



Quarterly Report File Specifications

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VERSION HISTORY

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3.6	Infosys	4/9/2025	TBD	TBD	Removed a comment that is not needed. Final version.
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4.1	Infosys/Anthony Cerasi	7/17/2025			Renamed. Former title: Wage Report File Formats and Error Processing. Added Zero wage report information. Edited File Format-CSV (Single and Bulk) notes.

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Introduction

This document defines the formats for the wage report files that are used by Delaware Department of Labor.

The purpose of this interface is to allow Employers, Third Party Administrators (TPA), and staff to submit employment and wage detail information via various sources. These formats are available for download on the LaborFirst website here:

<https://labor.delaware.gov/laborfirst/>. Once populated they can be uploaded into the Employer/TPA/Staff portals on LaborFirst.

The file contains the wages earned by all employees during a specific quarter. This includes in-state and out-of-state wages for Paid Family Medical Leave. Employers are required to submit this information once per quarter.

Delaware Department of Labor supports both CSV and XML formats. Each of these contains the same data represented in the respective formats. Both formats support single filers and TPAs who can submit reports on behalf of many employers (bulk filing).

LaborFirst processes the files both in real-time and batch processing depending on file size and system load. If the file is processed in a nightly batch, the file status will be available the next business day.

File Format Download

The file format download screens are defined in DeDOL Program-Common-Wage and Contribution Reporting. These screens include the download file format information as well as the screens that show all the errors that occurred in the file processing for the files that are below the size threshold.

File Format-XML (Single and Bulk)

XML Body Details – See Below

Single filing sample

```
▼<DEWageAndHourReport>
  <TotalRecordCount>29</TotalRecordCount>
  <PreparerLegalName>Inc</PreparerLegalName>
  <PreparerFEIN>729269467</PreparerFEIN>
  ▼<Employer>
    <EmployerAccountNumber>1005016</EmployerAccountNumber>
    <Year>2024</Year>
    <Quarter>4</Quarter>
    ▼<Wage>
      <SocialSecurityNumber>234442100</SocialSecurityNumber>
      <FirstName>Fname</FirstName>
      <MiddleInitial>M</MiddleInitial>
      <LastName>Lname</LastName>
      <EmployerContributionPercent>55</EmployerContributionPercent>
      <FICAWages>2600.45</FICAWages>
      <CombinedOutOfStateWages>5000</CombinedOutOfStateWages>
      <TotalHours>400</TotalHours>
      <WeeksWorked>13</WeeksWorked>
      <AdjustmentReason/>
    </Wage>
    ▼<Wage>
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      <FirstName>Fame</FirstName>
      <MiddleInitial>M</MiddleInitial>
      <LastName>Lame</LastName>
      <EmployerContributionPercent>55</EmployerContributionPercent>
      <FICAWages>3600.00</FICAWages>
      <CombinedOutOfStateWages>5000</CombinedOutOfStateWages>
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      <WeeksWorked>13</WeeksWorked>
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      <LastName>Lname</LastName>
      <EmployerContributionPercent>55</EmployerContributionPercent>
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      <AdjustmentReason/>
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Multiple employer filing sample – 2 Employers.

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<DEWageAndHourReport>
  <TotalRecordCount>3</TotalRecordCount>
  <PreparerLegalName>Paychex, Inc.</PreparerLegalName>
  <PreparerFEIN>593156017</PreparerFEIN>
  <Employer>
    <EmployerAccountNumber>1004787</EmployerAccountNumber>
    <Year>2025</Year>
    <Quarter>1</Quarter>
    <Wage>
      <SocialSecurityNumber>888669999</SocialSecurityNumber>
      <FirstName>Frank</FirstName>
      <MiddleInitial>M</MiddleInitial>
      <LastName>Lame</LastName>
      <EmployerContributionPercent>55</EmployerContributionPercent>
      <FICA wages>7000.00</FICA wages>
      <CombinedOutOfStateWages>0.0</CombinedOutOfStateWages>
      <TotalHours>500</TotalHours>
      <WeeksWorked>13</WeeksWorked>
      <AdjustmentReason/>
    </Wage>
    <Wage>
      <SocialSecurityNumber>888669999</SocialSecurityNumber>
      <FirstName>Nathan</FirstName>
      <MiddleInitial>M</MiddleInitial>
      <LastName>Lame</LastName>
      <EmployerContributionPercent>55</EmployerContributionPercent>
      <FICA wages>5000.00</FICA wages>
      <CombinedOutOfStateWages>0.0</CombinedOutOfStateWages>
      <TotalHours>480</TotalHours>
      <WeeksWorked>13</WeeksWorked>
      <AdjustmentReason/>
    </Wage>
    <Wage>
      <SocialSecurityNumber>111669999</SocialSecurityNumber>
      <FirstName>Chad</FirstName>
      <MiddleInitial>M</MiddleInitial>
      <LastName>Jones</LastName>
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      <TotalHours>480</TotalHours>
      <WeeksWorked>13</WeeksWorked>
      <AdjustmentReason/>
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    <Year>2025</Year>
    <Quarter>1</Quarter>
    <Wage>
      <SocialSecurityNumber>888669999</SocialSecurityNumber>
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      <MiddleInitial>M</MiddleInitial>
      <LastName>Spam</LastName>
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      <CombinedOutOfStateWages>0.0</CombinedOutOfStateWages>
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      <WeeksWorked>13</WeeksWorked>
      <AdjustmentReason/>
    </Wage>
  </Employer>
</DEWageAndHourReport>
```

Zero Wage employer filing

```
<DEWageAndHourReport>
  <TotalRecordCount>1</TotalRecordCount>
  <PreparerLegalName>AC DemoTPA</PreparerLegalName>
  <PreparerFEIN>880074444</PreparerFEIN>
  <Employer>
    <EmployerAccountNumber>1005821</EmployerAccountNumber>
    <Year>2025</Year>
    <Quarter>2</Quarter>
    <Wage>
      <SocialSecurityNumber>777777777</SocialSecurityNumber>
      <FirstName>FNU</FirstName>
      <MiddleInitial>M</MiddleInitial>
      <LastName>LNU</LastName>
      <EmployerContributionPercent>0</EmployerContributionPercent>
      <FICAWages>0</FICAWages>
      <CombinedOutOfStateWages>0</CombinedOutOfStateWages>
      <TotalHours>0</TotalHours>
      <WeeksWorked>0</WeeksWorked>
      <AdjustmentReason/>
    </Wage>
  </Employer>
</DEWageAndHourReport>
```

Every Employer element must have Wage elements underneath, do not include an empty Employer element like the one shown below.

```
<Employer>
  <EmployerAccountNumber>"xxxxxxx"</EmployerAccountNumber>
  <Year>2025</Year>
  <Quarter>1</Quarter>
</Employer>
```

File Format-CSV (Single and Bulk)

Release	Header	Type	Length	Sample Value	Required	Notes
2	Total Record Count	Numeric	5	500	Y	Total Number of Wage records in the file (Must be same for all rows)
2	Preparer Legal Name	String	200	Paychex Inc.	C	Required for TPA only. Name of the Company filing the Wages. *No special nor accented characters are permitted (control characters, embedded line feeds)*
2	Preparer FEIN	String	9	102223123	C	Required for TPA only. FEIN of the Company filing the Wages. This must be 9 digits including the preceding zeros
2	Employer Account Number	Numeric	8	1009876	Y	Labor First Employer Acct Number. NOTE: if the LaborFirst account number is 7 digits only.
2	Year	Numeric	4	2023	Y	Reporting Year (<i>Minimum value of 2000</i>)
2	Quarter	Numeric	1	1	Y	Reporting Quarter (<i>Must be between 1 and 4</i>)
2	Social Security Number	String	9	888669999	Y	Social Security Number (SSN), for authorized foreign nationals that have not yet received either a SSN or ITIN, the format 999-99-9999 shall be used. Additionally, the first three digits cannot be "000", "666", or "900"; second group of digits cannot be "00"; the third group of digits cannot be "0000"; and the SSN cannot be consecutive digits as "123-45-6789"
2	First Name	String	40	Thomas	Y	No special nor accented characters are permitted (control characters, embedded line feeds)* Enter "FNU" when no first name is present.
2	Middle Initial	String	1	M	N	
2	Last Name	String	80	Peterson	Y	No special nor accented characters are permitted (control characters, embedded line feeds)* Enter "LNU" when no last name is present.
2	Employer Contribution %	Numeric	3	50	Y	50-100
2	FICA Wages	Numeric	16,2	123456.55	Y	Delaware FICA wages. If no FICA wages, then report as 0.00 dollars
2	Combined Out of State Wages	Numeric	16,2	123456.56	Y	This is a required field. If no wages, then report as 0.00 dollars
2	Total Hours	Numeric	4	520	Y	This is a required field. Maximum number of hours per quarter cannot exceed 2200 and this field will accept '0' hours.

2	Weeks Worked	Numeric	2	14	Y	This is a required field. If no weeks worked, then report 0 weeks worked. Maximum number of weeks per quarter cannot exceed 14.
2	Adjustment Code	String	3	UP1	N	Reason code for adjustment (if any) to employee wages. A blank space means original filing. Blank/Empty – Original Filing UP1 – Update due to Incorrect Name UP2 - Update due to Incorrect SSN UP3 - Update due to Incorrect Wages DEL – Delete as it was Entered in Error

Notes:

- Control (e.g., Ctrl-W), non-printable (e.g., CR/LF), embedded commas, and accented characters (e.g., umlauts) are not permitted in the file.
- No commas are permitted in “string” fields in CSV files
- For Zero Wage Report for an individual employer, enter the following values as a single employee record:
 - Record Count = 1
 - Preparer Name = [BLANK or TPA Name]
 - Preparer FEIN = [BLANK or TPA FEIN]
 - Employer Account Number = Employer Account Number
 - Year = Liability Year
 - Quarter = Liability Quarter
 - SSN = 777777777
 - First Name = FNU
 - Middle Initial = M
 - Last Name = LNU
 - Employer Contribution % = 0
 - FICA Wages = 0
 - Out of State Wages = 0
 - Total Hours = 0
 - Weeks Worked = 0
 - Adjustment Reason = [BLANK]

Example .csv File

Total Record Count	Preparer Legal Name	Preparer FEIN	Employer Account Number	Year	Quarter	Social Security Number	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Employer Contribution %	FICA Wages	Combined Out of State Wages	Total Hours	Weeks Worked	Adjustment Code
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	263942467	Ronald	J	Carson	100	15000	0	510	13	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	851322900	Arthur	E	Carrillo	100	5000	0	510	13	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	733282039	Omar	H	Dyer	100	5098.25	0	480	12	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	376100125	Karen	S	Bradshaw	100	5873.99	400	480	12	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	493802871	Kara		Golden	100	6000	0	510	12	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	593162865	Peter	V	Alford	100	7900	0	510	12	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	206102611	Darryn	D	Duke	100	6600	0	510	12	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	445881978	Paul	X	Shepard	100	7700	2000	510	12	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	356537437	Fiona	L	Jones	100	5001	750	510	12	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	619117626	Raymond		Williams	100	5002	900	500	12	
11	Anthony TPA	777155555	1004891	2025	1	619117620	Janice	L	Morris	100	5003	750	500	12	

Example Zero Wage File

Clipboard		Font		Alignment		Number		Styles									
A1		<div>☒ ☒ f_x</div>		Total Record Count													
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	Total Rec	Preparer L	Preparer FEIN	Employer	Year	Quarter	Social Security I	First Nam	Middle Ini	Last Nam	Employer	FICA Wage	Combined	Total Hou	Weeks Wc	Adjustment	Code
2	1	AC Demo	880074444	1005821	2025	1	77777777	FNU	M	LNU	0	0	0	0	0		
3																	
4																	
5																	

File Processing

The file may contain a mixture of original wage data or adjustments to prior quarters' wage information. The only exception is that the system will not allow an original and an adjustment for the same SSN, quarter, and year in the same file, i.e., the report will fail due to a duplicate SSN in this example.

Once the file is received the system first applies the file to two staging objects.

1. **Upload Report Object:** This object gives information on whether the file was successfully uploaded or if there are errors in the file.
2. **Upload Report Details Object:** This object gives the details of the records that were included in the file that was processed.

After the file is applied to the staging objects, the record in the Upload Report Object contains a status of the file.

1. **Pending:** Detail records are ready to be processed to determine if they have errors or are free of errors.
2. **Error:** At least one record in the file has an error or the complete file failed.
3. **Ready:** Detail records have no errors and are ready to be moved to the wage object.
4. **Success:** Detail records have all been moved to the wage object and processing is complete.
5. **In Progress:** File size is above the threshold and will be processed in a batch job. Once processed the status will change to Error/Ready/Success, depending on where the file is in processing.

When the file reaches a status of 'Success' then the detail records in the file are applied to the Wage Object and the records are set to a status of 'Active'.

Error Processing

There are two levels of error processing. The first level is determining if the file can be applied to the initial staging objects. This is processing errors such as:

- File format and Schema validation

- Record number validation >0
- Record count validation – future enhancement.

If one of these errors occur, the system will write a record in the Upload Report object with the error message of what occurred.

Errors are reported at the record level. The second level of error processing is determining if the detail records in the file have any errors. This is processing errors such as:

- At least one required field is missing, for example Employer account number is missing
- Account number does not match an existing account in LaborFirst
- Social Security number is not 9 digits or is INVALID
- Year is not numeric or between 2000-2050 (these dates are configurable)
- Quarter is not numeric or not between 1-4
- Quarter/Year is not valid for employer
- Wages are not positive or a valid currency format
- Total Hours are not numeric
- Weeks Worked are not numeric
- TPA is not authorized to file wage reports for employer account number in file (for TPAs only)
- SSN, Quarter, Year has Original and Adjustment record

Note: The file processing will stop once the record error count reaches the threshold. This threshold is based on record error count. For e.g. Max record error count per file is 25. The processing of file will stop if the number of record errors reaches 25.

Note: Only a single file will be accepted per employer account number per quarter at this time.

Amended files will be accepted at a later date.

Error Correction

If an error is identified, the employer/TPA/staff can see on the screen the errors that have occurred in the file so that the file can be fixed and then re-uploaded. The system will not allow a file with errors to be applied to the final wage table until all errors are corrected.

Error messages are available in the portals for the employer/TPA to see if the file size is within a specific threshold. If the file size is above a specific threshold the employer/TPA will see a status of 'In Progress' when the file is being processed and then will follow the additional statuses listed above. The error messages for the files above the threshold will be communicated to the employer.

The error screens are displayed in a functional document and will include information such as Submission Date, Submission Time, Records, Error Records, Status, Link to Errors, Failure Reason (if file fails completely).

File Name

There is no specific filename format that is required by LaborFirst. The following naming structure is recommended.

- Employers -> **DEWH_EMP_ACCNO_MMDDYYYY_HH24MISS.csv**
- TPA -> **DEWH_TPA_ACCNO_MMDDYYYY_HH24MISS.csv**

File Size

The file size will be limited to 5 MB for the report that is uploaded from the portal screens.

Compressed Files

Compressed files are not supported currently.

Attachments

- [Hours and Wage Header Template](#) (CSV File)
- [Hours and Wage Sample File](#) (CSV file)
- [Hours and Wage Sample File](#) (XML file)