

endar year is the percentage determined in accordance with the table in subsection (b).

(b) Tax rate schedule

Average account benefits ratio		Applicable percentage for sections 321(b) and 321(b)	Applicable percentage for section 3201(b)
At least	But less than		
	2.5	22.1	4.9
2.5	3.0	18.1	4.9
3.0	3.5	15.1	4.9
3.5	4.0	14.1	4.9
4.0	6.1	13.1	4.9
6.1	6.5	12.6	4.4
6.5	7.0	12.1	3.9
7.0	7.5	11.6	3.4
7.5	8.0	11.1	2.9
8.0	8.5	10.1	1.9
8.5	9.0	9.1	0.9
9.0		8.2	0

(c) Definitions related to determination of rates of tax

(1) Average account benefits ratio

For purposes of this section, the term “average account benefits ratio” means, with respect to any calendar year, the average determined by the Secretary of the account benefits ratios for the 10 most recent fiscal years ending before such calendar year. If the amount determined under the preceding sentence is not a multiple of 0.1, such amount shall be increased to the next highest multiple of 0.1.

(2) Account benefits ratio

For purposes of this section, the term “account benefits ratio” means, with respect to any fiscal year, the amount determined by the Railroad Retirement Board by dividing the fair market value of the assets in the Railroad Retirement Account and of the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (and for years before 2002, the Social Security Equivalent Benefits Account) as of the close of such fiscal year by the total benefits and administrative expenses paid from the Railroad Retirement Account and the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust during such fiscal year.

(d) Notice

No later than December 1 of each calendar year, the Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register of the rates of tax determined under this section which are applicable for the following calendar year.

(Added Pub. L. 107-90, title II, §204(d), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 892.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter applicable to calendar years beginning after Dec. 31, 2001, see section 204(f) of Pub. L. 107-90, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2001 Amendments note under section 24 of this title.

CHAPTER 23—FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ACT

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1976—Pub. L. 94-566, title I, §115(c)(4), Oct. 20, 1976, 90 Stat. 2671, substituted “services performed for nonprofit organizations or governmental entities” for “certain services performed for nonprofit organizations and for State hospitals and institutions of higher education” in item 3309.

1970—Pub. L. 91-373, title I, §§104(b)(2), 131(b)(3), Aug. 10, 1970, 84 Stat. 699, 705, added items 3309 and 3310 and redesignated former item 3309 as 3311.

1960—Pub. L. 86-778, title V, §531(d)(2), Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 984, added item 3308 and redesignated former item 3308 as 3309.

§ 3301. Rate of tax

There is hereby imposed on every employer (as defined in section 3306(a)) for each calendar year an excise tax, with respect to having individuals in his employ, equal to 6 percent of the total wages (as defined in section 3306(b)) paid by such employer during the calendar year with respect to employment (as defined in section 3306(c)).

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 439; Pub. L. 86-778, title V, §523(a), Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 980; Pub. L. 87-6, §14(a), Mar. 24, 1961, 75 Stat. 16; Pub. L. 88-31, §2(a), May 29, 1963, 77 Stat. 51; Pub. L. 91-373, title III, §301(a), Aug. 10, 1970, 84 Stat. 713; Pub. L. 92-329, §2(a), June 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 398; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1903(a)(11), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1808; Pub. L. 94-566, title II, §211(b), Oct. 20, 1976, 90 Stat. 2676; Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §271(b)(1), (c)(1), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 554, 555; Pub. L. 99-514, title XVIII, §1899A(42), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2960; Pub. L. 100-203, title IX, §9153(a), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-326; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11333(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-470; Pub. L. 102-164, title IV, §402, Nov. 15, 1991, 105 Stat. 1061; Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13751, Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 664; Pub. L. 105-34, title X, §1035, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 937; Pub. L. 110-140, title XV, §1501(a), Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1800; Pub. L. 110-343, div. B, title IV, §404(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3860; Pub. L. 111-92, §10(a), Nov. 6, 2009, 123 Stat. 2988; Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(b)(37), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1204.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-141 substituted “equal to 6 percent of the total wages (as defined in section 3306(b)) paid by such employer during the calendar year with respect to employment (as defined in section 3306(c)).” for “equal to—

“(1) 6.2 percent in the case of calendar years 1988 through 2010 and the first 6 months of calendar year 2011; or

“(2) 6.0 percent in the case of the remainder of calendar year 2011 and each calendar year thereafter; of the total wages (as defined in section 3306(b)) paid by him during the calendar year (or portion of the calendar year) with respect to employment (as defined in section 3306(c)).”

2009—Pub. L. 111-92 inserted “(or portion of the calendar year)” after “during the calendar year” in con-