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The Payroll Bulletin is published periodically to provide CIPPS agencies guidance regarding Commonwealth payroll operations. If you have any questions about the bulletin, please call Cathy McGill at (804) 371-7800 or Email at cathy.mcgill@doa.virginia.gov.

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Agency Training Courses

CIPPS Introductory Training Courses

The Department of Accounts will offer both the CIPPS Introductory Payroll and Introductory Leave Accounting training courses April 12 – 15, 2015. A brief description of the introductory training courses and related dates and location is outlined below. Please review the information and complete the registration for the course you or your staff would like to attend.

To sign up for this class, please go to https://covkc.virginia.gov and follow the instructions for registering. The registration deadline is April 1st.

Go to Learning Center > Course Catalog > Keyword: DOA, CIPPS, CIPPS Leave
If for any reason you cannot attend either class after enrolling, be sure to remove your name so others may attend.

For questions concerning registration for these training courses, please contact Jane Kearney at 804-225-3181.

Class Information

Due to the interactive on-line requirements, the classes will be held in the DOA Training Room and are limited to 16 students. Therefore we ask that agencies do not sign up numerous employees for the same class. Also, it is imperative that attendees have keyboard experience and should have spent some time navigating through the CIPPS screens. If you are not directly responsible for processing but oversee the function you can contact State Payroll Operations (payroll@doa.virginia.gov) to discuss the option to audit the class without hands-on access. The courses are not open to the General Public.

Be sure to bring the current version of the training manual(s) from the web. Copies will not be furnished.
Agency Training Courses, continued

Interactive CIPPS Introductory Training

The Interactive CIPPS Introductory Payroll/Leave Training courses accommodate agency personnel who have limited CIPPS experience and are directly responsible for processing payroll or leave. The courses will follow a lecture/on-line example format with the lecture focused on CAPP topic material.

CIPPS Introductory Payroll

All attendees are required to bring the current version of the Introductory CIPPS Training Manual (Modules 1 – 10) dated March 2016 to class. Copies will not be furnished. To print the training manual go to:


Course Format: On-site Lecture/Data Entry Example Completion

Course Length: Three full days (8:45 AM to 4:45 PM each day)

Date Offered: April 12 – 14, 2016

Course Locations: DOA Training Room - 2nd Floor, James Monroe Bldg.

Targeted Audience: Agency personnel who have not previously attended formal CIPPS Payroll training or would benefit from a review of this material and are directly responsible for processing payroll.

Please review the following Power Point presentation found on the following link prior to class. Be sure to read each slide and the notes at the bottom. Bring any questions to class.


Course Synopsis: Day 1 - New Hires/Employee Set-up and Maintenance. Day 2 – Deductions; Garnishments overview; Time and Attendance, Special Payments; Manual Pay adjustments. Day 3 – PAT; Reportline; Error Corrections; Edit/Pay Requests; Payroll Reconciliations

Maximum Attendees: 16 students
Agency Training Courses, continued

CIPPS Introductory Leave

Course Format: On-site Lecture/Data Entry Example Completion

Course Length: One full day (8:45 AM to 4:45 PM)

Date Offered: April 15, 2016

Course Location: DOA Training Room - Second Floor, James Monroe Building

Targeted Audience: Agency personnel who have not previously attended formal CIPPS Leave training and are directly responsible for Leave Accounting.

Leave Manual: Attendees are required to bring a copy of the most recent CIPPS-Leave training manual dated March 2016. Copies will not be furnished. To print the training manual go to:


Maximum Attendees: 16 students

Developing a Basic In-House Training Program

Some agencies have numerous leave (possibly payroll) processors across the state to accommodate a widely decentralized operational base. In lieu of sending individuals to the semi-annual CIPPS training provided by the Department of Accounts in Richmond, it is highly recommended that these agencies establish in-house training programs. Such training programs should include basic keyboard navigation, CIPPS screen navigation, commonly used function (PF) keys, a review of Federal and State regulations and policies as deemed appropriate, and a discussion of common data-entry situations. While CIPPS training files cannot be made available for hands-on data entry, the training manuals are available online at DOA’s website to aid in the discussion.

If your agency is considering developing an in-house training program and would like input from DOA’s trainers, please contact us at payroll@doa.virginia.gov.