

1. Weekly Payroll

- **Period length:** 7 days
 - **Period end date:** Always the same day of the week (e.g., Sunday–Saturday, with Saturday as the period end).
 - **Check frequency:** 52 times a year.
 - **Example:** If the period ends on **Saturday, August 17th**, the paycheck might be issued the following **Friday, August 23rd**.
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2. Biweekly Payroll

- **Period length:** 14 days (2 weeks)
 - **Period end date:** Every other week on the same day (e.g., always Saturday).
 - **Check frequency:** 26 times a year.
 - **Example:** If the period runs **Sunday, Aug 4 – Saturday, Aug 17**, the paycheck might be issued on **Friday, Aug 23rd**.
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3. Semi-Monthly Payroll

- **Period length:** Half a month (1st–15th, and 16th–end of month)
- **Period end date:** Always on the **15th** and the **last day of the month**.
- **Check frequency:** 24 times a year.
- **Example:**
 - Period 1: **Aug 1 – Aug 15**, paid on **Aug 20**.
 - Period 2: **Aug 16 – Aug 31**, paid on **Sep 5**.

(Notice that the period end date is tied to the calendar, not a day of the week.)

4. Monthly Payroll

- **Period length:** One full calendar month.
 - **Period end date:** Always the **last day of the month**.
 - **Check frequency:** 12 times a year.
 - **Example:** **Aug 1 – Aug 31** is the pay period, with payday on **Sep 5**.
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✓ Key Difference:

- **Weekly/Biweekly** → Pay period end dates always fall on the same day of the week.
- **Semi-Monthly/Monthly** → Pay period end dates always fall on specific dates in the month (15th, last day, or last day only).