
- Contributions to benefit plans, such as retirement contributions
- Reimbursement of business expenses

The regular pay (\$528.00) for time worked is included in the employee's regular rate of pay.

For more information, refer to Module 1, Lesson 4

Which payment will be included in the regular rate of pay?

- * \$88.00 holiday pay
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- \$46.00 retirement plan contributions
- √ \$528.00 regular pay

CORRECT

Next Step

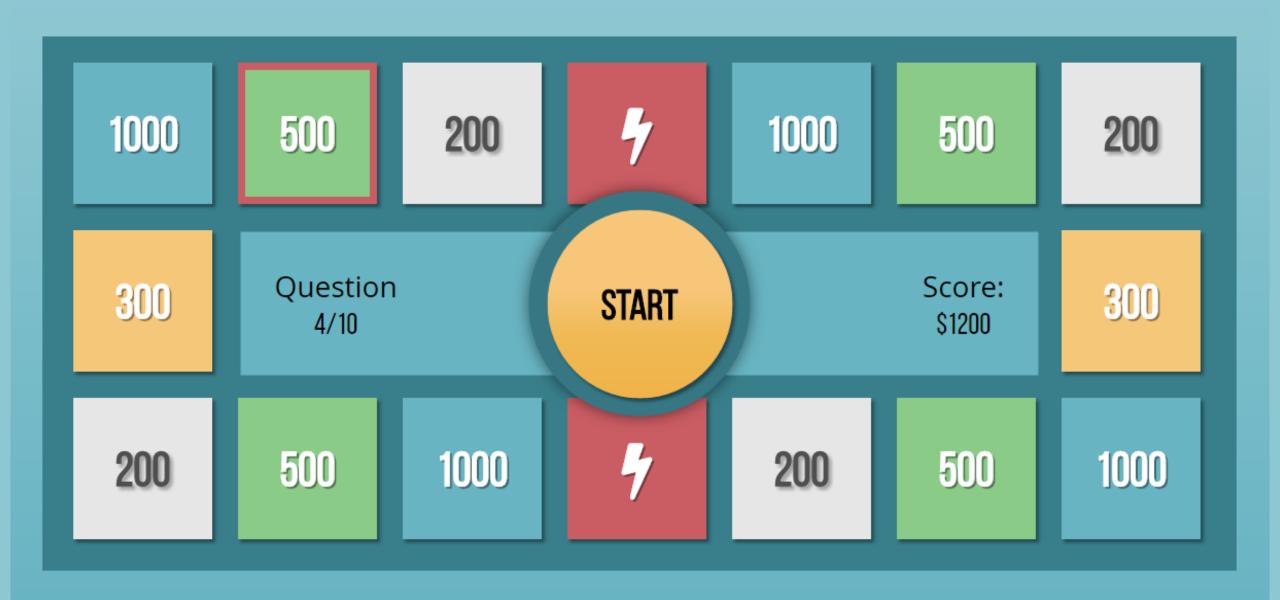
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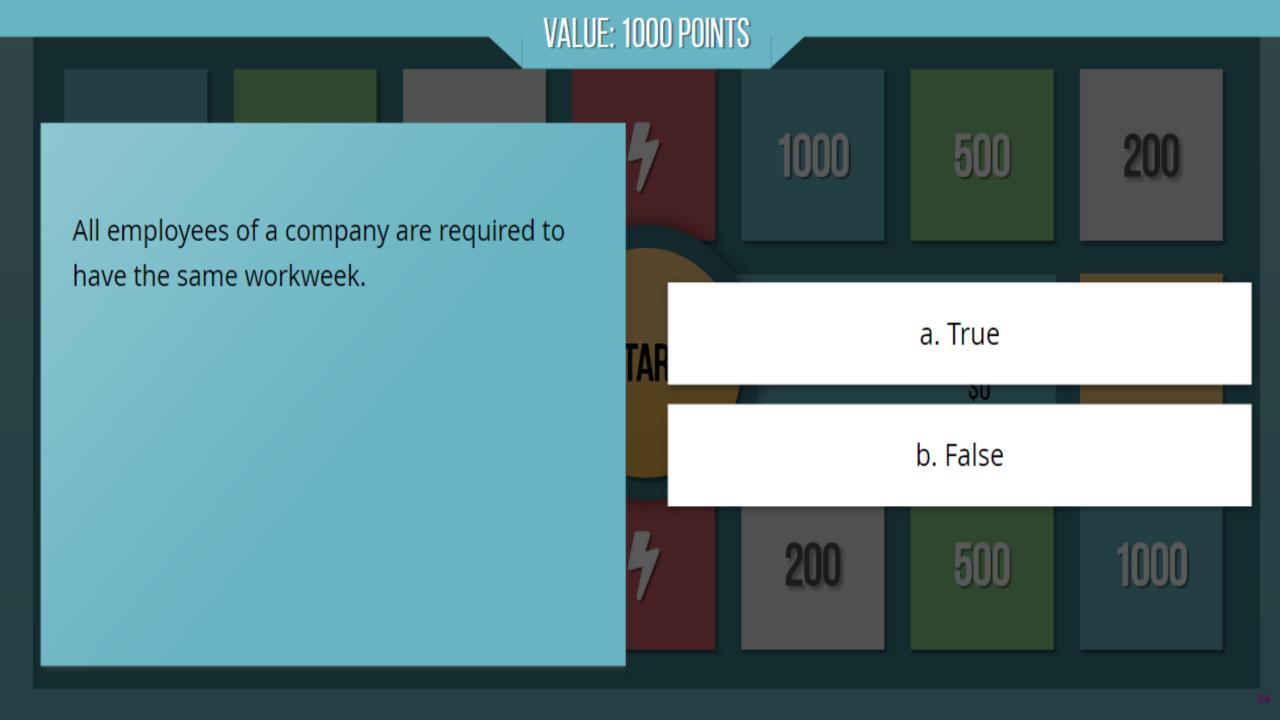
Module Game:

PayTrain Fundamentals: Try your luck

• Course Game:

PayTrain Fundamentals: Payroll Trivia





All employees of a company are required to have the same workweek.

⊘ CORRECT

All employees of a company are NOT required to have the same workweek. The workweek is defined as seven consecutive 24-hour periods beginning when the employer chooses.

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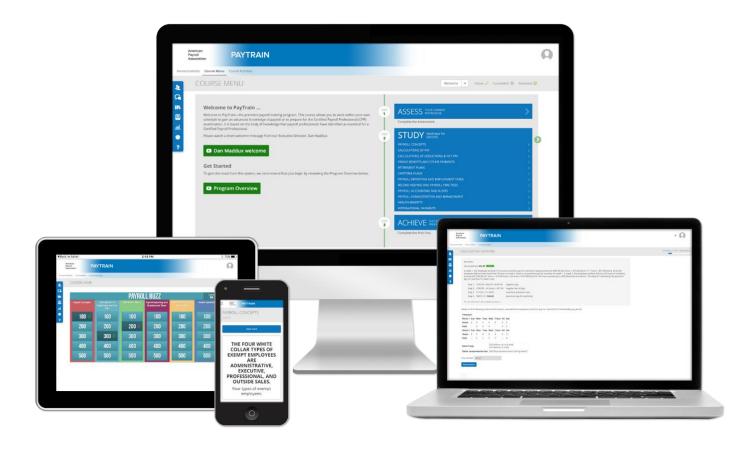
Under federal regulations, the documents that have a minimum four year retention requirement are:



The IRS requires tax returns to be retained for four years. The DOL requires supplemental records including billing records, wage rate tables, and work time schedules to be retained for two years.



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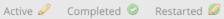
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Correction Forms: W-2c

Correction Forms: 941-X

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CALCULATING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TAXES



An employee's compensation for the pay period is \$2,200.00 and the employee's year-to-date earnings from the previous pay period total are \$45,000.00. Calculate the employee's social security tax withholding for this pay period.

Your answer: \$150.00

Submit

Session: self-study

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CALCULATING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TAXES

Question 2 of 3 Item: q02-Social-security-tax-withholding-exercise

You answered: \$150.00 INCORRECT

Sorry, your answer is incorrect. Read the hint, then please try again and re-submit your answer below.

HINT

The 2018 social security tax rate is 6.2% of the first \$128,400.00 in social security wages. The employee has no pretax salary reductions.

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CALCULATING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TAXES

Question 2 of 3 Item: q02-Social-security-tax-withholding-exercise

RATIONALE

You answered: \$150.00 INCORRECT

The correct answer is: \$136.40.

Social security tax withholding is: \$2,200.00 x 6.2% = **\$136.40**

For more information, refer to Module 2, Lesson 5

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Your answer: \$150.00

Next question

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MODULE 5 QUIZ





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- distribution from the plan is received.
- ontribution to the plan is made.
- election to make the contribution is made.
- five year holding period passes.



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PAYCHECK CALCULATIONS: CHRIS

Item: paycheck-calc-chris

▼ SCENARIO

EMPLOYEE DATA	
Name:	Chris
DATE OF HIRE:	7/17/2007
Position:	Corporate Communications Manager
Job Description:	Manages advertising and corporate communications, directs staff of 10 full-time employees
Employee Status:	Exempt (paid semimonthly)
Filing status:	Married, 1 allowances
Notes:	The first two weeks in December were a particularly busy time for the Corporate Communications Department. Chris put in 11 hours of overtime to meet the department's end-of-year commitments.
Rate of Pay:	\$127,073.50/annually
Pay Date:	December 31
Other Compensation:	\$1,850.00 Holiday bonus
YTD EARNINGS:	\$121,779.00

Begin by computing Chris' base pay for the pay period.



Click in Box 1, enter the amount you would include in Box 1, and then click Submit.

Submit

Step 1: Box 1

Step 2: Box 3

Step 3: Box 10

Step 4: Box 12a Code

Step 5: Box 12a Amount

Step 6: Box 12b

Code

Step 7: Box 12b Amount

1 1	Vages, tips, other compensation	2 Federal income tax withheld		
3 5	Social security wages	4 Social security tax withheld		
5 1	Medicare wages and tips	6 Medicare tax withheld		
7 5	Social security tips	8 Allocated tips		
9 \	Verification code	10 Dependent care benefits		
11	Nonqualified plans	12a		
13	Statutory Retirement Third-party sick pay	12b		
14 0	Other	12c		
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REPORTS

Exam Comparison

Quiz Best Score

Pre-Test Attempts Post-Test Attempts

Quiz Best Score

This report shows your best scores for the Chapter and Module Quick Quizzes.

NS = No score has been recorded

Test	Percent Correct	
Module 1 Quiz	NS	_
Module 2 Quiz	NS	
Module 3 Quiz	NS	
Module 4 Quiz	NS	
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DESTINATION

PAYDAY

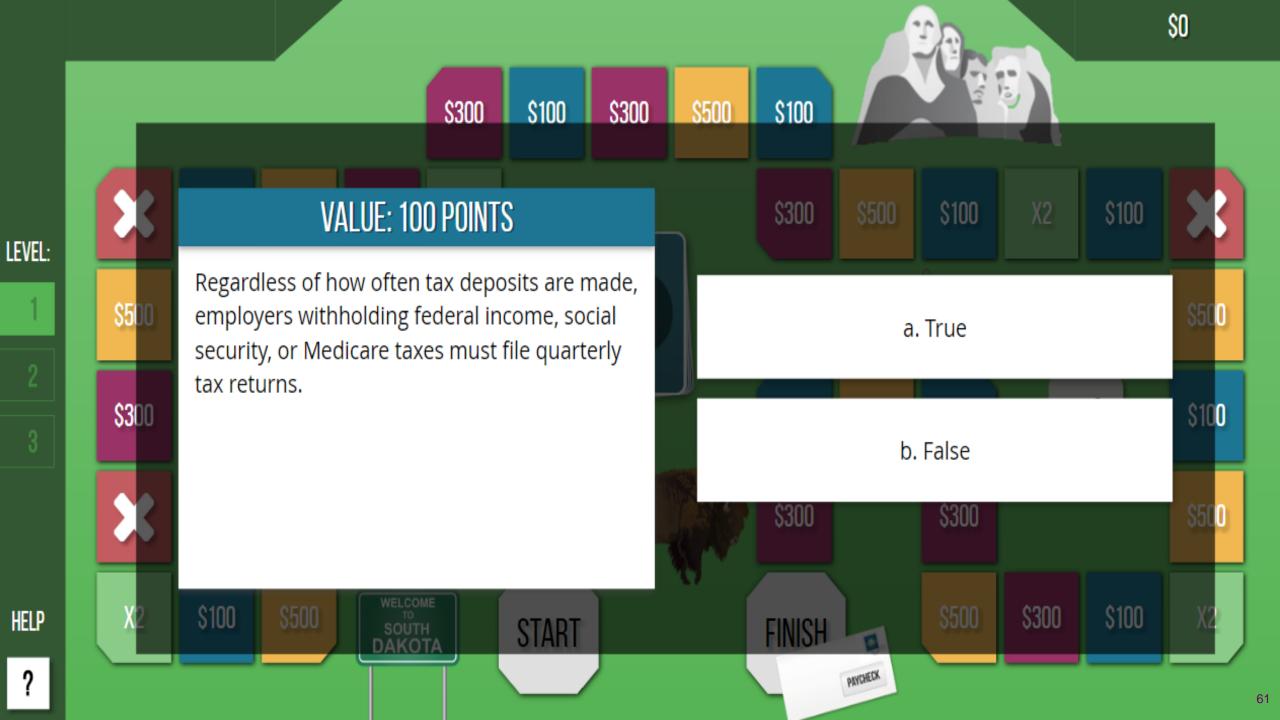
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Regardless of how often tax deposits are made, employers withholding federal income, social security, or Medicare taxes must file quarterly tax returns.

INCORRECT

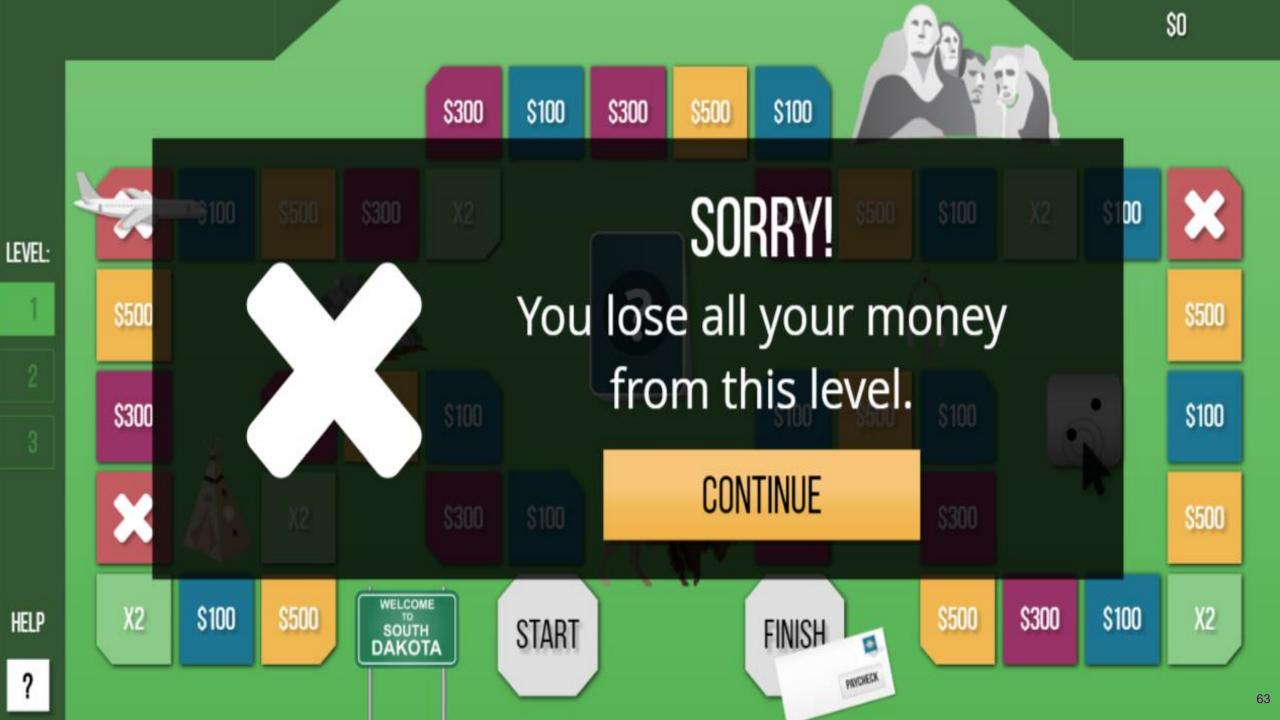
Employers with a history of a tax liability of \$1,000 or less for the calendar year can file an annual Form 944. Agricultural employers file Form 943 annually.

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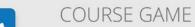
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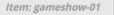


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Are you a payroll expert? Now's your chance to prove it! Earn points as you answer challenging questions from six categories. Each time you get a question correct, you will earn points, but if you answer the question incorrectly, you'll lose points. If you make it through all the questions, you'll unlock a second round. Good luck!

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PAYROLL BUZZ								
Payroll Concepts	Calculations of Deductions and Net Pay	Retirement Plans	Payroll Reporting and Employment Taxes	Payroll Accounting and Audits	Health Benefits			
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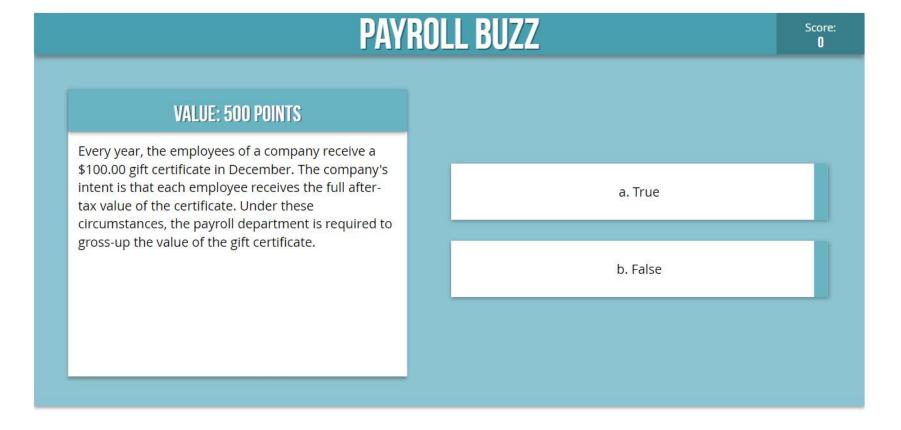






COURSE GAME

Item: gameshow-01



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PAYROLL BUZZ

Score: 500

+500 POINTS

Every year, the employees of a company receive a \$100.00 gift certificate in December. The company's intent is that each employee receives the full aftertax value of the certificate. Under these circumstances, the payroll department is required to gross-up the value of the gift certificate.

When an employee receives a net amount, the calculation of taxable wages requires using the gross-up formula. When grossing-up an employee's net wages, divide the net by 100% less all of the employee's tax rates.

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Flip Card

What is the FUTA tax credit?

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PAYROLL REPORTING AND EMPLOYMENT TAXES

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Next Card

EMPLOYERS PAYING STATE UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES TIMELY CAN GET A FUTA TAX **CREDIT MAXIMUM OF 5.4%.** THE CREDIT MAY BE REDUCED **DUE TO STATES IN CREDIT REDUCTION STATUS.**

What is the FUTA tax credit?

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