The following is a compendium of the payroll office letters issued during the 1996 calendar year. If you find that your payroll office did not receive any of these letters and you would like a copy of the missing letters(s), please contact us.

The 1996 Payroll Office Letters are also available in OPM Mainstreet for downloading. Instructions on accessing the Payroll Office Forum can be found in Payroll Office Letter 95-02. Please note: the Retirement and Insurance Services Forum is now accessed by selecting "A" in the Forums Menu instead of "J."

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Enclosure
P-96-01 provided guidance in processing Retirement, Health Benefits, and Life Insurance withholdings and contributions for employees affected by the lapse in appropriations that began on December 15, 1995.

P-96-02 provided a compendium of 1995 Payroll Office Letters.

P-96-03 contained instructions for the March 1996 Headcount.

P-96-04 served as an additional reminder for employing agencies to remit to the CSRDF $80 for each employee covered by the CSRS and FERS on March 31, 1996, as required by the Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-226).

P-96-05 provided notification of the abolishment of the 4-day rule and its replacement by new rules governing withholdings and contributions for the FEHB and the FEGLI programs.

P-96-06 provided information on elections of retirement coverage by employees of nonappropriated fund instrumentalities.

P-96-07 provided instructions for the September 1996 Headcount.

P-96-08 provided information on supplemental contributions required for voluntary separation incentive payments.

P-96-09 provided 1997 Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) premium rates and other Open Season information.

P-96-10 provided the 1997 interest rate for service credit deposits and redeposits.

P-96-11 provided background information which accompanied the Payroll Office Letter Customer Satisfaction Survey.