


OREGON ACCOUNTING MANUAL		
 STATEWIDE POLICY	NUMBER 01.05.00	SUPERSEDES 01.05.00 dated 01/22/2018
	EFFECTIVE DATE 01/01/2025	PAGE NUMBER Pages 1 of 3
Division Chief Financial Office	REFERENCE/AUTHORITY ORS 291.015 ORS 291.040 ORS 293.590 ORS 293.600	
Policy Owner Office of the State Controller		
SUBJECT Introduction: Scope and Applicability	APPROVED SIGNATURE <i>Kate Nass, Chief Financial Officer</i> <i>Approval on file</i>	

PURPOSE

This policy provides the scope and applicability of the Oregon Accounting Manual.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all state agencies included in the State's annual financial statements, except for those agencies specifically exempted as noted in the paragraphs below.

FORMS/EXHIBITS/INSTRUCTIONS

None.

DEFINITIONS

Click here for [definitions](#).

EXCLUSIONS AND SPECIAL SITUATIONS

None.

POLICY:

Purpose and Scope of the Oregon Accounting Manual

- .101 In Chapter 291 and 293 of the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is charged with directing and controlling the accounting of state government fiscal operations. DAS is responsible for establishing and maintaining systems of accounting for state government and for prescribing the principles, standards, and requirements of those systems to be used by state agencies. Many controls are directly built in to the Statewide Financial Management Application (SFMA) operated by the Office of the State Controller, which is within the Chief Financial Office. The Oregon Accounting Manual (OAM) provides a comprehensive set of policies and procedures to assist state fiscal managers with analyzing, processing, and reporting financial transactions in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), federal regulations, and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at DAS establishes statewide policies in the OAM primarily to:

- a. Ensure consistency in the application of generally accepted accounting principles;
 - b. Provide guidance for agencies to establish and monitor sound internal controls to protect the state's assets;
 - c. Support the coordination of accurate financial reporting and adequate financial disclosure;
 - d. Promote compliance with applicable state statutes and certain federal regulations;
 - e. Provide guidance on the proper use of SFMA along with the proper use and necessary controls in the applicable payroll portions of Workday; and
 - f. Promote efficient financial management through the provision of useful reference materials and standardized forms.
- .102 Each agency head is responsible to ensure compliance with state statutes applicable to the agency. The OAM does not, and is not intended to, describe or duplicate the requirements of all state statutes of a fiscal nature.
- .103 When agencies develop internal procedures to implement standards or guidelines contained in the OAM, those procedures should be consistent with OAM provisions. Agencies may, at their discretion, adopt procedures that are more restrictive than the requirements of the OAM.
- .104 If any provisions of OAM policies or procedures conflict with bargaining agreements, the provisions of bargaining agreements would supersede OAM guidance.

State Agencies Subject to Oregon Accounting Manual Provisions

- .105 As used in ORS 291.015 (defined in ORS 291.002), "state agency" means every state officer, board, commission, department, institution, branch or agency of the state government, whose costs are paid wholly or in part from funds held in the State Treasury (including funds held in trust by an agency), except the Legislative Assembly, the courts and their officers and committees, the Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer. Thus, this definition serves to indicate that the Legislative Assembly, the courts and their officers and committees, the Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer are exempt from the provisions of the OAM. Furthermore, ORS 293.590, which charges DAS with directing and controlling the accounting of state government, is applicable to the Legislative Assembly, the courts and their officers and committees, the Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer only at their option.
- .106 The provisions of the OAM are not applicable to public universities with governing boards (University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University, and Oregon Institute of Technology), which are component units of the State, as per ORS 352.138.
- .107 The provisions of the OAM are not applicable to the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), a component unit of the State, as per ORS 353.100.
- .108 The provisions of the OAM are not applicable to the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation (SAIF Corporation), a component unit of the State, as per ORS 656.753.
- .109 The Travel Information Council is not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as per ORS 377.836.
- .110 The Commodity Commissions are not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as per ORS 576.311.

- .111 The Oregon Film and Video Office is not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as per ORS 284.375.
- .112 The Oregon Tourism Commission is not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as per ORS 284.118.
- .113 Oregon Corrections Enterprises is not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as per ORS 421.352.
- .114 The State Fair Council, a component unit of the State, is not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as per ORS 565.456.
- .115 Semi-independent state agencies that are not part of the State's reporting entity (meaning, are not required to be included in the State's annual financial statements) are not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as per ORS 182.460.
- .116 The Oregon Utility Notification Center is not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as per ORS 757.552
- .117 Agencies that are exempt from the provisions of the OAM, but are included in the State's reporting entity (meaning, are required to be included in the State's annual financial statements), are responsible to follow applicable IRS requirements and federal regulations as well as maintain accurate accounting records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to allow Statewide Accounting and Reporting Services (SARS) to complete the annual financial reports of the State of Oregon. Such agencies are required to submit annual financial reports and disclosure information as requested by SARS.
- .118 Agencies that are not subject to the provisions of the OAM, as noted in this policy, are nevertheless responsible to follow specific state statutes and federal regulations applicable to them.
- .119 Unless specifically exempted by statute (either in general or for specific topic areas within the OAM), all other state agencies not noted in paragraph .105 through .116 above must follow the provisions of the OAM.

Exceptions to Oregon Accounting Manual Policies

- .120 Unless otherwise noted in a specific OAM policy or procedure, any requests for exception to OAM policies should be directed (in writing) to the State Chief Financial Officer. Policy exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Approved exceptions should be kept on file by the agency for documentation and audit purposes. Exception requests must include the following:
 - a. The specific OAM policy number(s) and paragraph(s) the request applies to;
 - b. Justification of the reason(s) for the exception; and
 - c. Length of time the exception would be necessary.
- .121 From time to time, OAM policies may be temporarily superseded by Governor's Executive Orders or directives that are implemented on a statewide basis (e.g., temporary restrictions on non-travel business meals).

OREGON ACCOUNTING MANUAL		Number 01.10.00.PO
Oregon Department of Administrative Services State Controller's Division	Policy	Effective Date July 1, 2001
Chapter	Introduction	.1 OF .2
Part	Roles and Responsibilities	
Section		Approval

Authority **ORS 293.265**
ORS 293.590
ORS 297.120
ORS 297.210

Agency Management

- .101 Management of each state agency has front-line responsibility for the accuracy and adequacy of its accounting and financial reporting. This manual provides policies and procedures to follow in performing accounting functions. There are also several state agencies or divisions that provide services associated with accounting, as described in the following paragraphs.

State Controller's Division

- .102 The State Controller's Division consists of five functions: Statewide Financial Management Services (SFMS), Statewide Accounting and Reporting Services (SARS), Oregon State Payroll Services, Shared Client Services and Statewide Revenue Support Services. While all these functions provide accounting related services, SFMS and SARS are most involved in providing assistance to state agencies and accountants.
- .103 SFMS is responsible for the operation of the State's accounting system. They provide operational control and support for **R*STARS** and **ADPICS**. They are responsible for system design and enhancement, and provide control over changes to the tables and profiles.
- .104 Each state agency using R*STARS has an assigned SFMS analyst. The analyst is available to answer questions about the accounting system and assist with locating appropriate transaction codes or accounts. The analyst will also assist with establishing new agencies, funds, and profiles within the accounting system.
- .105 SARS is responsible for the statewide development and coordination of accounting, financial reporting and fiscal management policies and procedures in accordance with **generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)**, federal regulations, and state laws. They also provide formal training on accounting and reporting matters to agency accountants. SARS coordinates the State's year end closing process and prepares **Oregon's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**.
- .106 Each state agency has an assigned SARS analyst. SARS analysts provide professional assistance and consultation on accounting matters to state agencies.

- .107 SARS manages the computer security function for the State's financial systems. They also manage the SCD Accounting DataMart, a database of accounting data available to agency fiscal personnel for ad hoc reporting or researching transactions.

State Treasury

- .108 The State Treasury is the central bank for state agencies. State agencies are required by law to deposit their moneys with the Treasury. Treasury processes checks and warrants and provides an automated banking system. Treasury also issues the State's debt, and manages the State's investments.

Secretary of State Audits Division

- .109 The Audits Division is responsible for auditing the books and records of the State's agencies. It audits the state's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards annually. It also conducts financial and other audits of State agencies and functions, and is responsible for the investigation of losses of public funds.

Budget and Management Division

- .110 The Budget and Management Division (BAM) of the Department of Administrative Services prepares the Governor's Recommended Budget, which is the starting point for establishing the State's biennial budget. It also monitors agency spending to assure budgets are not exceeded, and coordinates financing of capital construction. Each state agency has an assigned BAM analyst who will assist them with budget matters.

OAM Maintenance

- .111 The responsibility for maintenance of the Oregon Accounting Manual (OAM) lies with SARS. All revisions to the manual must be approved by SARS and signed by the State Controller.
- .112 SARS will review the OAM annually and update it as necessary. They will also revise the OAM as appropriate when new accounting standards are issued, and when the State adopts new policies that affect accounting and financial reporting. Draft revisions will be posted on the SCD web site for agency review and comment prior to finalization.