871—22.1(96) Records to be kept by the employer.

22.1(1) Each employing unit having employment performed for it shall maintain records to show the information hereinafter indicated. Such records shall be kept in such form and manner that it will be possible from an inspection thereof to obtain the facts necessary to determine what remuneration was made by the employing unit and what remuneration is reportable to the department. Such records shall be open to inspection and be subject to be copied by the department and its authorized representatives at any reasonable time. Such records shall be kept for a period of five years after the calendar year in which the remuneration to which they relate was paid or, if not paid, was due.

22.1(2) Such records shall show with respect to each employee, unless the department has ruled that the particular service does not constitute employment:

a. Name of worker.

b. Social security account number.

c. Date on which employee was hired, rehired, or returned to work after a temporary layoff, and the date separated from work and the reason therefor.

d. Scheduled hours except for workers without a fixed schedule of hours, such as those working outside of the employer’s establishment in such a manner that the employer has no definite knowledge of their working hours.

e. Total wages paid for employment in each period and the date of payment. For all pay periods ending in each quarter show separately: money wages, the cash value of other remuneration such as any special payment for services such as wages in lieu of notice, bonuses, gifts, prizes, and the nature of payments such as accounts paid to employees as allowance or reimbursement for traveling and other business expenses, and the amounts of such expenditures actually incurred and accounted for by the employees.

f. The state or states in which the services are performed; and if any of such services are performed outside of this state and are not incidental to the service within the state, the base of operations (or if there is no base of operations then the place from which such services are directed or controlled) and the residence (by state), and the name of the county in Iowa in which services were performed.

g. When the pay period covers services performed both in covered employment and in excluded work, show the hours and wages for covered employment under the Iowa employment security law, hereinafter referred to as the “Act,” and also show hours and wages for excluded work.

h. The physical work site at which each employee worked during each pay period which includes the twelfth of each month. If an employee worked at more than one work site, the work site at which the majority of the work was performed should be the one of record.

22.1(3) Such payroll records may be preserved by the employer in microfilm form, provided the employer:

a. Keeps a microfilm viewer available, and

b. Is willing to transcribe any information that may be required by the department.

22.1(4) Maintenance of records by out-of-state employing units. Any employing unit having its principal place of business outside of Iowa shall maintain payroll records in this state with respect to wages paid to employees who perform some service in this state; provided, however, that an out-of-state employing unit may, with the approval of the department, maintain such payroll records outside the state upon its understanding that it will, when requested so to do, furnish the department with a true and correct copy of such payroll records. Failure to maintain said records in Iowa as required may result in estimated reports and payroll listings being made by the department. See 871—subrule 23.59(2).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 96.11(6) “a.”