To pay employees, you must:

1. **Identify payroll deadlines** [3] for each payroll cycle using our payroll calendars.
2. Collect, enter and approve employees' time. [4]
3. Review the status of employees' pay [4] and correct any pay errors [5].

The three payroll cycles are:

**Monthly**

1. **Find your employees' time-entry deadlines**
   
   Please refer to your campus' payroll calendar for deadlines.
   

2. **Find your time approval deadline**
   
   Please refer to your campus' payroll calendar for deadlines.
   
   Review Payroll Production Calendars [7]

3. **Collect, enter and approve employees' time**
   
   Collect and Enter Time [4]

**Biweekly**

Biweekly paydays generally fall on Fridays. The reporting period for this cycle runs from the beginning of each two-week cycle through its end.

1. **Find your employees' time-entry deadlines**
   
   Please refer to your campus' payroll calendar for deadlines.
   

2. **Identify your time approval deadline**
   
   Please refer to your campus' payroll calendar for deadlines.
   
   Review Payroll Production Calendars [3]
3. **Collect, enter and approve employees' time**
   
   **Collect and Enter Time** [4]

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**Off-cycle**

If you miss the above deadlines, you must enter time for payment on the off-cycle period. This cycle pays employees each Friday.

1. To pay employees on the off cycle, you must enter their time into HCM by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

   **Step-by-Step: Manually Entering Reported Time** [8]
   
   *Note: You must ensure the "off cycle" option is selected.*

2. If you manage employees who don't use My Leave:

   **Step-by-Step: Uploading CU Regular Earnings Files** [9]
   
   *Note: Enter "Y" into the "off cycle" field of the CU Time Regular Earnings Template* [10].

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**Valid reasons for using the off-cycle payroll**

- late entry, or approval of hire or job changes
- incorrect entry of job data
- hours or amounts not entered or approved before payroll is processed (If this data is entered but not approved, users must go back and check the "off cycle" box.)
- late hire of employees
- late Social Security number obtained by an international employee

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Check out the payroll cycle infographic [11] for reminders, tips and resources for each step of the process.

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**Source URL:** https://www.cu.edu/hcm-community/pay-employees

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**Links**

[1] https://www.cu.edu/hcm-community/pay-employees
[8] https://www.cu.edu/docs/sbs-manually-entering-reported-time