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Minnesota logging industry: Qualified employer annual report, rebate

To whom it may concern:

Minnesota law requires qualified logging-industry employers to file an annual report of the total amount of payroll dollars for loggers in the preceding year with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry commissioner. Qualified employers meeting the requirements are then allocated a cash rebate in a proportionate amount of the reported payroll dollars. Rebates will be issued no later than June 1, 2026. For more information, contact Chester Teich at 651-284-5246 or chester.teich@state.mn.us.

You are receiving this letter because your logging-industry company had reported as a qualified employer in the past or because you have been identified as a logging-industry employer that may fit the statutory definition of a qualified employer.

Minnesota Statutes 176.130 defines a qualified employer as "a self-employed logger, or an employer of a logger, who has paid a premium for workers' compensation insurance coverage for the preceding calendar year and who has attended, or whose logger employees have attended, in the preceding calendar year, at least one safety seminar sponsored by or approved by the commissioner" of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

Instructions

1. Complete the form attached to this letter.
 - a. Wages reported for employees must be classified as loggers for workers' compensation insurance purposes **and** the employees must have attended a safety seminar during the previous calendar year. Seminar attendance will be verified with the Minnesota Logger Education Program (MLEP).
2. If you are claiming loggers' wages higher than your logger's insurance coverage, provide a letter of explanation for the variance.
3. Include proof that your workers' compensation insurance included coverage for worker classification 2702-Loggers. The proof **must include the coverage amount**. This information is available in your workers' compensation insurance policy. Examples of proof include: state premium calculation reports; commercial general liability coverage part declarations; workers' compensation schedules; or schedules of classification.
4. Submit the completed report and attachment via email to Chester Teich at chester.teich@state.mn.us or by mail to: Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Financial Services, 443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155.

5. Reports must be received or postmarked no later than **Feb. 15, 2026**. Late reports will not be eligible for a rebate (see Minnesota Statutes 176.130, subdivision 6). Under no circumstances will filing extensions be granted.
6. Reports with missing information will not be accepted and will be returned. Resubmissions will only be accepted if they are received no later than Feb. 15, 2026 (see Minnesota Rules 5222.3006, subpart 3).
7. Wages reported may be shared or verified with your workers' compensation insurer (see Minnesota Statutes 176.130, subdivision 5b).

Wages paid to loggers from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2025

Contact information	
Name of person completing this form:	Position or title:
Phone number of person completing this form:	Owner's name:
Federal employer identification number (FEIN):	State identification number:
Workers' compensation insurer:	
Policy number:	Policy dates (from and to):

Complete or make any changes to the name and address above directly on the mailing label.

List wages paid to loggers and safety seminars attended during the 2025 calendar year. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Loggers and safety seminars attended			
Employee name	Seminar date	Seminar location (city)	Gross wages
Total gross wages			