DO YOU KNOW THESE FACTS ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL WAGE (AW) CEILING?

MYTHS



There is no ceiling on the amount of AW that attracts CPF contributions.

FACTS



There is an AW Ceiling. It is the maximum amount of AW subject to CPF contributions for an employee. Employers are required to apply for a refund on CPF contributions made above the AW Ceiling.

The maximum amount of AW that attracts CPF contributions is \$102,000.



The AW Ceiling is derived from a formula that is calculated as follows:

*\$102,000 *less* Total Ordinary Wages (OW) that is CPF payable for the entire year.



Since the maximum monthly OW that attracts CPF is 6,000, the AW Ceiling should be capped at 330,000 per employee in a year (i.e. $102,000 - ($6,000 \times 12 months)$).

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The AW Ceiling is not capped at \$30,000 if an employee's monthly OW is lesser than \$6,000. Based on the formula above, the employee's AW Ceiling will be higher than \$30,000.

The AW Ceiling is calculated on a monthly basis.



The AW Ceiling is calculated on an annual basis from January to December. Employers may use the projected OW in the current year to estimate the AW Ceiling.

*Based on prevailing OW Ceiling of \$6,000 x 17 months.