

Employer LaborFirst User Guide

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#### Overview

We will now start working with some of the most essential components in LaborFirst. At any time, please select the LaborFirst Logo in the right corner to be directed to the Table of Contents.

### Getting Started:

- System requirements (visit the <u>LaborFirst</u> website FAQs)
- Signing into LaborFirst for the first time
- Overview of the user interface and main dashboard

#### Enrollment Process

- Step-by-step guide to enrolling in Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML)
- How to complete personal information and employment details

### Managing Your Account

- Updating personal and employment information
- Viewing and managing submitted applications
- How to check the status of your PFML application

### Help and Support Resources (visit the <u>LaborFirst</u> website)

- Contacting the Help Desk
- Additional resources and LaborFirst guides
- Frequently Asked Questions



# For Your Safety and Security Before You Access LaborFirst the First Time

The State of Delaware takes seriously our role in protecting and securing the public's information. To that end, the State has established policies and procedures for creating and validating your sign-in credentials. Before you can sign in to LaborFirst, you must complete two activities.

Step One: Are You a New Business Operating in Delaware?
If your business is registered in Delaware One Stop, proceed to Step 2.
If you haven't registered your business in Delaware One Stop, please visit One Stop.
If you need help, visit the One Stop Contact page.

**Step Two: Everyone must establish their State of Delaware sign-in credentials** Employers? **Go Here**.

Third Party Administrator or Professional Employer Organization? Go Here.

For **Help**, written instructions are available <u>here</u>, or you can watch this <u>video</u>. If you are unable to complete the credentialing process, please call 302-761-8375.

#### **Welcome to LaborFirst!**

Have you completed the steps above? Congratulations! You can access **LaborFirst** from the tile on your MyDelaware dashboard.



My Delaware LaborFirst Tile

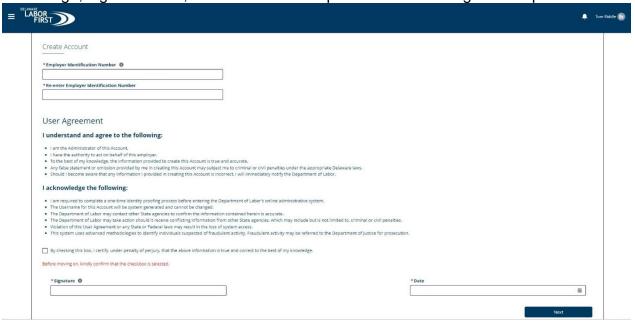
Need more **information or training materials?** Documentation specifically for Employers, TPAs, and PEOs is available from the <u>LaborFirst</u> home page. Then, select the appropriate tile.



# **Employer Registration**

## **Employer Business Registration**

The first time an employer signs in to LaborFirst, they will be automatically navigated into the Employer Business Registration process. The 'Create Account' screen is the first step in the Business Registration process. This screen asks the employer to enter their 'Employer Identification Number' (EIN). It must match a FEIN registered in Delaware One Stop. Additionally, this screen contains a User Agreement outlining critical acknowledgements the employer must accept to proceed. The employer will utilize the checkbox to certify that the information is true and correct to the best of their knowledge, sign and date, and select **Next** to proceed with the registration process.



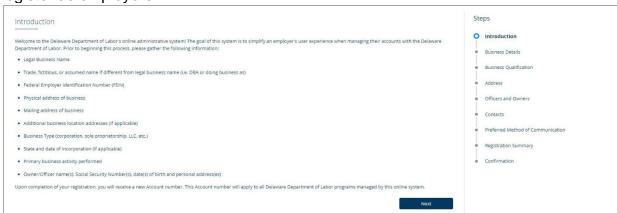
**Create Account Screen** 



The 'Introduction' screen is the next step in Business Registration. This screen provides the employer with information on what is required to register an employer account in LaborFirst successfully.

Review the information and select **Next** to go to the registration process.

Note: Third-party administrators (TPAs) that employ workers in Delaware must also register as employers.

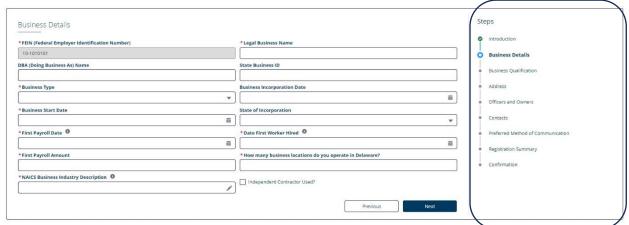


Introduction Screen



Each screen in the employer registration process includes a 'Steps' status bar in the right pane. During the business registration process, some steps change based on selections made by the employer. After the 'Introduction' screen, **Previous** and **Next** are available at the bottom of each screen to move back and forth between screens. If the person registering exits the system before completing the process, all previously entered information is saved and the registration status will be incomplete. Subsequently, when the employer signs in to LaborFirst, they are navigated back to the 'Introduction' screen and their previously entered information is saved.

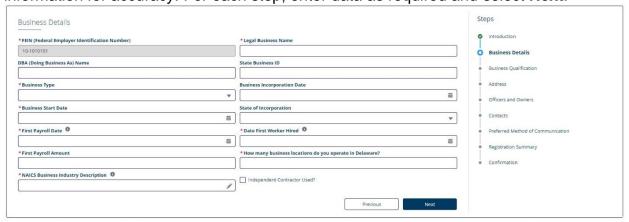
Note: If the registration is not complete, the person registering will receive an email after 10 days reminding them to complete their registration. If registration is not completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day, the incomplete registration data will be purged from the system.



**Registration Steps Progress** 



The 'Business Details' screen is the next step in the registration process. Throughout the registration process, labels marked with a red asterisk are required to proceed to the next screen. Throughout the registration process, some details will be pre-populated from the information provided previously in My.Delaware.gov. Please review the information for accuracy. For each step, enter data as required and select **Next**.



**Business Details Screen** 



The 'Business Qualification' screen is the next step in the registration process. This step gathers information to begin determining the employer type. The first question on the screen asks the employer if the business is a Professional Employer Organization (PEO). A PEO is an outsourcing firm that provides services to small and medium-sized businesses, such as HR services, technology, and expertise. A PEO will register on the Employer Portal if they employ workers in the state of Delaware. However, they will also need to register in the TPA Portal for the services they provide on behalf of their clients.

Next, the person registering will select their employer type, whether they close for 30 consecutive days or more, and their employee count. The employer will select **Next** to proceed to the next step.



**Business Qualification Screen** 



The 'Address' screen is the next step in the process. To proceed, at least one physical address and one mailing address are required. For each applicable address field, select the down arrow and select **Edit** to launch the 'Mailing Address' window, where the employer will enter their information.

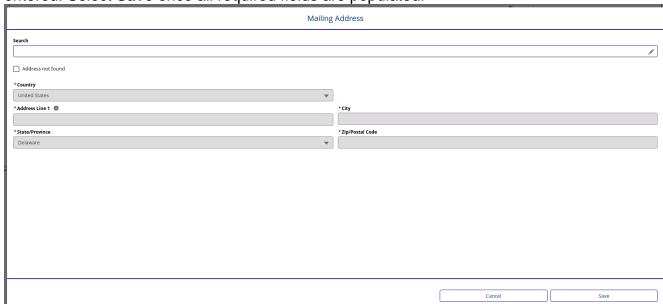
Note: In the example below, the 'Mailing Address' field is pre-populated due to the information previously entered in One Stop. The employer can select **Edit** to update the information accordingly.



**Address Screen** 



From the 'Mailing Address' window, the 'Search' field allows the employer to begin entering their address. If the address is found (using an address service), the employer may select the address and the field below will be populated in a read-only format. If the address is not found, select **Address Not Found**, and the address can be manually entered. Select **Save** once all required fields are populated.

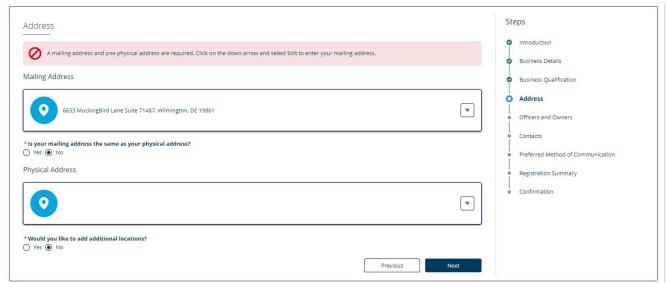


**Mailing Address Window** 



If the employer indicates that their physical address is different from the mailing address, the 'Physical Address' field is presented. To add a physical address, follow the same steps mentioned above.

Note: If "1" was entered for the question "How many locations do you operate in Delaware?" on the 'Business Details' screen, the last question ("Would you like to add additional locations?") will be defaulted to "No". However, the employer can change the answer to "Yes" to add additional locations.



**Address Screen with Physical Address** 



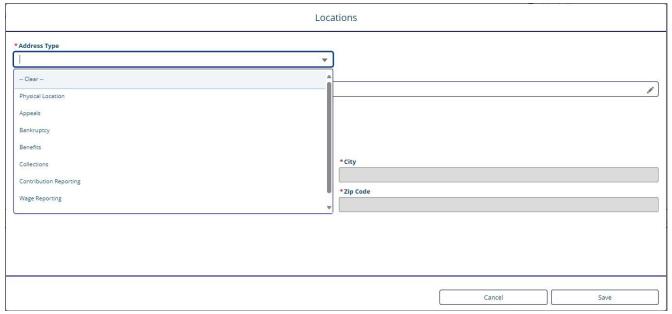
If the person registering indicates that their business has additional locations, the 'Additional Locations' screen will dynamically appear in the 'Steps' status bar on the right and will be the next step in the process. The 'Additional Locations' screen allows the person registering to enter addresses for additional business locations.



**Additional Locations Screen** 



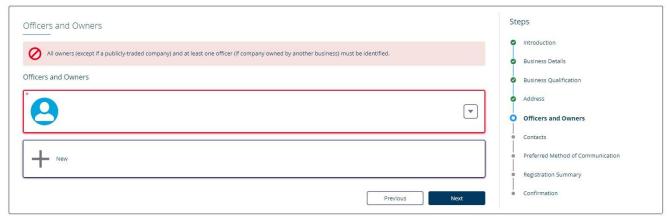
Select **New** to launch the 'Additional Locations' window. The only difference with this address window versus the previous is the 'Address Type' field. This allows the employer to indicate the type of address they are adding to their account (physical location, appeals office, etc.). Once the employer has indicated the address type, they will follow the same steps previously mentioned to enter a new address. Select **Save** once completed.



**Additional Locations Window** 



The 'Officers and Owners' screen is the next step in the process. Select the down arrow, then **Edit** to enter the first owner or officer. If more owners and/or officers are being added, select **New** and repeat these steps until all owners and/or officers are added.

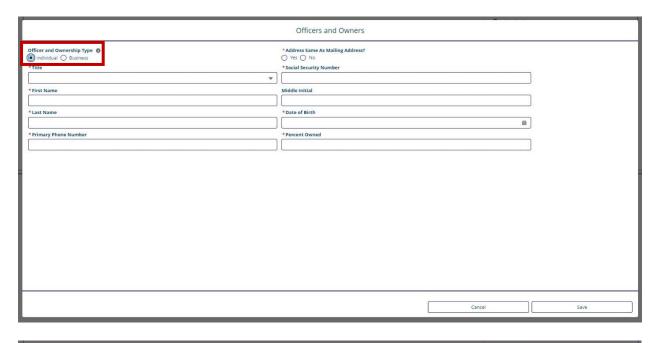


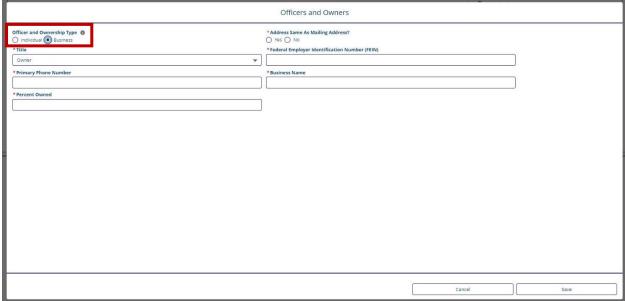
Officers and Owners Screen



Upon launching the 'Officers and Owners' window, the employer needs to indicate if the ownership type is Individual or Business. Publicly traded companies should select the Business.

Enter the FEIN and Business name for the business ownership. Fields will display dynamically based on the selection. At least one owner or officer is required to proceed. Once owner(s) and/or officer(s) are added, enter the required information and select **Save** once completed. Then select **Next** to proceed.





Officers and Owners Window



'Contacts' is the next screen in the process. While businesses may add multiple contacts, at least one Registration Contact is required. The Registration Contact will serve as the main point of contact for all registration-related inquiries from Department of Labor Staff. The Registration Contact must be selected from the drop-down menu for at least one contact added to the account. Select **+New** to enter contacts.

Please note that this screen may already have a potential contact prepopulated per information previously entered in One Stop.

The employer may select the down arrow and **delete** if the information is incorrect. Additionally, the employer may select **Edit** to update the information provided as needed. If no contact information was prepopulated, select **New** to launch the 'Contact' window.

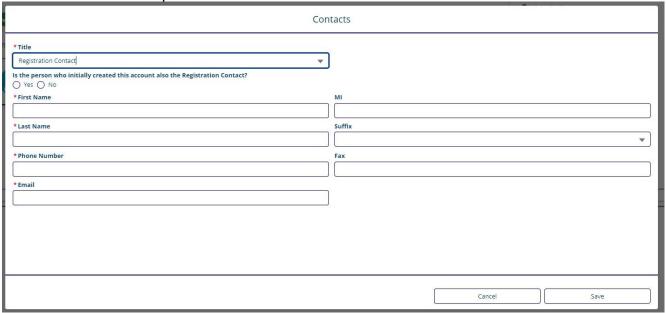


**Contacts Screen** 



The 'Contacts' window first asks the 'Title' of the contact being entered. This field is a drop-down menu. If 'Registration Contact' is selected, a question dynamically displays asking if the person who initially created this account is also the Registration Contact. If 'yes' is selected, the subsequent fields populate with information that was previously entered. The employer has the ability to edit these fields as needed.

Select Save once completed.

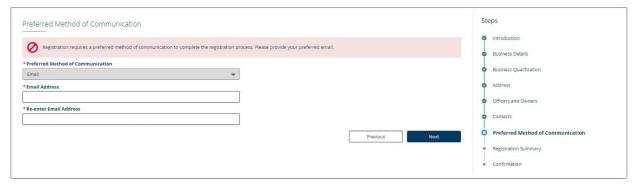


**New Contacts Window** 



'Preferred Method of Communication' is the next step in the business registration process. Currently, email is the only method of communication available. The field is defaulted to email and read-only. The email address previously entered will automatically populate in the fields below. The person registering may confirm or change as necessary.

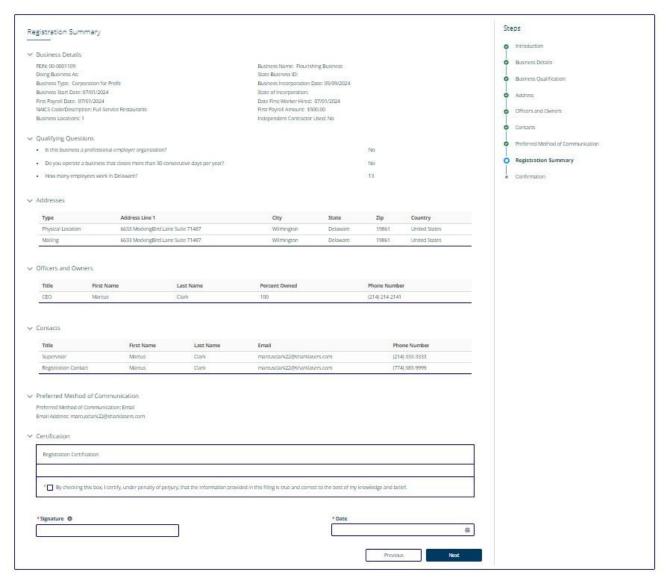
Enter the requisite information and then select **Next** to continue.



**Preferred Method of Communication Screen** 



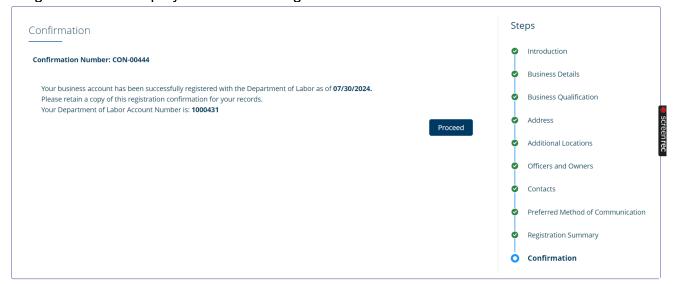
The final step in the business registration process is the 'Registration Summary' screen. The summary allows the employer to review the information entered during the registration process. Though the information on this screen is read-only, the person registering may use the **Previous** button to toggle back through the screens and make any necessary corrections. Review the information and, if accurate, read and agree to the certification statement, sign and date, and select **Next** to complete the registration.



Registration Summary Screen



Upon successful completion of the registration process, the 'Confirmation' screen is presented, and an email is sent to the registration contact. Select **Proceed** to be navigated to the 'Employer Portal Landing Screen'.



**Confirmation Screen** 



#### **Paid Leave Registration**

Once a business has been registered, an employer or TPA can begin the Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) enrollment process. Please note: an employer will automatically be navigated into the Paid Leave enrollment process immediately following the completion of business registration. However, if the employer logs out of LaborFirst before enrolling in Paid Leave, they can select **Register for Paid Leave** on the 'Employer Portal Landing Screen' upon logging back in.

The first screen in the paid leave registration process is the 'Department of Labor Division' screen. This screen provides a brief description of the Delaware Paid Leave (DPL) Program. Read the description and select **Next**.



Department of Labor Division (Paid Leave) Screen



The next screen is the 'Paid Family Medical Leave' screen. Components on this screen are displayed dynamically based on the employee count provided in business registration.

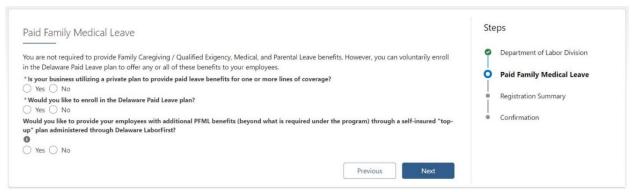
Please note that businesses are automatically enrolled in the Delaware Paid Leave Plan for their required lines of coverage based on employee count. However, the first question on this screen asks if this business is applying utilizing a private plan to provide paid leave benefits for one or more lines of coverage. This question is only displayed if Delaware Paid Leave has certified insurance plans on file.

The second question asks if the business would like to enroll in the Delaware Paid Leave plan. The lines of coverage which are required under the PFML law are preselected. The employer may elect to enroll in additional lines of coverage. If an employer is not required to provide coverage under the PFML law, then no lines will be pre-selected, and the employer may voluntarily elect to provide coverage to any or all lines of coverage.

The final question on the screen asks the employer if they would like to provide their employees with additional PFML benefits through a self-insured "top-up" plan, which provide additional wages beyond what is required under the PFML law.

Note: The screen below may appear differently based on the employer size. For more information about program requirements, please visit the <u>Delaware Department of Labor</u> Paid Leave site.

Employers will answer the following questions accordingly and select **Next** to proceed.



**Paid Family Medical Leave Screen** 



If an employer selects **Yes** when asked if they wish to use a private plan to provide paid leave coverage, an additional screen will populate in the 'Steps' bar. The 'Private Plan Details' screen is used to provide more details if the person registering is enrolled in a private certified plan with one or more lines of paid coverage. The 'Private Plan Details' screen asks the employer and/or TPA to provide the Insurance Carrier's Name and Policy Number. The Insurance Carrier search field lists Active Insurance Plans.

The person registering may enter up to three different insurance carriers by selecting **Add** at the top of the page. When multiple insurance providers are entered, an error message is generated when lines of coverage are duplicated. Each carrier must have at least one line of coverage.

Proof of a private plan is required for Paid Leave Staff review and approval. Provide a copy of the plan using the required file upload field. Agency staff will review the approval request by December 31, 2024.

Note: When selecting line(s) of coverage addressed by a private insurance or self-insured plan, you will receive an error message until **Included** or **N/A** is selected next to each line of coverage.

Department of Labor Division

Palesase provide the private plan information requested for each line of coverage. Use the "Add" button located on the top right of this page if using more than one insurance plan for these benefits.

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\*Are you providing all lines of mandated PFML coverage through this insurance plan.

Parental Leave

| Included | N/A |
| Palesase indicate the line(s) of coverage addressed by the private insurance plan.
| Parental Leave | Included | N/A |
| Parental Leave | Included | Included

Private Plan Details Screen

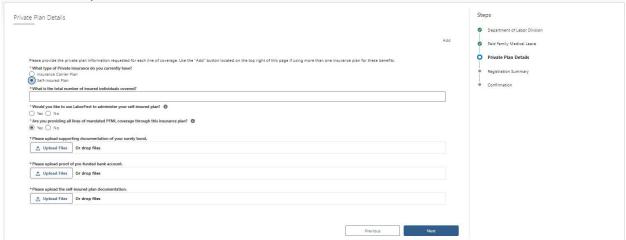


Employers who meet the criteria to apply for a self-insured plan will see the first question on the 'Private Plans Details' screen asking the employer to indicate what type of Private Insurance they currently have: Insurance Carrier Plan or Self-Insured Plan. If "Insurance Carrier Plan" is selected, they will follow the directions from the previous section. However, the Self-Insured Plan option has a slightly different process.

Employers utilizing a self-insured plan are required to list the total number of individuals covered. Additionally, they are asked if they would like to use LaborFirst to administer their plan. Employers have the option to apply to utilize a self-insured for one or more lines of coverage as indicated by question 3.

Another key difference with the self-insured plan are the documents required to upload. Employers must upload documentation of a surety bond, proof of a pre-funded bank account, and self-insured plan documentation. A file must be submitted for each of the 3 file uploads to continue to the next screen.

Enter the required information and select **Next**.



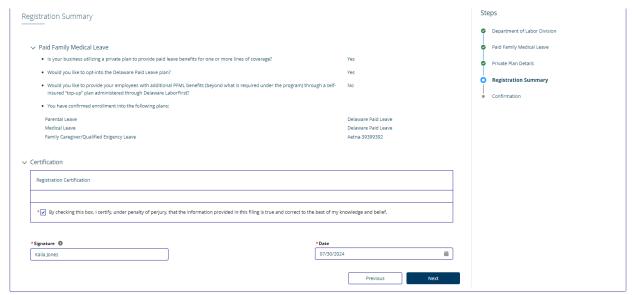
Self-Insured Details Screen



After selecting **Next**, the person registering is navigated to the 'Registration Summary' screen. This screen provides the read-only registration summary and the person registering can correct information as needed and/or affirm all the information is complete and correct.

The person registering can review and/or go back in the steps to edit the information entered. Upon submission, the lines of coverage are saved to the employer's account under paid leave division. A confirmation letter will be posted in the Employer's Portal and the employer will receive an email notifying them that a document is ready for review.

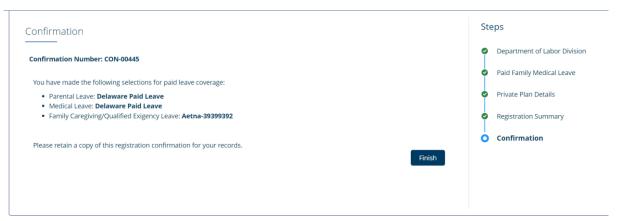
The person registering will select the checkbox to confirm that all information provided on the 'Summary' screen is correct. Select **Next** to proceed to the 'Confirmation' screen.



**Registration Summary Screen** 



The final screen in the Paid Leave Enrollment process is the 'Confirmation Screen'. Select **Finish** to be navigated to the 'Employer Portal Landing Screen'.



**Confirmation Screen** 



# **General Portal Navigation**

# **Employer Self-Service (ESS) Portal**

The 'Employer Portal' screen is the first screen presented to an employer after logging in. Links to actions are presented based on actions available to the business at the time.







**Employer Portal Landing Screen** 



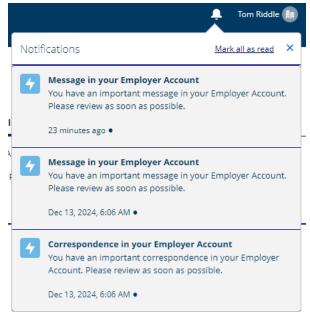
The 'Employer Portal Home Screen' displays the business name, Employer Account Number, Account Divisions Summary, Action Items, and Correspondence.



**Employer Portal Home Screen** 

#### **Notifications**

Two icons are always displayed at the top of the Employer Portal, pictured below: Notifications and the Profile Icon. The Notifications Icon will contain important alerts to review.



**Notifications Icon** 



#### **Profile Icon**

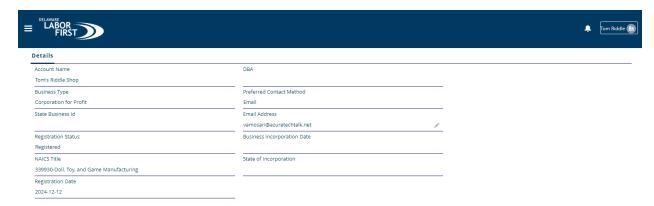
Select the profile icon, and then select other areas of the portal: Account Information, Addresses, Contacts/Officers/Owners, and Log Out.



**Profile Icon Dropdown Menu** 

#### **Account Information Screen**

The 'Account Information' screen shows the Account Details. These fields are read-only and shows the current data on file – received either through registration or updated by Delaware Department of Labor (DeDOL) staff.



**Account Information Screen** 



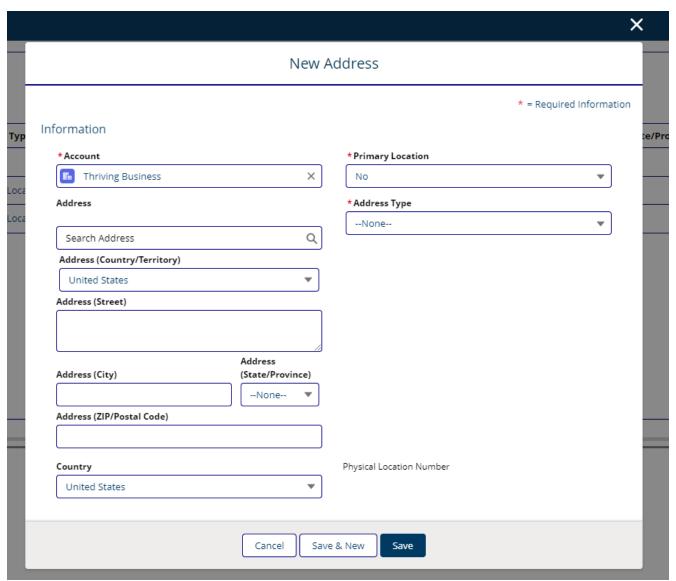
#### **Addresses**

The Account Administrator(s) can access and edit the 'Addresses' screen from the Profile Icon. The 'Addresses' screen lists the address of each business location registered to the Employer Account. To update an address, select **Edit** from the down arrow at the right of the address. Additionally, more business locations can be added to the account. To add a new address to the account, select **New** from the top right corner. Enter the required information and select **Save** once completed.



**Addresses Screen** 



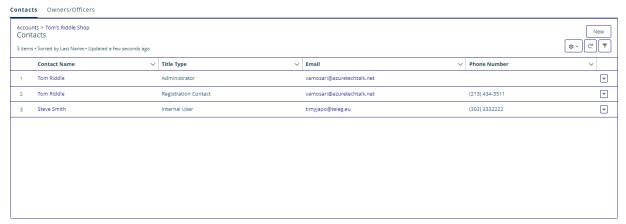


**New Address Window** 



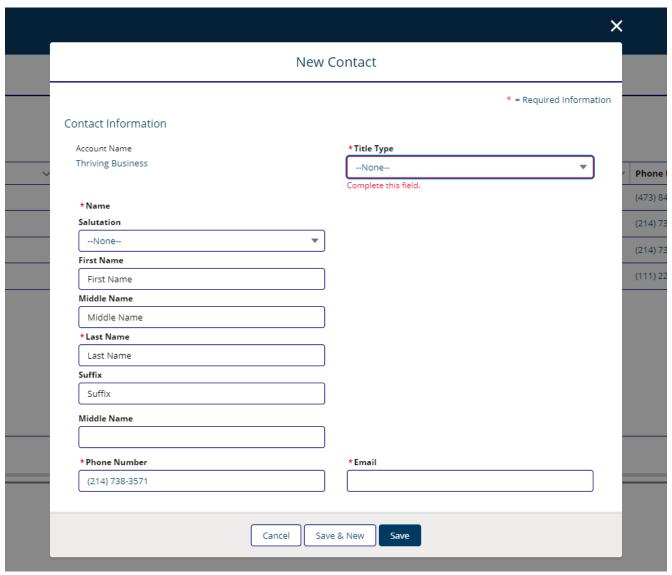
# Contacts/Officers/Owners

The Profile Icon allows the employer to access the 'Contacts/Officers/Owners' Screen. This screen lists the account contacts with their Contact Name, Title Type, Email, Phone Number and Officers/Owners. Select **New** to enter new contacts and/or Officers/Owners.



**Contacts Screen** 





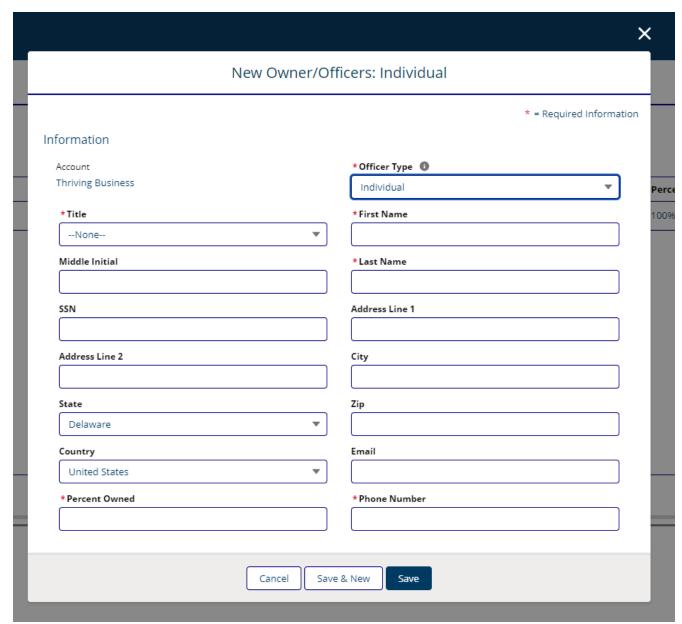
**New Contact Window** 





**Owner/Officers Screen** 





**New Owner/Officers: Individual Screen** 



## Log Out

At the bottom of the Profile Icon dropdown list, select **Log Out** to end the session and leave LaborFirst.

#### Menu

The Menu, located on the top left corner of the screen, allows the employer to move to various screens pertaining to Account Services.



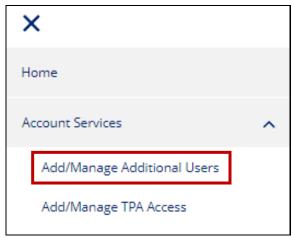
**Employer Portal Menu** 



# **Add and Manage Users**

#### **Add Additional Users**

Both TPAs and Employers can add additional individuals to their LaborFirst accounts. LaborFirst allows the account owner, known as the "Account Administrator" to add and manage additional users (internal to their company). When additional users are set up, they are given access to the account and can engage in LaborFirst functionality based on permissions granted by the account administrator. Additional users who are granted administrator access have the same abilities as the initial account owner.



**Account Services Dropdown Menu** 



After selecting Add/Manage Additional Users, the account administrator can both add new Additional Users, as well as manage relationships with existing Additional Users. To add a new Additional User to the LaborFirst account, enter their First Name, Last Name, Email, and Phone Number. Please note: the email entered must be unique and cannot exist in LaborFirst. Next, then select the Authorization Type in order to indicate the Additional User's access level to the LaborFirst account. The Authorization levels are as follows:

- Administrator: read/update/create access is provided for all functions.
- Maintain Profile: read/update/create access to account information.
- Paid Leave Registration: may complete the paid leave account division registration.
- Paid Leave File Waivers and Reclassifications: allows access to the 'File Waiver' and 'File Reclassification' links within the Paid Leave division.
- File/Amend Paid Leave Reports: allows access to file a quarterly wage and hour report.
- File Paid Leave Appeals: allows access to 'File Appeal' link.

After the information is entered and saved, the individual being added as an internal user will then create a State of Delaware account on My.Delaware.gov. From there, they will be navigated to the 'Introduction' screen. From there, they will select Next to move forward to the 'Identify User' screen. On this screen, they will enter the company FEIN, agree to the certification statement, sign, and date to complete their access registration. For details on obtaining Delaware state sign in credentials, please visit the LaborFirst website or see page 2 in this document.

# Add Additional Users \* First Name Last Name Phone Number Additional Users

Note: Only Account Administrators have access to this screen.

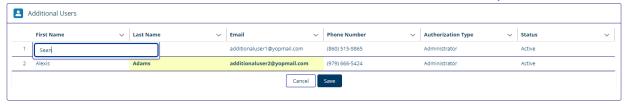
Add Additional Users Screen



## **Manage Additional Users**

The Account Administrator(s) can manage additional users that were previously added by selecting the record they wish to edit.

Note: Administrators cannot deactivate other users with Administrator permissions.



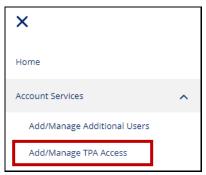
**ESS Manage Users Screen** 



# **Add and Manage TPA Access**

# **Add Third Party Administrator (TPA)**

In addition to adding and managing internal users, Account Administrators can also grant access to TPAs utilizing the account services dropdown from the menu. From here the user can view and manage their TPA relationships.



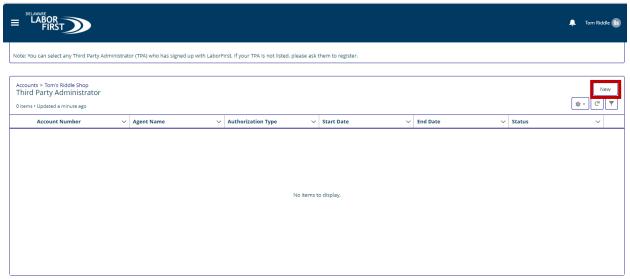
**Manage TPA Access** 



The employer can establish a relationship with a TPA. The TPA will not have access to an account until the start date is reached. Similarly, the TPA will not have access to the account if an end date is reached. TPAs will have access to the employer account based on the authorization type granted by the employer.

The TPA Authorization levels are as follows:

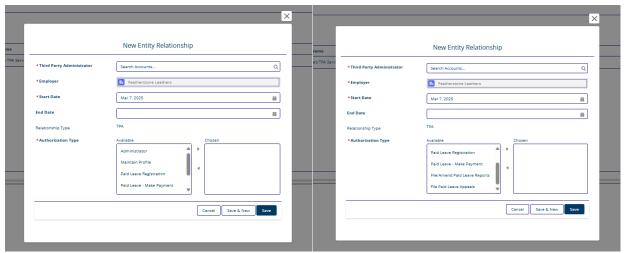
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**Manage TPA Access Screen** 



Select **New** to open the 'New Entity Relationship' window. Enter the requisite information and select **Save**.



**New Entity Relationship Screen** 

Upon submission, the designated TPA will receive an email notification prompting them to approve or deny authorization.

Note: This is the email sent to the TPA after an employer requests TPA access to their account. The TPA must have an existing LaborFirst account to confirm authorization. This TPA notification email is sent to the preferred method of communication associated with the TPA account.

## TPA Authorization Request

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Dear Terrific TPA,

Thriving Business has requested authorization for you to perform the following services for their Delaware Department of Labor account:

Administrator

Please click on the link below to confirm or deny that you will performing the service(s) on Thriving Business 's behalf.

Confirm Authorization

<u>Authorization Denied</u>

Sincerely,

Delaware Department of Labor

# **TPA Authorization Email Request**



Selecting **Confirm Authorization** or **Authorization Denied** will both result in the TPA being directed to the LaborFirst TPA portal log-in. After the TPA signs in to LaborFirst, they will be presented with one of the following messages depending upon whether the authorization was approved or denied. Select the **Home** button to close the window.



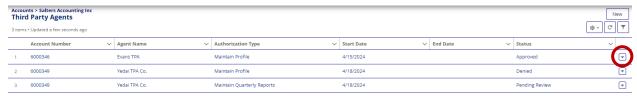
**TPA Authorization Approved Notification** 

Once an employer has requested a TPA Authorization, and the TPA has approved, then the approval is sent to Delaware Department of Labor staff for final approval or denial.

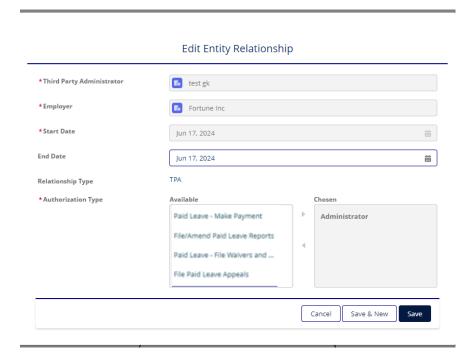


## **Manage TPA Access**

The Account Administrator(s) can manage TPA access by selecting the 'drop down arrow' associated with the record they wish to edit. This will open the 'Edit Entity Relationship Window'. From there, the Account Administrator(s) can edit the Authorization Type, in addition to terminating the relationship by entering an 'End Date'.



**Manage TPA Access Screen** 



**Edit Entity Relationship Window** 



## **Account Division Screen**

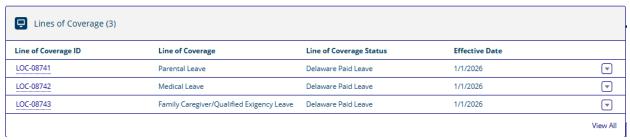
Once an employer has completed the PFML Enrollment process, they can view the Line(s) of Coverage on the 'Account Division' screen in their LaborFirst account. This screen provides an overview of the Paid Leave Account Division information, including Line(s) of Coverage, Employee Status, Employee Classifications, Quarterly Report, Appeals, Action Items, and Notes and Attachments.



Paid Leave - Account Division Screen

## **Lines of Coverage**

This section displays the Lines of Coverage for the account.

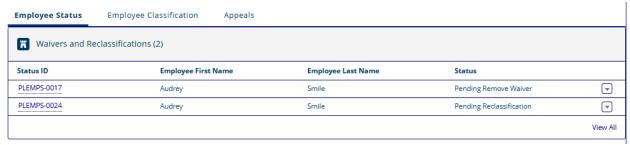


Paid Leave – Lines of Coverage



### **Employee Status**

This section shows the statuses of employee Waivers and Reclassifications.



Paid Leave - Employee Status

## **Employee Classifications**

This section shows any classifications of employees established by the employer.



Paid Leave - Employee Classifications

# **Report Summary**

The **Reports Summary** section on the **Account Division** page shows a history and summary of all quarterly reports. To view a specific quarter's details, select the 'Account Division Period Name' for the quarter you wish to view.



Paid Leave - Report Summary



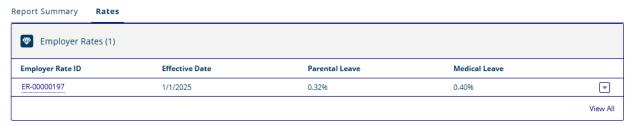
The **Account Division Period Details** displays a summary of the quarterly report including Balance Due, Tax Liability Amount, and Payment Amount.



Paid Leave - Account Division Period Details

#### Rates

The **Rates** section on the **Account Division** page shows a history and summary of contribution rates. To view a specific rating's details, select the 'Employer Rate ID' for the rate you wish to view.



Paid Leave - Rates

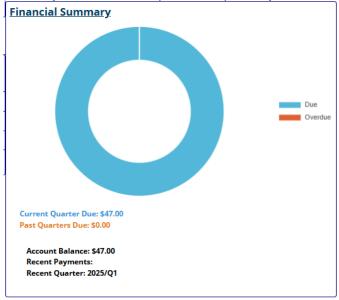




Paid Leave - Rate Details

# **Financial Summary**

This section shows a summary of current and past due quarterly contributions.



**Financial Summary** 

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#### **Action Items**

Actions Items dynamically display on the Account Division screen to notify the employer of available actions specifically related to Paid Leave.

## **Appeals**

## File an Appeal

The first Action Item available to the employer is to 'File an Appeal'. If an employer disagrees with the Delaware Department of Labor's (DeDOL) decision, they can file an appeal. Appealable items include: Use of Private Plan, Contribution Calculation, Required Paid Leave Coverage, Interest and Penalties, and Violation of Act.

To begin the process, select 'File an Appeal' under 'Action Items'.

The 'Items Available to Appeal' screen is the first screen presented in this process. Both fields contain a drop down menu. The first question asks employers to select the 'Appealable Item'.

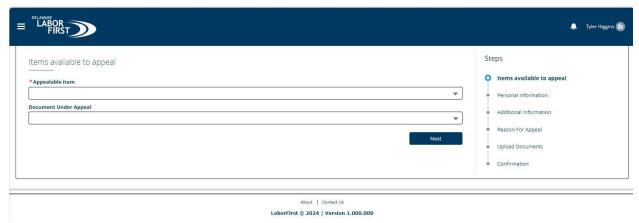
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As previously mentioned, the appealable items include: Use of Private Plan, Contribution Calculation, Required Paid Leave Coverage, Interest and Penalties, and Violation of Act. This is a required field and must be completed in order to continue with the appeal filing process.

Next, the employer is asked to select the 'Document Under Appeal'. Documents display dynamically based on available documents to appeal. This list will not display any notices where an active appeal exists, or any documents with creation dates greater than a year old.

Enter the requisite information and select **Next**.



Items Available to Appeal Screen

The 'Personal Information' screen allows the employer to indicate if an interpreter is required. Upon selecting the check box to indicate that an interpreter is required for the appeals process,



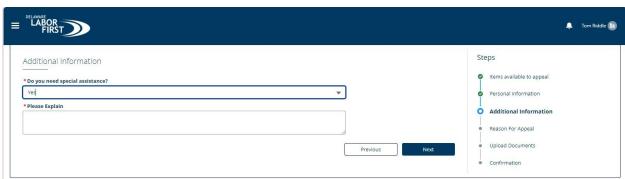
a 'Language' field dynamically displays, allowing the employer to enter the desired language. Upon making selections, select **Next**.



**Personal Information Screen** 

The 'Additional Information' screen asks the employer if they need special assistance. If they select 'Yes', an additional text box populates asking the employer to provide more information regarding the assistance required. Enter the requisite information and select **Next**.

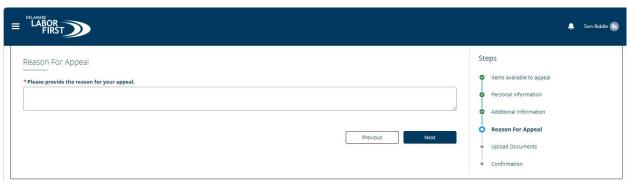




**Additional Information Screen** 

The 'Reason for Appeal' screen provides a text field that allows the employer to provide context regarding the circumstances for the appeal. Enter as much information needed to paint a full picture of the situation, then select Next.





**Reason for Appeal Screen** 

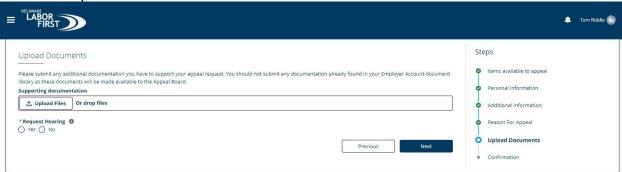
The 'Upload Documents' screen is used to submit documentation to support the appeal. Utilize the 'Supporting Documentation' field and select either 'Upload Files' or 'Drop Files' to provide additional documentation. Though this step is not required, it is recommended that the employer upload any relevant documentation that will support the appeal. These documents will vary



depending on the nature of the appeal, but may include private plan documents, wage and hour reports, calculation invoices, etc.

Additionally, this screen contains the 'Request Hearing' field. If the employer selects **Yes**, the Appeals Staff will move forward with scheduling a hearing. However, if the employer selects **No**, the appeal will be decided based solely on the information provided in this process, as indicated by the help text.

Enter the requisite information and select **Next**.



**Upload Documents Screen** 

The 'Confirmation' screen is displayed upon the successful submission of an appeal request. It contains the confirmation number, date and time the request was submitted. Review the information and select **Finish**.



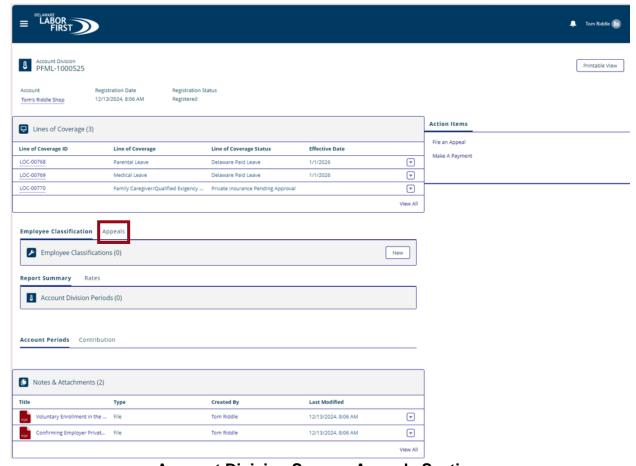


**Confirmation Screen** 

# **Appeal Screen**



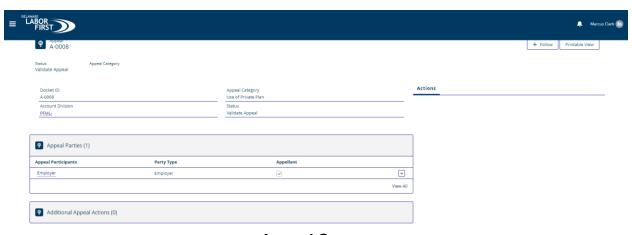
Employers can view Appeal Details by navigating to the 'Appeal' screen from the 'Account Division Screen'. First, select the 'Docket ID' under the Appeals Section.



**Account Division Screen: Appeals Section** 

The 'Appeal' Screen contains additional details from the Appeal Request. All fields on this screen are read-only. When a hearing has been scheduled, the hearing record populates.





**Appeal Screen** 

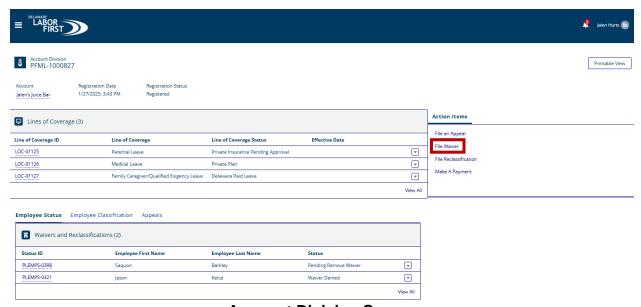
**Waiver Form** 



#### File a Waiver

The next action item available from the 'Account Division' screen is 'File Waiver'. The Waiver Form is used to remove an employee's contributions towards the Delaware Paid Leave Plan when the employee is not expected to meet the eligibility requirements for the program. If the conditions of their employment change, employees can have their waiver removed and join the Delaware Paid Leave program.

The process begins in LaborFirst on the 'Account Division' screen. Select 'File Waiver' from the list of Action Items.



**Account Division Screen** 

The Waiver Form consists of three sections: 'Employee Information', 'Employment Information', and 'Employer Information'.

The 'Employee Information' section asks the Employer to enter the following:

- Employee First Name
- Last Name
- SSN / ITIN
- Indicate if the Employee is under 16 years of age
  - If it is indicated that the Employee is under 16 years of age, the Employer is asked to provide the Employee's Date of Birth as well as the Parent/Guardian's Email Address so they can electronically sign on the Employee's behalf
  - However, if the Employee is over 16 years of age, an additional field will populate to provide the Employee's Email Address

The 'Employment Information Section' asks the Employer to enter the following:

- The average number of hours expected to work
- Reason for Waiver
- If the cost of the program is shared with the employees
  - If the Employer indicates that the cost of the program is shared with employees, than the Employee's electronic signature is required to complete the process.

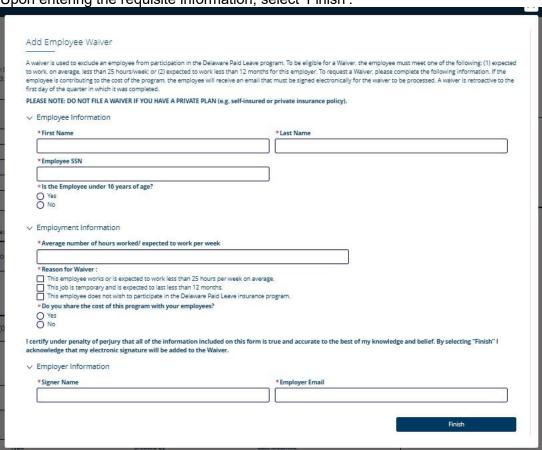


The Employee will receive an email containing a link to complete the electronic signature process once the Employer has submitted the Waiver Form in LaborFirst.

Lastly, the 'Employer Information' section asks the Employer to enter the following:

- Signer Name
- Employer Email

Upon entering the requisite information, select 'Finish'.



# **Add Employee Waiver Window**

After the Waiver Form has been submitted in LaborFirst, the Employee is sent an email containing a link to complete the electronic signature process. Recall that an electronic signature is only required by the Employee if the Employer indicated that the cost of the program is shared.

Additionally, please note that an Employee can refuse to sign the Waiver if they believe they should still be enrolled in their Employee's Delaware Paid Leave plan. If the Employee refuses to sign the Waiver, the Waiver status will be updated to 'Waiver Refused' in the Employer Portal.

Select 'Click here to Sign' begin the electronic signature process.



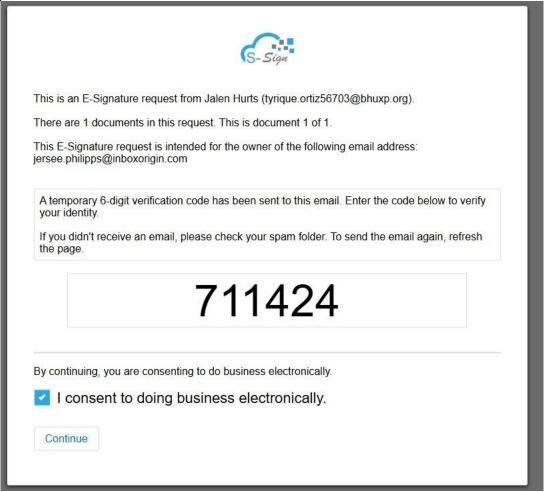
There is a waiver request from Jalen's Juice Bar to exclude you, Saquon Barkley, from the Delaware Paid Leave program because based upon the terms of your employment, you are not expected to be eligible for benefits. You are required to sign the waiver form to complete the process. Please open the link to the e-signature form and follow the instructions to provide your signature.

Click here to find out more about the Delaware Paid Leave program.

Click Here to Sign

# **Electronic Signature Invitation Email**

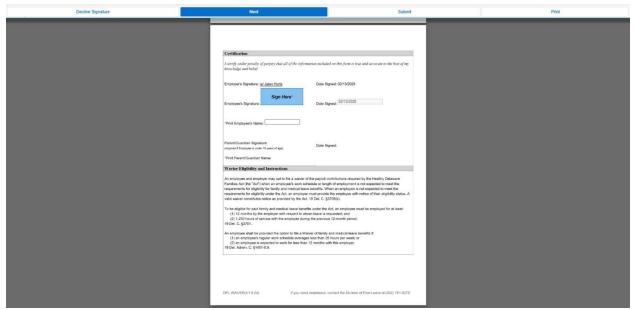
First, Employees are asked to verify their email by entering a Verification Code. The Verification Code will be sent to the Employee via email and should be entered on the initial screen displayed below.



**Electronic Signature Verification Code** 



Next, the Waiver Form is displayed for Employees to review. Upon reviewing the information, select 'Sign Here'.



**Employee Electronic Signature Waiver Form** 

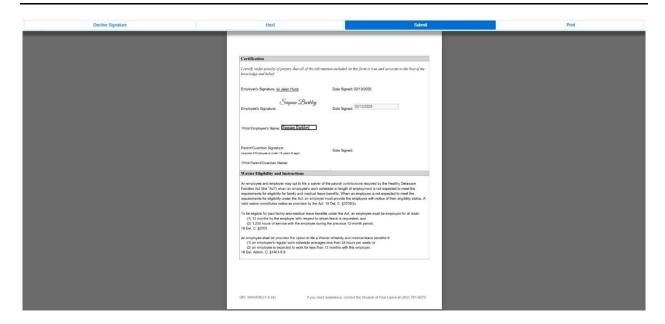
Employees have the option to draw their signature, or, select 'Text-To-Signature'. Select 'Adopt Signature and Go To Next Input' to proceed.



**Employee Electronic Signature** 

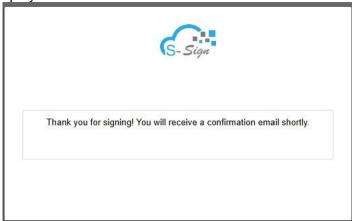
Next, the Employee will enter their Name, and select 'Submit'.





## **Employee Electronic Signature Waiver Form**

Once the Waiver Form has been electronically signed and completed by the Employee, the following message displays on the screen.



**Employee Electronic Signature Success Message** 

#### **Waiver Screen**

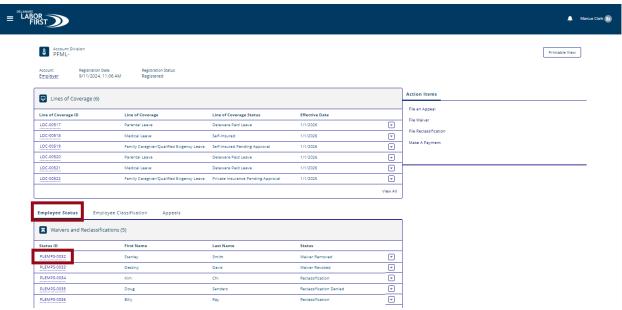
Employers can view Waiver Details by navigating to the 'Employee Status' section from the 'Account Division Screen'. The 'Status' field displays the current state of the Waiver Form.

The Waiver Statuses are as follows:

- Pending Waiver:
  - Waiver Form completed in LaborFirst
  - However, the Waiver Form is pending because the electronic signature has not been completed by the employee
- Waiver:
  - Waiver Form has been approved
  - The employee has completed the electronic signature process if required



- Waiver Denied:
  - Waiver form has been denied because the employee does not meet the requirements for a waiver
- Waiver Refused:
  - The Employee refused to sign the Waiver Form



**Account Division Screen: Employee Status Section** 

Select the 'Status ID' associated with the desired waiver record to navigate to the 'Waiver Record' Screen.

The following screen displays the Waiver Record when the status is set to 'Waiver Denied'. Please note that there are no 'Action Items' available, and the 'Waiver Denial Letter' has been uploaded to the 'Notes and Attachments' section. When the Waiver is denied, the Employee remains enrolled in the Employer's Delaware Paid Leave Plan.





**Waiver Record: Waiver Denied** 



Alternatively, the screen below displays the Waiver Record when the Waiver is approved. The status is set to 'Waiver' to indicate that the employee was removed from the Delaware Paid Leave Plan. Additionally, a 'Waiver Approved Letter' and a copy of the Signed Waiver Form are uploaded to the record.



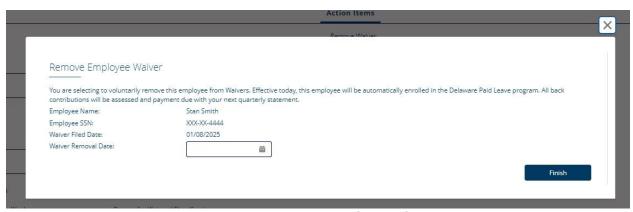
Waiver Approved Screen

### **Remove Employee Waiver**

If the conditions of their employment change, employees can be taken off waivers to rejoin the Delaware Paid Leave program. The Remove Waiver process is three-fold: Complete 'Remove Employee Waiver' in LaborFirst, Employer provides electronic signature, and the Employee provides electronic signature.

Select 'Remove Waiver' under the 'Action Items' to begin the process. The Employer is asked to enter the 'Waiver Removal Date' and select 'Finish'.





**Remove Employee Waiver Window** 

After the Remove Waiver Form has been submitted in LaborFirst, both the employer and the employee must electronically sign to complete the process. The Employer receives an email containing a link to complete the electronic signature first.



The Employer will select the link in the email to begin the electronic signature process. Review the information provided in the document, and select 'Sign Here'.



**Remove Waiver Employer Certification** 

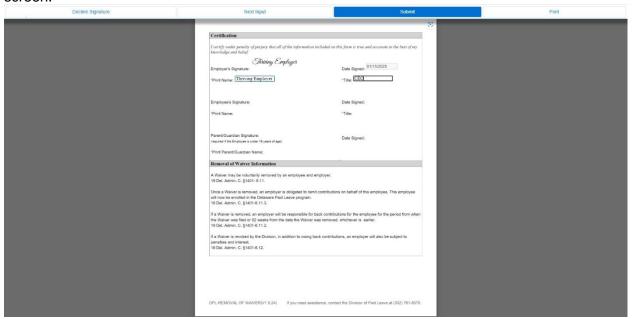
The Employee has the option to draw their signature, or, select 'Text-To-Signature'. Select 'Adopt Signature and Go To Next Input' to proceed.



**Employer Electronic Signature** 



From there, the Employer will enter their name and select 'Submit' in the top right corner of the screen.



**Remove Waiver Employer Certification** 

Once the Waiver Form has been electronically signed and completed by the Employee, the following message displays on the screen.



# **Employer Electronic Signature Success Message**

After the Remove Waiver Form has been electronically signed by the employer, the employee is sent an email containing a link to electronically sign the Remove Waiver Form to complete the process. Similar to the Employer, the Employee will select the link in the email to begin the electronic signature process. Review the information provided in the document, and select 'Sign Here'.





**Remove Waiver Employee Certification** 

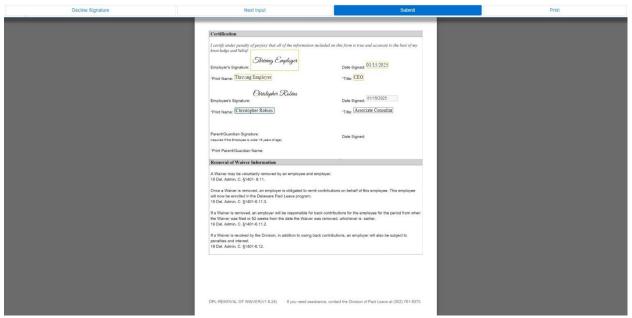
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**Employee Electronic Signature** 

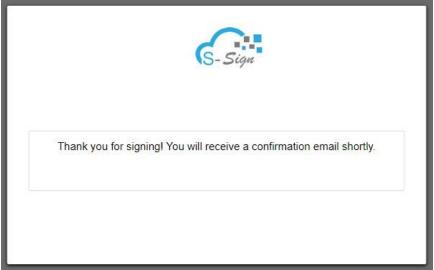


From there, the Employee will enter their name and select 'Submit' in the top right corner of the screen.



Remove Waiver Employee Certification

Once the Waiver Form has been electronically signed and completed by the Employee, the following message displays on the screen.



**Employee Electronic Signature Success Message** 

Upon successful completion of the Remove Waiver process, the Waiver Status will display as 'Waiver Removed' in LaborFirst and the appropriate correspondences will upload to the account.

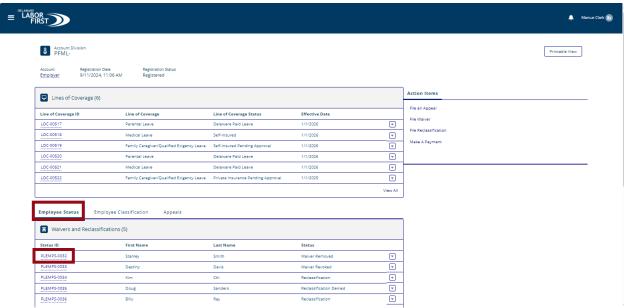


#### Waiver Removed Screen

Employers can view Waiver Details by navigating to the 'Employee Status' section from the 'Account Division Screen'. The 'Status' field displays the current state of the Waiver Form.

The Remove Waiver Statuses are as follows:

- · Pending Waiver Removed:
  - 'Remove Waiver Form' completed in LaborFirst
  - However, the Remove Waiver Form is pending because the electronic signature has not been completed by the employer and/or employee
- Waiver Removed:
  - Waiver Form has been removed
  - Both the employer and the employee have completed the electronic signature process



**Account Division Screen: Employee Status Section** 

Select the 'Status ID' associated with the desired waiver record to navigate to the 'Waiver Record' Screen.



After the Remove Waiver Form has been electronically signed by the employer and the employee, the Waiver status is updated to 'Waiver Removed'. Additionally, the 'Removal of Waiver Letter' and the Signed Remove Waiver Form are uploaded to the record.



**Waiver Removed Screen** 

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#### File Reclassification

Reclassification Forms allow telecommuting employees or employees who are temporarily assigned out of state to join their employers' Delaware Paid Leave Plan. The Reclassification Form process is three-fold: Complete Reclassification Form in LaborFirst, Employer provides electronic signature, and Employee provides electronic signature.

Select 'File Reclassification' from the 'Action Items' on the 'Account Division' screen to begin this process.

The 'Reclassify Employee' form in LaborFirst asks Employers to enter Employee Information, Employment Information, Employer Information, and select 'Finish'.

The 'Employee Information' section asks the Employer to enter the following information:

- Employee First Name
- Employee Last Name
- Employee SSN / ITIN
- If Employee is under 16 years of age
  - Please note: if it is indicated that the Employee is under 16 years of age, the Employer is asked to provide the Employee's Date of Birth as well as the Parent/Guardian's Email Address so they can electronically sign on the Employee's behalf

The 'Employment Information' section asks the Employer to provide:

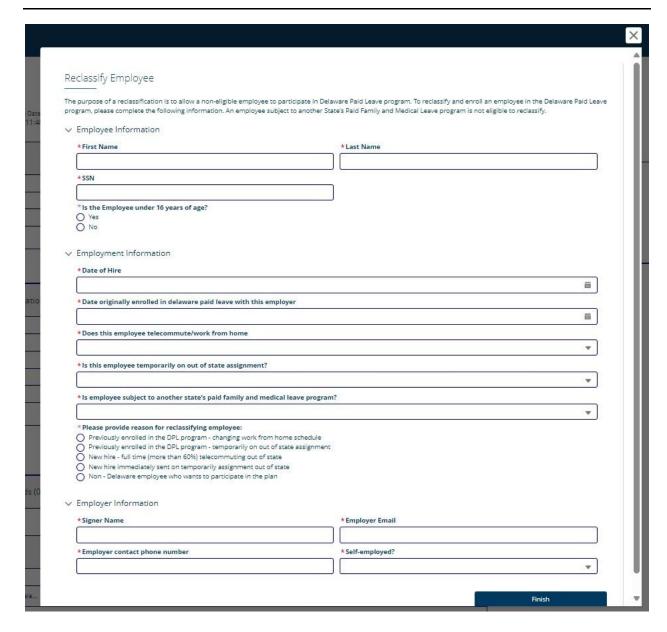
- Date of Hire
- Date the employee was originally enrolled in the Delaware Paid Leave Plan
- If the employee telecommutes / works from home
  - If 'yes' is selected, an additional question populates asking the Employer to report the average number of days the Employee works from home
- If the employee is temporarily assigned out of state
  - If 'yes' is selected, the Employer is asked to provide the expected end date for the assignment
- If the employee is subject to another state's paid family and medical leave program
  - If 'Yes' is selected, the Reclassification Form is automatically denied and the status is set to 'Reclassification Denied' in LaborFirst
- Reason for reclassifying the employee

The final section on the screen is 'Employer Information'. Here, the Employer provides the following:

- Signer name
- Employer email
- Employer phone number
- Indicates if they are self-employed

Enter the requisite information and select 'Finish'.



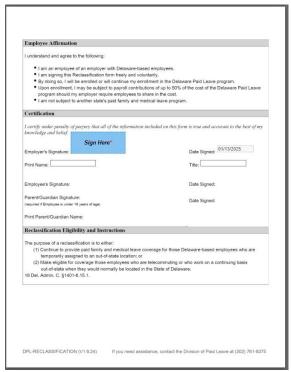


#### **Reclassification Window**

After the Reclassification Form has been submitted in LaborFirst, both the Employer and the Employee must electronically sign the form to complete the process. The Employer receives an email containing a link to complete the electronic signature first.



Select the link in the email to begin the electronic signature process. Review the information provided in the document, and select 'Sign Here'.



**Employer Electronic Signature Reclassification Form** 

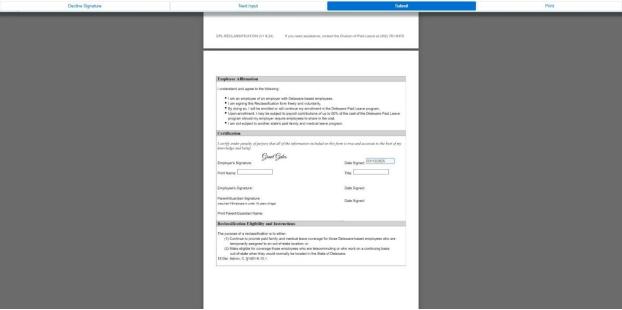
The Employer has the option to draw their signature, or, select 'Text-To-Signature'. Select 'Adopt Signature and Go To Next Input' to proceed.



**Employer Electronic Signature** 



Next, the Employer will enter their Name and select 'Submit'.



**Employer Electronic Signature Reclassification Form** 

Once the Reclassification Form has been electronically signed and completed by the Employer, the following message displays on the screen.



**Employer Electronic Signature Success Message** 



After the Reclassification Form has been electronically signed by the employer, the employee is sent an email containing a link to electronically sign the Reclassification Form to complete the process. Similar to the Employer, the Employee will select the link in the email to begin the electronic signature process. Review the information provided in the document and select 'Sign Here'.



**Employee Electronic Signature Reclassification Form** 

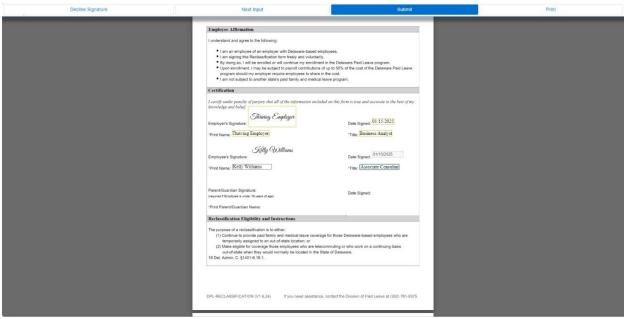
The Employee has the option to draw their signature, or, select 'Text-To-Signature'. Select 'Adopt Signature and Go To Next Input' to proceed.



**Employee Electronic Signature** 

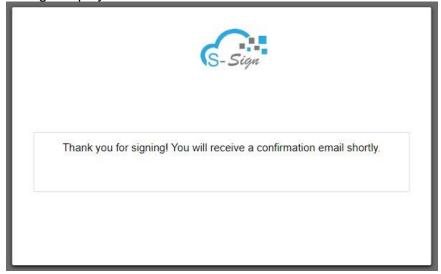


From there, the Employee will enter their name and select 'Submit' in the top right corner of the screen.



**Employee Electronic Signature Reclassification Form** 

Once the Reclassification Form has been electronically signed and completed by the Employee, the following message displays on the screen.



**Employee Electronic Signature Success Message** 



#### **Reclassification Screen**

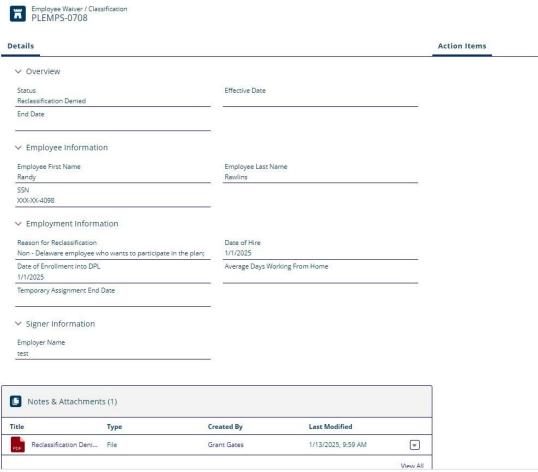
Employers can view Reclassification Details by navigating to the 'Employee Status' section from the 'Account Division Screen'. The 'Status' field displays the current state of the Reclassification Form.

The Reclassification Statuses are as follows:

- Pending Reclassification:
  - Reclassification Form completed in LaborFirst
  - However, the Reclassification Form is pending because the electronic signature has not been completed by the employer and/or employee
- Reclassification:
  - Reclassification Form has been approved
  - Both the employer and the employee have completed the electronic signature process
- · Reclassification Denied:
  - Reclassification form has been denied because the employee does not meet the requirements to be reclassified

Select the 'Status' ID to view details for a specific Reclassification Record.

Note: there are no 'Action Items' available on the Reclassification Record if the status is 'Denied'. Additionally, the 'Reclassification Denial Letter' is uploaded to the Record.



**Reclassification Denied Screen** 



Alternatively, the status is set to 'Reclassification' to indicate that the Reclassification Form was approved, and thus, the employee was added to the Delaware Paid Leave Plan. The 'Reclassification Approved Letter' and a copy of the signed Reclassification Form are uploaded to the 'Notes and Attachments' section of the record.



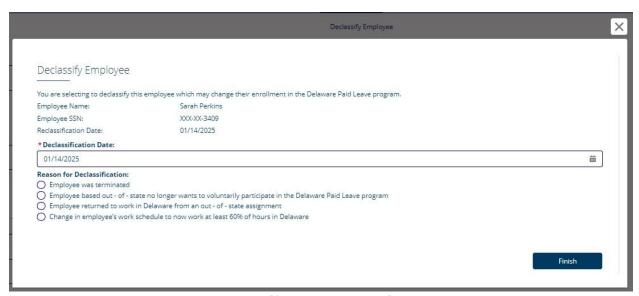
**Reclassification Approved Screen** 



## **Declassify Employee**

Additionally, the 'Reclassification Approved' screen contains an Action Item to 'Declassify Employee'. This allows the employer to remove the previously reclassified individual from the Delaware Paid Leave Plan. The Declassify Employee process is two-fold: Complete Declassification Form in LaborFirst and Employer provides electronic signature.

The employer will select 'Declassify Employee' enter the 'Declassification Date'. Additionally, the Employer will provide the 'Reason for Declassification' and select 'Finish'.



**Declassify Employee Window** 

Once the Declassification Form has been submitted in LaborFirst, the Employer ONLY is required to submit an electronic signature, and they receive an email containing a link to complete the process.



Select the link in the email to begin the electronic signature process. Review the information provided in the document and select 'Sign Here'.



**Employer Electronic Signature Declassification Form** 

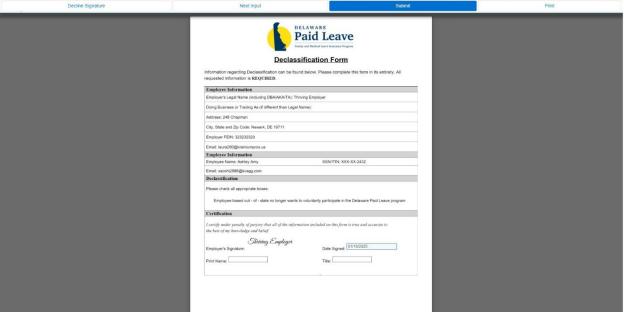
The Employer has the option to draw their signature, or select 'Text-To-Signature'. Select 'Adopt Signature and Go To Next Input' to proceed.



**Employer Electronic Signature** 



Next, the Employer will enter their Name and select 'Submit'.



**Employer Electronic Signature Declassification Form** 

Once the Declassification Form has been electronically signed and completed by the Employer, the following message displays on the screen.



**Employer Electronic Signature Success Message** 

Once the Employer has been successfully declassified, the status in LaborFirst displays as "Declassified" and the appropriate correspondences upload to the record.



#### **Declassification Screen**

Employers can view Declassification Details by navigating to the 'Employee Status' section from the 'Account Division Screen'. The 'Status' field displays the current state of the Reclassification Form.

The Declassification Statuses are as follows:

- Pending Declassification:
  - Declassification Form completed in LaborFirst
  - However, the Declassification Form is pending because the electronic signature has not been completed by the employer and/or employee
- Declassification:
  - Employee has been declassified
  - Both the employer and the employee have completed the electronic signature process

Select the 'Status' ID to view details for a specific Declassification Record.



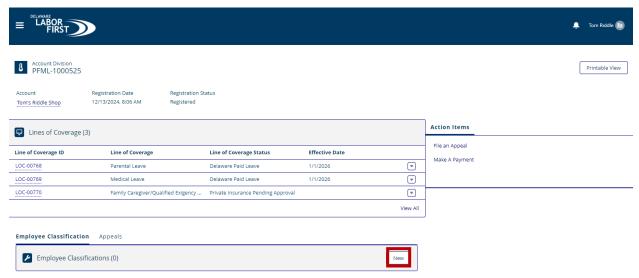
**Declassification Screen** 



#### **Employee Classification**

## **Create Employee Classification**

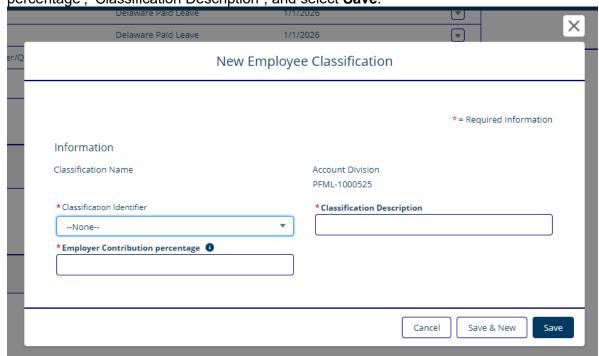
Employee Classification allows employers to create different groups of employees when they have separate contributions for different staff members. To create a new Employee Classification group, select 'New' under the Employee Classification section of the 'Account Division' screen.



**Employee Classification Section** 



From here, the employer will enter the 'Classification Identifier', 'Employer Contribution percentage', 'Classification Description", and select **Save**.

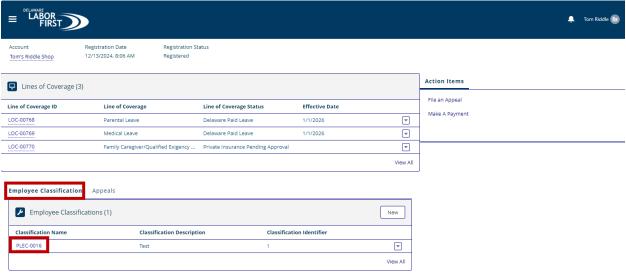


**New Employee Classification Window** 



#### **Employee Classification Screen**

To view and edit existing Employee Classification records, navigate to the 'Employee Classification' section of the 'Account Division' screen. Select the 'Classification Name' associated with the desired record.



**Account Division Screen: Employee Classification Section** 

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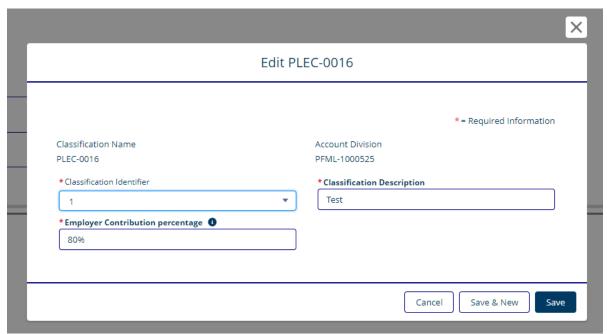
The 'Employee Classification' screen contains additional details, including: Classification Name, Identifier, Employer Contribution percentage, Account Division, and Classification Description. To make edits, select the 'Edit' button in the top right corner.



**Employee Classification Screen** 



The 'Edit Employee Classification' Window allows the employer to make edits as needed. Once finished, select **Save**.



**Edit Employee Classification Window** 



## Wage and Hour Reporting

## What is a Wage and Hour Report?

The Wage and Hour Report is a report filed by the employer each quarter that details all wages earned and hours worked by each employee that quarter. The wages entered are used to calculate the total contributions due for the quarter. These reports also keep track of the hours worked by each employee in Delaware (and in another state for reclassified employees).

Wages and hours should be reported even for waived employees. If a waived employee approaches the 1250 hours worked threshold to meet Delaware Paid Leave eligibility, the employer will receive a notification. If a waived employee is now expected to work at least one (1) year and work at least 1250 hours, the employer should remove the waiver.

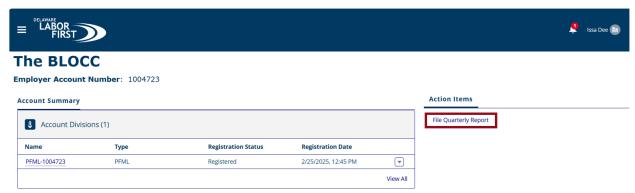
Accurate wage and hour reporting is important as the wages and hours reported are used to determine a worker's eligibility and weekly benefit amount.

Wage and Hour Reports are filed quarterly and due no later than thirty (30) days after the reporting period ends.

Quarter Being Reported	Report Due Date
Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)	April 30
Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)	July 30
Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)	October 30
Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	January 30

## Filing a Wage and Hour Report

To file a Wage and Hour Report, go to the Employer Portal Home Page and select 'File Quarterly Report' from the Action Items section.



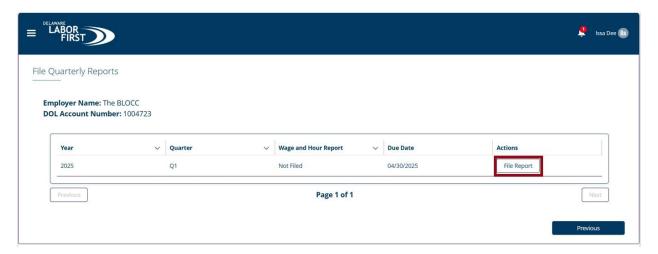
Account Summary - File Quarterly Report Action Item



The 'File Quarterly Report' Action Item will navigate to the File Quarterly Reports screen. On this screen, an employer can see the Year and Quarter, Report Status, and Due Date.

Statuses for the Wage and Hour report are Not Filed, Filed, and Not Liable. For any period the employer was 'Not Liable' (as determined by the Delaware Department of Labor), no report can be filed.

From this screen, select 'File Report' next to the quarter being reported.

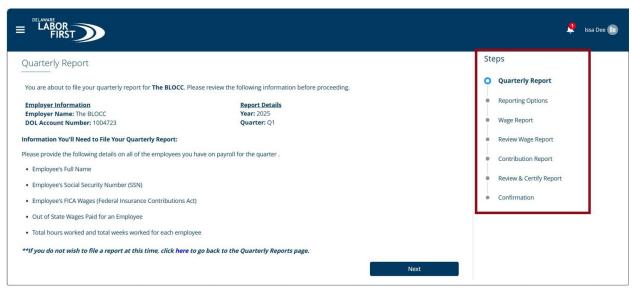


**File Quarterly Reports** 



The first step in the File Quarterly Report process is the **Quarterly Report** screen. This screen displays the information needed to successfully complete the report.

Note: there is a 'Steps' status bar on the right side of the screen, which shows the user where they are in the process as well as the remaining steps.



**Quarterly Report** 

The next step in the File Quarterly Report process is the **Reporting Options** screen. On this screen, the user can select the option that best suits their needs for the quarterly report.



**Reporting Options** 



#### **Enter Employee Wage Details Manually**

An employer may choose to enter employee wage details manually only if they are reporting 1000 or fewer employees for the quarter. By choosing this option, the employer will manually key in the data required for the report.

Required Information:

**Contribution Percentage** – Employers are required to pay at least 50% of the calculated contributions (the remining amount comes from payroll deductions) but may pay up to 100%. Enter the percentage the employer is paying here.

**SSN** – The employee's Social Security Number.

**First Name** – The employee's legal first name.

**Last Name** – The employee's legal last name.

**DE FICA Wages** – The total FICA wages earned by work performed in Delaware. Even if an employee has been reclassified as a Delaware employee, the wages earned in another state should be reported as 'Out of State Wages'.

Out of State Wages – Wages earned in a state other than Delaware.

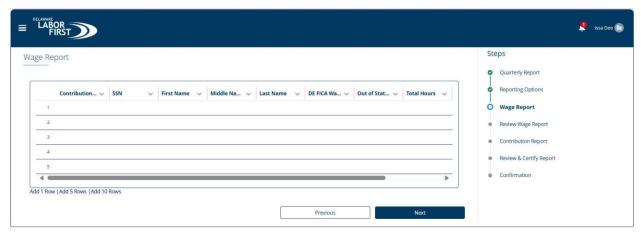
**Total Hours** – The total number of hours worked in Delaware (and/or another state if the employee has been reclassified) for the quarter.

**Weeks** – The weeks worked in Delaware (and/or another state if the employee has been reclassified) for the quarter.

Optional Information:

**Middle Name** – The employee's middle initial.

Once all employees have been reported, select the 'Next' button.



Wage Report – Enter Employee Wage Details Manually



#### **Upload Employee Wage Details**

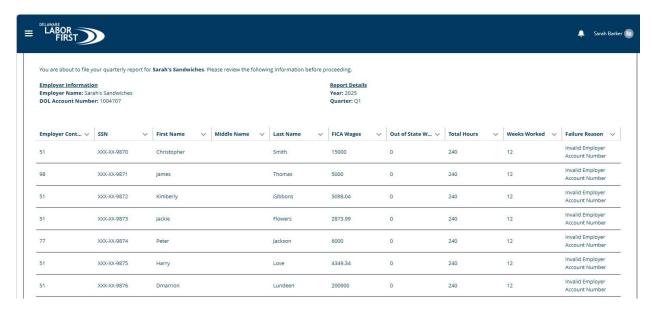
Any employer may upload an electronic copy of the wage and hour report; however, employers reporting more than 1000 are required to use this option. The file type must be CSV (commaseparated values) file or a XML (Extensible Markup Language) file. These file types are common export options in most accounting and payroll software.

Select 'Upload Files' then select the file from your computer's stored files. Once the file has been attached, select the 'Next' button.



Wage Report – Upload Employee Wage Details

If errors are found in an uploaded report (invalid SSN, duplicate SSN, etc.) with 1000 or fewer employees, the user will see an **Error Report Summary**. If errors are found in an uploaded report that has more than 1000 employees, the employer will receive an email the next business day with the error report. Once the errors have been identified and corrected, the report may be reuploaded by selecting 'Reupload Report' or return to the 'File Quarterly Reports' screen by selecting 'Previous.'



**Upload Report Error Summary** 



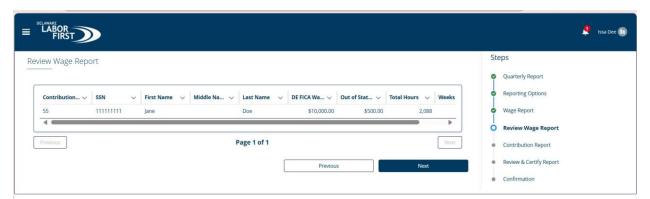
#### **Report No Wages Paid for the Quarter**

Wage reports must be filed for every quarter the employer was liable (as determined by the Delaware Department of Labor) even if no wages were paid during the quarter. Only select this option if you paid **no wages** to employees during the quarter then select the 'Next' button.



Report No Wages Paid for the Quarter

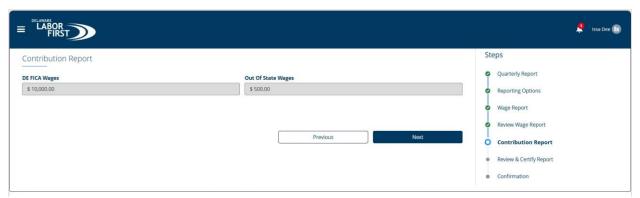
The next step in the File Quarterly Report process is the **Review Wage Report** screen. On this screen, the employer will see the records as entered and review for accuracy. If any errors are found, use the 'Previous' button to return to the prior step to correct the error(s).



**Review Wage Report** 

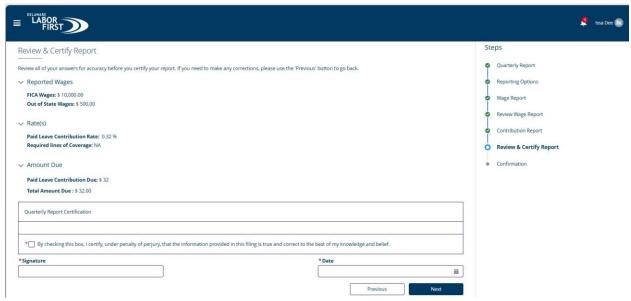


The next step in the File Quarterly Report process is the **Contribution Report** screen. Delaware Labor First will calculate the sum of DE FICA Wages and Out of State Wages and display those amounts in a read-only format on this screen. If the amounts appear incorrect, use the 'Previous' button to return to the **Review Wage Report** screen.



**Contribution Report** 

The next step in the File Quarterly Report process is the **Review & Certify Report** screen. Delaware LaborFirst uses the data entered by employers to calculate contributions due. This screen displays the summary of reported wages and contributions due. Once these have been reviewed, check the box to agree to the certification statement, sign, and date, then select the 'Next' button to submit the report.



**Review and Certify Report** 

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Finally, the employer receives a **Confirmation** that the report has been submitted.