

Employer Readiness Environment Release Overview

Release Number: 1.7

Production Date: February 17, 2023

These Release Notes provide high-level descriptions of the remediated functionality, new and enhanced features, and known system issues with suggested workarounds that are associated with each release in the Employer Readiness Environment during Soft Launch. The Release Overview section summarizes the information related to the latest build; the Release History section which follows contains the chronology of prior release summaries.

Release 1.7 is a production release of the new Secure Employer Website. This release remediates functional deficiencies and adds enhancement features that were identified by system developers or users, and subsequently planned for this production build update.

Summary of Remediated Functionality¹

The following table summarizes the system changes implemented in Release 1.7:

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
1	'Duplicate payroll detail exists in the header, please void one of the payroll detail records' is displaying as a 'warning' type error. (Message ID 30301123)	Error message now displays as an 'informational' type error.
2	'Employer Contribution exceeds the allowed variance from the system calculated Employer Contribution' (Message ID 30301111) is displaying on records where no employment record exists.	Error message no longer displays for this condition.

¹ See Known Issues tables below which summarize the disabled or defective FR1 features during Soft Launch.

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
3	'The Base Hours and/or Classification Code are not required' is displaying when zeros are populated in the field (Message ID 30306012)	Error message no longer displays for this condition.
4	'Transaction spans multiple pay periods' displays for records with pay periods prior to 7/1/1988. (Message ID 30301360)	Error message no longer displays for this condition.
5	'Pay period service credit excessive' displays for non full time and non RWP timebases when the pay period represents greater than 1 month or spans mid month to mid month and the service credit is not excessive (Message ID 30301364).	Error message no longer displays for this condition.
6	'Special pay exists for target line' is displaying when reversing and replacing a record where a separate special pay record matches to it (Message ID 30301365).	Error message no longer displays for this condition.
7	'Negative earnings, contributions or service credit for pay period range' is displaying when service credit is not negative (Message ID 30301377). The business rule is not calculating service credit appropriately.	Business rule now calculates appropriately and error message no longer displays for this condition.
8	'Contributions alter the total contributions reported for the creditable compensation cap' is displaying due to small rounding issues (Message ID 30301250).	A ten cent tolerance has been introduced to prevent display of this error message due to the rounding issue.
9	'Service Type is invalid for member on benefit' is displaying on records where the pay period is prior to the effective date of the benefit (Message ID 30301362).	Error message no longer displays for this condition.
10	Messages cannot be found from the 'Message Board Notification Search' screen.	Messages are now displaying.

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
11	No 'Benefit Program' is selectable on the 'ESS Employer Reporting Summary Merge Maintenance' screen.	Values are now selectable in the 'Benefit Program' field.
12	'Match to previously reported data cannot be made for adjustment' is displaying when base hours field is populated for NFF formatted record and the target record was reported in OFF format and has a base hours value of blank/zero (Message ID 30301359).	Error message no longer displays for this condition.
13	Processed MR87 files are displaying a status of 'Review' instead of 'Processed' on the 'Employment Summary'.	MR87 files now displays the correct status 'Processed'.
14	Users with 'Account Receivable' contact type are unable to manually create a 'Contribution – AR' file type or account receivable detail records within the system.	Users with 'Account Receivable' contact type are now able to manually create 'Contribution – AR' file types and account receivable records.
15	'Last Compensation Date is on or after member's requested retirement date' displays after suppressing the warning for a 'Termination' transaction (Message ID 31303106).	Error message no longer displays after suppressing the warning.
16	Users are unable to select a 'Communication Type' within the 'Communication Preference' popup window for Organization Contacts. The dropdown does not display any values.	'Communication Type' now displays selectable options.
17	Users with 'Employment' contact type are unable to 'Edit' fields within the 'Demographic Information' panel or add a 'New' address within the 'Address Information' panel.	Users now have an 'Edit' button within the 'Demographic Information' panel and a 'New' button within the 'Address Information' panel.

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
18	Users with the contact types 'Leave of Absence', 'Termination', 'Reduction in School Funds', 'Sick Leave' are able to upload/post MR87 files with enrollment transactions. This should be prohibited.	MR87 files with enrollment transactions are no longer allowed for the listed contact types.
19	The 'Enroll' button does not display for users with 'Employment' contact type on the 'ESS Employer Payroll Detail Maintenance' screen.	The button now displays for users with 'Employment' contact type.
20	The 'Validate Header' button within the 'Employer Payroll Header Maintenance' screen is not visible when the 'Submit to Source' flag is set Yes for Report Sources.	The 'Validate Header' button now displays for Report Sources if 'Submit to Source' flag is Yes or No.
21	Users with 'Sick Leave' contact type are able to upload/post transaction types other than 'Sick Leave' on an Employment File.	The system now prevents transactions other than 'Sick Leave' for users with contact type 'Sick Leave'.
22	Users with 'Termination' contact type are able to upload/post transaction types other than 'Termination' on an Employment File.	The system now prevents transactions other than 'Termination' for users with contact type 'Termination'.
23	Payroll headers are randomly displayed within the 'Payroll Header' panel.	Payroll headers are now displayed in alphabetical order by Organization name.
24	A 'Marital Status' field is displaying on the 'ESS Employment Detail Maintenance' screen.	The field has been removed from the screen.
25	'Member Contributions must be less than or equal to the sum of active payment plan installment amount(s)' is displaying when the reported value is equal to or less than the payment plan installment amount.	Error message no longer displays for this condition.

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
26	Del Norte COE, Mariposa COE, San Francisco COE and Los Angeles USD do not have Report Source Organization IDs.	New Report Source Organization IDs created for Del Norte COE (08000), Mariposa COE (22000), San Francisco COE (38000) and Los Angeles USD (61999).

New / Enhanced Features

The following list summarizes the new and enhanced features in Release 1.7; Employers have the ability to:

- Filter for 'Active' or 'Inactive' users within the 'ESS Organization Contact Maintenance' screen.

Known Issues / Alternative Processes

The following table describes the known system issues and provides suggestions for alternative processing.² Please note that known issues related to business rules associated with reporting contribution detail records and the recommended action, for testing purposes only, is to void the detail records in order to continue processing the Contribution File. The Message IDs for these error messages are included with these known issues for reference purposes.

Known issues numbered 1 through 20 were originally included in [Release 1.0](#).

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
1 – Resolved 9/20/20	Compensation Cap Threshold Report takes several minutes or hours to display.	To obtain compensation cap information, users can search for Message IDs 30301373 and 30301374 from the Employer Payroll Detail Lookup screen.

² Known Issues that transition to 'resolved' status are highlighted in gray.

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
2 – Resolved 12/17/21	Defined Benefit and Cash Balance contribution detail records cannot be submitted manually.	Users must use the electronic file format to submit Defined Benefit and Cash Balance contribution detail records. Accounts Receivable detail records can be submitted manually.
3	Inability to utilize the form generation functions.	Users should not use the Employer Readiness Environment to generate CalSTRS forms since it is not yet the production environment.
4 – Resolved 3/22/21	The 'View' hyperlink in the Validation Information panel of the Employer Payroll Detail Maintenance screen does not contain the error resolutions.	Users should use the Contribution or Employment File Specifications for New File Format (NFF) error resolutions and the F496 or VDF error resolutions for current file format (now referred to as Old File Format, OFF).
5	Some system features are deferred and disabled in the Employer Readiness Environment.	<p>Users will not be able to perform the following deferred or disabled FR1 system features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online generation of pre-filled forms ▪ Ability to create and maintain Person Contact Records ▪ Select "Seasonal" Address Type ▪ Transfer and Merge Membership Account ▪ Associate cash deposits to Contribution Files ▪ Online Help ▪ Access to the Contribution Account Portal (CAP) from the Dashboard

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6 – Resolved 2/17/23	“Reopen” button on Employer Payroll Header Maintenance should not be displaying for Report Sources.	Users should avoid clicking on the “Reopen” button otherwise it will make the header unavailable to edit and submit to CalSTRS.
7 – Resolved 3/22/21	Reduced Workload Program (RWP) adjustments (transaction type = ADJS) are receiving errors. (Message ID 30301187) Note: This item and #9 are duplicates.	Contribution amounts are not being calculated correctly by the system for RWP adjustments. Users should void the detail records that error out for RWP adjustments.
8 - Resolved 3/22/21	‘Annualized Pay rate is below minimum’ is not excluding RWP retroactive pay rate increases. (Message ID 30301367)	Users should void RWP retroactive payrate increases with this error.
9 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Reported contributions exceed variance’ is not calculating correctly for RWP pay rate adjustments. (Message ID 30301187) Note: This item and #7 are duplicates.	Users should void RWP pay rate adjustments with this error.
10 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Adjustment resulting in negative balance for pay period’ is calculating the negative balance incorrectly. (Message ID 30301177)	Users should void detail records with this error when the earnings, contributions and service credit balance is zero or positive for pay period.
11 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Special Pay total is negative for fiscal year’ is calculating the negative balance incorrectly. (Message ID 30301312)	Users should void detail records with this error when the service credit balance is zero or positive for the fiscal year.
12 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Retired Activities Service Type invalid’ is not excluding disability member status. (Message ID 30301358)	Users should void detail records with this error when the member is in disabled (DA) status.
13 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Cash Balance member employment record exists for this employer’ is not excluding closed CB accounts. (Message ID 30301387)	Users should void detail records with this error if the CB account is closed.

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
14 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Match to previously reported data cannot be made for adjustment’ and ‘Match to previously reported data cannot be made for Bargained Retroactive Pay rate adjustment’ are not excluding full time base hours from matching criteria. (Messages ID 30301359 and ID 30301376, respectively)	Users should void Contribution File detail records that are adjusting previously reported F496 detail records when Full Time Base Hours is populated on the detail record and the F496 target line does not have Full Time Base Hours populated and all other fields match.
15 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Match to previously reported data cannot be made for adjustment’ and ‘Match to previously reported data cannot be made for Bargained Retroactive Pay rate adjustment’ conflict with assignment code 57 and Pay Code 8 (daily). (Messages ID 30301359 and ID 30301376, respectively)	Users should void Contribution File detail records that are adjusting previously reported F496 detail records where Assignment Code is 57 and Pay Code is 8 (daily).
16 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Annualized pay rate is prohibited’ is not excluding the pay rate field when reversing an F496 detail records with a Contribution File line with Retired Activities service type. (Message ID 30301356)	Users should void Contribution File adjustment detail records with Retired Activities Service Type that is reversing an F496 detail record and all fields match except Pay Rate.
17 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Transaction matches another transaction in the summary’ should only display when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Time Base is Reduced Workload Program (RWPM) or Full Time (FLTM) <u>and</u> Earnings type is Salary (SLRY) ▪ Service Type is Elected Officer (ELOF) (Message ID 30301283)	Users should void or suppress contribution detail records with this error that do not meet the criteria specified in the Known Issue column.

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18 – Resolved 3/22/21	'Adjustment does not match previously reported service' is not finding a match for Assignment Code 71 detail records. (Message ID 30301174)	Users should void Assignment Code 71 adjustment detail records where all applicable fields match per the matching criteria.
19 – Resolved 2/17/23	'Pay rate adjustment alters earned to earnable ratio' is not calculating correctly when overlapping pay rate adjustments exist. (Message ID 30301181)	Users should void Pay Rate adjustments when receiving this error and an existing Pay Rate adjustment detail record exists and overlaps the pay period being adjusted.
20 – Resolved 3/22/21	'Negative contributions cannot be matched for reversal' is not finding a match when Expected Pay Period and/or Pay Code is null. (Message ID 30301224)	Users should void reversal detail records with this error when Expected Pay Period and/or Pay Code is null, and all other fields match per the matching criteria.

Known issues numbered 21 through 23 were originally included in [Release 1.1](#).

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
21 – Resolved 12/17/21	A "No person match can be made" message is incorrectly displaying when the Last Name does not match CalSTRS records, but the Client ID does match. (Message ID 30301275)	Users should void the Contribution File detail records with this error when the Client ID matches CalSTRS records.
22 – Resolved 3/22/21	The Employer Payroll Detail Maintenance screen is incorrectly displaying red asterisks next to Employer Payroll Detail fields that are not required.	Users should ignore red asterisked fields unless an error message specifies the field is required.
23 – Resolved 9/20/20	The report called, "Compensation Cap Threshold Report" is taking a long time (more than 30 seconds) to generate when a single district is not selected.	When generating the report, only select one district at a time.

Known issues numbered 24 through 33 were originally included in [Release 1.2](#).

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
24 – Resolved 4/13/21	‘Pay rate increase excessive’ is not considering all prior pay period detail records. If there are multiple pay rates in the prior pay period of the reported detail record, this warning will incorrectly display if the pay rate matches a posted detail records pay rate for a prior line, but exceeds the pay rate increase threshold for another posted detail record in the same prior pay period. (Message ID 30301152)	Users should void or suppress the detail record with this warning.
25 – Resolved 4/12/21	‘Pay rate must equal earnings for positive lump-sum special pay.’ is not matching to existing detail records for negative earnings adjustments. (Message ID 30301151)	Users should void the negative earnings adjustment where all applicable fields match per the matching criteria.
26 – Resolved 6/8/2021	‘Pay rate increase excessive’ is not ignoring reversal transactions when evaluating whether a pay rate increase is excessive. (Message ID 30301152)	Users should void the detail records if they are not recognizing the companion reversal records.
27	‘Contributions alter the total contributions reported for the creditable compensation cap.’ is including non-member earnings in the creditable compensation calculation. (Message ID 30301251)	Users should void the detail records if they are including non-member earnings towards the creditable compensation cap.
28 – Resolved 3/22/21	‘Service Type is invalid for member on a benefit.’ is not correctly identifying the benefit effective date. (Message ID 30301362)	Users should void the detail records if the pay period end date is prior to the benefit effective date.

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
29 – Resolved 3/22/21	'Leave of absence cannot be reported for non-member' is not correctly identifying the membership date. (Message ID 30300202)	Users should void the detail record if the person became a member prior to the leave of absence transaction.
30 – Resolved 4/8/21	'Employment match cannot be made' is not correctly matching for Sick Leave Information transactions when a Termination transaction for the same member is on the same Employment File. (Message ID 30300179)	Users should report the Termination and Sick Leave Information on a separate Employment File or process the transactions manually.
31 – Canceled (Unable to Reproduce) 2/17/23	'Bargained Retroactive Pay Rate Adjustment is associated to a target line and must be reversed together' is identifying the incorrect detail record when multiple detail records meet the system matching criteria. (Message ID 30301406)	Users should void the detail record if there is not a retro associated to the reversal detail record.
32 – Resolved 3/22/21	'Non-member service for employee who appears to qualify for mandatory membership' is incorrectly firing after member qualified for membership, but when the detail record is for a pay period prior to when they qualified. (Message ID 30301137)	Users should void or suppress the detail record with this warning.
33 – Resolved 12/17/21	'Assignment Code changed and Pay Rate/Pay Code remained the same' is not evaluating all prior pay period lines. (Message ID 30301238)	Users should void the detail record if a prior line has the same Assignment Code and Pay Rate/Pay Code.

Known issues numbered 34 through 41 were originally included in [Release 1.3](#)

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
34 – Resolved 7/6/21	After completing a new enrollment, clicking the ‘Save and Validate’ button on the Employer Payroll Detail Maintenance screen does not clear missing employment record errors on companion detail records with the same Client ID.	Click the ‘Save and Validate’ record for each companion record with the same Client ID to clear enrollment related errors.
35 – Resolved 2/17/23	Persons who qualify for mandatory membership in June are not receiving mandatory membership qualification errors when subsequent detail records are uploaded for pay periods after June.	No alternative process exists.
36 – Resolved 4/1/21	When a Payroll Summary is submitted to CalSTRS the ‘Download Original File’ and ‘Download Processed File’ buttons in the ‘Downloadable Contributions File Extracts’ panel are no longer visible.	Download copies prior to submitting files.
37 – Resolved 1/28/21	Member/non-member accounts with no contribution reporting history cannot be found when searching for the employee.	No alternative process exists.
38 – Resolved 2/17/23	Contribution reporting history with Base Hours and Classification Code values present cannot be adjusted/reversed with the new Contribution File if the person is not AB1586/CCCC eligible.	Users should void the detail record in this instance.

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
39 – Resolved 4/12/21	Message ID 30301181 'Pay Rate adjustment alters earned to earnable ratio for the Pay Period range' is displaying when multiple candidate/target records with different pay rates are present.	Users should void the detail records in this instance.
40 – Resolved 3/10/21	Message ID 30301251 'Contributions alter the total contributions reported for the creditable compensation cap' is displaying when the IRC 401(a)(17) compensation limit has not been exceeded.	Users should void the detail records in this instance.
41 – Resolved 2/17/21	Some active Cash Balance participants show as active DB members for the same organization. As a result, Message ID 30301134 'non member service reported for a member' is displaying.	Users should void detail records in this instance.
42 – Resolved 6/11/21	The system will not store the last four digits of a zip code when an address is uploaded to the system with the Employment File and the zip code is nine digits long.	Users could manually edit each member account with the last four digits of their zip code.

Known issues numbered 43 through 53 were originally included in [Release 1.5](#).

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
43 - Resolved 4/15/22	Employment files that contain transaction types that are not allowed based on the contact type(s) enabled for the user are NOT receiving an error preventing upload of the file.	Transactions uploaded progress to 'review' status and cannot be submitted by the user.
44 - Resolved 4/15/22	Users with 'employment' contact type only do not have access to the 'enroll member' button on the employer payroll detail maintenance screen.	Users will have to navigate to the employee detail lookup screen to submit enrollment transactions.
45 - Resolved 2/23/23	Users with 'payroll' contact type only do not have access to the 'Downloadable Contribution File Extracts' panel.	Users will need to have the 'payroll and employment' contact type enabled to view the panel.

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
46 - Resolved 4/15/22	<p>The 'Errors Detail' report has several columns that are incorrect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization Code is displaying the employer who uploaded the file on every record • Member Code and Classification Code is displaying a value for Cash Balance records • Service Type values other than '01, 02, 03, 04 and 05' are displaying in the Classification Code field. • Member Code and Classification Code values are displaying for NFF contribution files. • Calculated Service Credit is displaying zero for every record. • Annualized pay rate field is blank for every record. • Message Severity is returning a blank value when the severity is 'Warning' 	No alternative process exists.
47 – Resolved 2/17/23	Employer Address File Response Report is only populating Client ID on the report.	No alternative process exists.
48	"Payment Contact" is appearing as a selectable contact type and should not be displayed.	Users should not enable or select this contact type. It does not enable any additional functionality for a user.

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
49	The breadcrumb navigation trail is not displaying on the Employer Payroll Detail Search screen.	Users should click the previous arrow icon located next to the home icon at the top right of the screen to navigate to previous screens.
50 – Resolved 2/17/23	When payroll summaries are merged, the ‘uploaded by’ column is blank and does not display ‘Merged’.	No alternative process exists.
51 – Resolved 2/17/23	Uploaded MR87 files are not displaying the ‘Download Response File’ button on the employment summary screen.	Users will need to view results of each transaction individually on the Employment Detail lookup screen.
52 – Resolved 2/17/23	‘Contribution-AR’ file displays as a selectable option in the file definition dropdown for users when they do not have contact type ‘Account Receivable’ enabled.	No alternative process exists.
53 – Resolved 2/17/23	The ‘New’ button does not display within the Address Information panel when user has ‘payroll and employment’ contact type enabled.	Users should enable the ‘employment’ contact type to display the ‘New’ button.

Known issues numbered 54 through 57 were originally included in [Release 1.6](#).

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
54 – Resolved 2/17/23	‘Match to previously reported data cannot be made for Bargained Retroactive Pay rate adjustment’ is displaying for special pay records that match a target record. (Message ID 30301376)	Users should void details records in this instance.
55	Users are able to upload/submit contribution records and employee enrollments using county office of education report source organization IDs (e.g., 01000 – Alameda COE, 02000 – Alpine COE, etc.)	Users should refrain from uploading/submitted records with these organization IDs.
56	Message ID 30301406 (CB Termination Benefit will be cancelled) is incorrectly displaying for DB contribution records where the member does not have a CB account nor a CB benefit.	Users should void details records in this instance.
57 – Resolved 2/17/23	The ‘Errors Detail’ report has is not displaying a value in the Service Type column and the Calculated Service Credit is not displaying a correct value.	No alternative process exists.

Known issues numbered 58 through 66 are identified for the first time in this release.

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
58	'Full-Time Base Hours is prohibited' is not displaying when the Base Hours field is populated for a non-AB1586/CCCC eligible member (Message ID 30301354).	No alternative process exists.
59	'Pay Rate increase excessive' is displaying when multiple matching records exist and one of them does not show an excessive increase (Message ID 30301152).	Users should suppress the warning in this instance.
60	'Pay period service credit appears excessive' is displaying for the first reported record of the fiscal year with a Time Bae of Full Time.	Users should suppress the warning in this instance.
61	'Rejected' records that are transferred to a new payroll summary display in 'Review' status even if they were all valid lines prior to rejection. Records in 'Review' status also do not display message IDs until records have been revalidated manually.	Users should revalidate rejected records manually in order to see errors associated to them or set them to 'Valid' status.
62	'Earnings must be present for {0} transaction type' (Message ID 30301386) is displaying alongside 'Reported Earnings, Member Contributions, and Employer Contributions cannot be negative for 'Regular' Payroll Detail records' (Message ID 30301239). Only Message ID 30301239 should display in this instance.	Users should address Message ID 30301239 only when both errors display for the same record.

Nbr	Known Issue	Alternative Processes
63	<p>'Invalid Assignment Code for Retired Activities Service Type or Invalid Service Type for Assignment Code 61' (Message ID 30301357) is displaying alongside 'Service Type is invalid for member on a benefit' (Message ID 30301362). Only Message ID 30301362 should display in this instance.</p>	<p>Users should address Message ID 30301362 only when both errors display for the same record.</p>
64	<p>'Service Type and Base Hours must be reported together' (Message ID 30301206) is displaying alongside 'Full-Time Base Hours is required is present' (Message ID 30301355). Only Message ID 30301355 should display in this instance.</p>	<p>Users should address Message ID 30301355 only when both errors display for the same record.</p>
65	<p>Multiple instances of 'Earnings amount in excess of the PEPRA Compensation limit. The contributions are calculated on the capped earnings of {0}' (Message ID 30301386) is displaying in the 'By Error' tab. Only one instance should display with a total number of errors.</p>	<p>No alternative process exists.</p>
66	<p>'Adjustment results in negative Earnings, Contribution or service credit balance for pay period range' (Message ID 30301177) is displaying when the target record has been transferred to DBS.</p>	<p>Users should void detail records in this instance.</p>

Release History

Release Number: 1.0

Production Date: October 7, 2019

Summary of Implemented Functionality

The following table summarizes the high-level system functions in Release 1.0 for Member Account Management:

System Functions	Function Descriptions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enroll Members (New File Format) ▪ Manage Member Information (<i>limited functions</i>) ▪ Create and Maintain Member Account 	<p>Users can submit an Employment File containing enrollment information as well as demographic data needed to establish and maintain a membership account.</p> <p>Users can submit a Match File and retrieve the response file that contains member/non-member demographic data to keep systems synchronized with information CalSTRS has for these members/non-members.</p>

The following table summarizes the high-level system functions in Release 1.0 for Employer Reporting:

System Functions	Function Descriptions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribution Reporting (New File Format) ▪ Management of Employer Organizations and Reports 	<p>Users can submit a Contribution File (Defined Benefit or Cash Balance) containing salary and contribution information as well as certain employment details related to the Defined Benefit Plan and Cash Balance Benefit Plan.</p>

New / Enhanced Features

The following list summarizes the new and enhanced features in Release 1.0; Employers have the ability to:

- Utilize System Administration features to administer their own users and reset passwords.
- Submit unlimited number of Contribution Files.
- Manually create contribution detail records to add to a Contribution File.
- Void contribution detail records from a Contribution File.
- Merge Contribution Files in the system.
- Suppress warning comments that will persist through the file merging process.
- Report Defined Benefit, Cash Balance, and Accounts Receivable transactions using a single file format.
- Create and update Cash Balance reporting schedules and contribution rates.
- No longer submit Defined Benefit companion contribution detail records when reporting Cash Balance contribution detail records.
- Update member contact information to ensure accurate member communication.
- Generate a report for outstanding adjustments.
- Submit and view Reduced Workload Program (RWP) requests through SEW.

Release Number: 1.1

Production Date: January 27, 2020

Summary of Remediated Functionality

The following table summarizes the system changes implemented in Release 1.1:

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
1	The report called, "Compensation Cap Threshold Report" was taking a long time (more than 30 seconds) to generate in the Employer Readiness Environment.	The query for the report was modified to improve performance.

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
2	When a transaction was submitted without SSN and Address, the system was incorrectly displaying an error message stating SSN is prohibited.	The code was updated so that an error message is not sent for this scenario.
3	An error message is generated when a user does not have the internal ESS user role. The message uses Kings English for the word "authorised" instead the American English version spelled "authorized."	The word was corrected from "authorised" to "authorized" in the error message.
4	When a user was switching between multiple employer organizations the screen history, or breadcrumbs, were not resetting in the Employer Readiness Environment.	For security purposes, the code was fixed to clear the cache during an Agency switch.
5	The system performs noticeably slow when registering contacts from Employers Self Service Portal.	The code was updated to improve the system's performance for this transaction.
6	The Entrust Association Email sent to contacts for registering into the External Employer Portal contains a hyperlink to the portal that is invalid.	The ESSHostName setting was updated. The new setting (https://ere.calstrs.com/) is accessible externally to CalSTRS.

New / Enhanced Features

There were no new or enhanced features in Release 1.1.

Release Number: 1.2

Production Date: September 21, 2020

Summary of Implemented Functionality

The following table summarizes the system changes implemented in Release 1.2:

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
1	Deposits were displaying in the Associate Deposits panel on the Employer Payroll Summary Detail screen that originated from other employer organizations. This panel should only display deposits originating from the logged in employer organization.	Removed deposit amounts from displaying that did not originate from the logged in employer organization.
2	"Misconduct/Criminal Offense" code/value was displaying in the Transaction Subtype field for Leave of Absence transaction types. This value was eliminated as part of the New File Format regulatory process.	Removed code/value from the Employment Detail screens.

New / Enhanced Features

The following list summarizes the new and enhanced features in Release 1.2; Employers have the ability to:

- Two new Contact Types have been added to the Organization Contact Maintenance screen
 1. *Payroll Contact – Read Only*
Allows users to view information but not execute certain functionality such as uploading files and submitting employment information (e.g., enrollments, member demographic changes, etc.).
 2. *Payroll Contact – Non Maintenance*
Allows users to upload files but not submit employment information (e.g., enrollments, member demographic changes, etc.)
- The outbound Match File has been updated to include the entire nine-digit social security number (SSN) and exclude the "Member Type End Date" and "Status Effective Date" data fields.

Release Number: 1.3

Production Date: March 22, 2021

Summary of Implemented Functionality

The following table summarizes the system changes implemented in Release 1.3:

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
1	The Annualized Pay Rate column within the Membership Account Transaction Maintenance screen, under the Account Transaction By Fiscal Year panel was displaying an inflated amount by summing the annualized pay rate reported per record for the fiscal year.	The Annualized Pay Rate Column within the Membership Account Transaction Maintenance screen displays the correct value.
2	Service Type Other Retirement System Service (ORSS) had an incorrect code value of ORSE.	Code value is now set to ORSS.
3	CalSTRS Alternative Retirement Program non-members are incorrectly receiving message ID 'non-member service reported for member' errors on uploaded F496 records.	CalSTRS Alternative Retirement Program non-members are excluded from business rule 30301134.
4	When logging into the ERE and providing the incorrect password users were receiving a message that says 'We'll be back shortly. Performing system maintenance'. instead of a message saying the email and/or password is invalid.	When logging into the ERE and providing the incorrect password users now receive a message saying the email and/or password is invalid.
5	Enrollment transactions were receiving message ID 30300094 'More than one person exists with the same name and birth date under different tax id's. Transaction not processed. Verify tax id and resubmit transaction with valid tax id' when no match existed.	Enrollment transactions only receive Message ID 30300094 when two or more matches are identified.
6	Message ID 30301181 'pay rate adjustment alters earned to earnable ratio' was incorrectly displaying for hourly/daily pay rates.	Message ID 30301181 no longer displays incorrectly for hourly/daily pay rates.

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
7	Employee Match File was not returning response file records.	Employee Match File now returns response file records.
8	Message ID 30301312 'Special Pay total is negative for fiscal year' was displaying on records that do not require an Earnings Type value.	Message ID 30301312 no longer displays on records that do not required an Earnings Type.

New / Enhanced Features

The following list summarizes the new and enhanced features in Release 1.3; Employers have the ability to:

- Send and receive Secure Messages
 - Enhanced search options
 - Attach documents with specific taxonomy options
- Upload member and employer specific documents
 - View employer specific documents
- Receive a workflow request
 - Receive request for adjustments (P&I Notification Date automated)
 - Receive request to verify suppressed warnings
 - Receive request to provide supporting documentation

Release Number: 1.4

Production Date: December 17, 2021

Summary of Implemented Functionality

The following table summarizes the system changes implemented in Release 1.4:

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
1	When adding new organization contacts, upon selecting the save button, the screen refreshes and navigates back to the previous page with the list of all organization contacts.	Upon selecting the save button, the screen remains on the user being created and displays the register button.

Nbr	System Deficiency Description	Resolution
2	Incorrect Msg ID 30300005 displaying when enrollment has missing/blank gender value.	Correct Msg ID 30300084 is now displaying when enrollment has missing/blank gender value.
3	Msg ID 30301283 message description misspelled (i.e., Transaction matches another...).	Msg ID 30301283 message description misspelling corrected (i.e., Transaction matches another...).
4	Employment record dropdown control on Employment Detail Maintenance screen is displaying erroneously displaying DBS and DB employment records.	Employment record dropdown control on Employment Detail Maintenance screen only displays DB employment records.
5	Termination transaction not processing/posting when last name field is blank.	Termination transactions now process/post when last name field is blank.
6	Annualized Pay Rate field does not display on Membership Account Transaction Detail screen.	Annualized Pay Rate field now displays on Membership Account Transaction Detail screen.
7	Pay Period Begin and End fields display as if they are editable text boxes when a report unit is viewing contributions records uploaded by a report source.	Pay Period Begin and End fields display as uneditable text boxes.
8	Msg ID 30300315 (no contact information has been provided to change) erroneously displaying when changing the email address field value via an employment file.	Msg ID 30300315 (no contact information has been provided to change) no longer displays when changing the email address field value via an employment file.

New / Enhanced Features

The following list summarizes the new and enhanced features in Release 1.4; Employers have the ability to:

- Download an 'Errors Detail Report' for every uploaded Defined Benefit and Cash Balance contribution file.

- The report is located on the 'Employer Payroll Summary Maintenance' screen in the 'Downloadable Contribution File Extracts' panel.
- Contains all fields reported on the file as well as error ID and description for all records marked with error type 'error', 'warning' or 'informational'.
- Report is available in Microsoft Excel format.
- New "Uploaded By" field shows the Organization ID and name that uploaded a DB or CB contribution file. This new field displays within the 'Search Results' panel on the 'Employer Payroll Summary Search' screen.
- New user 'Contact Types' have been added and existing 'Contact Types' have been renamed or removed. The following is a list of the contact types and descriptions:
 - Account Receivable – Allows user to upload/submit 'Contribution-AR File' file type.
 - Administrator – Manages user access and permissions.
 - Benefit – Currently not used, does not enable any user permissions.
 - Employment – Allows user to upload/submit all enrollment related transactions and contact information change transactions.
 - Leave of Absence – Allows user to upload/submit Leave of Absence transactions only (i.e., Leave of Absence and Leave of Absence Return)
 - Payroll – Allows user to upload DB and/or CB contribution file types.
 - Payroll and Employment – Allows user to upload DB and/or CB contribution file types and upload/submit all employment related transactions (i.e., MR87, Employment File and associated manual transactions).
 - Read Only – Prevents user from submitting any transactions or file types to CalSTRS or updating payroll/employment data through the system.
 - Reduction in School Funds - Allows user to upload/submit Reduction in School Funds transactions only.
 - Sick Leave - Allows user to upload/submit Sick Leave transactions only.
 - Superintendent/Chancellor – Users receive notifications of delinquent contribution files.

- Termination - Allows user to upload/submit Termination transactions only.
- New Organization IDs have been created for county office of educations users (i.e., 01000 = Alameda County Office of Education, 02000 = Alpine County Office of Education, etc.)

Release Number: 1.5

Production Date: February 11, 2022

Summary of Implemented Functionality

No new functionality nor features were implemented.

Release Number: 1.6

Production Date: April 15, 2022

Summary of Implemented Functionality

No new functionality nor features were implemented.