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Now that we are a couple of months into the new tax year we feel things are starting to settle down after the change over to RTI. We hope you haven't experienced any problems during the transition period.

We are aware some of our larger clients have also endured the implementation of the automatic enrolment for company pensions and we continue to provide any information needed as clients request it to assist in this process.

CHANGES TO NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE

The National Minimum Wage Rates are set to increase from 1st October 2013

21 and over £6.31

18 to 20 £5.03

16 to 17 £3.72

Apprentices under 19 years £2.68

Apprentices over 19 but in 1st year £2.68

We will of course forward a reminder letter early in September.

PAYE ONLINE SERVICES FOR EMPLOYERS

HMRC have recently stopped sending out statement of accounts upon request, they can also no longer confirm payments via telephone.

However they have provided an online services to allow employer to login and see the payments received an as we are filing the information on RTI it also includes the amount due. We have looked at this and find it to be very useful. To use

this service you need to follow the below instructions:

1. Go to the online services homepage and click 'register'
2. Click 'Register-new users', 'organisation' the 'PAYE for Employers' on the next page.
3. Read and accept the terms and conditions.
4. Enter your name and email address
5. Create a password, making sure you keep a note of it.
6. You'll be given a User ID – you also need to keep a note of this.
7. Enter your Employer PAYE ref. and your Accounts Office ref.

That's it. You need to wait for a letter in the post providing the activation code which you need to access the service for the first time.

Once Logged in you can choose the View Account option from the menu on the left side of the screen. If you have any problems with access you can contact HMRC online services helpdesk on 0845 6055 999

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