



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RULEMAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSE

Summary Memo for OAR 291-048

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Summary Memo

As a result of comments received during the public comment period, deleted language in OAR 291-048-0290(7)(e), which was inadvertently deleted, was restored.

Comments

The public comment period was open from May 26, 2026 to July 20, 2026. The department received two total comments in writing during the public comment period. One of the comments was received via postal mail and the other comment was received via email.

Comments are presented below in no particular order. A copy of comments that were received via email or postal mail are attached at the end of the document.

J. Nofziger, Department of Corrections – May 28, 2026, via email

Summary of Comment: The commenter requested that language previously found in OAR 291-048-0290(7) be restored. The commenter noted that the provision stating that adults in custody must appear but cannot be compelled to provide testimony was removed in the draft rule. The commenter asked that this language be added back to ensure the rule continues to recognize an adult in custody's right to refuse to testify.

Agency Response: The agency will restore this language to ensure the rule continues to recognize an adult in custody's right to refuse to testify while still requiring appearance as part of the process.

AIC K. Shaffer – June 11, 2026, via postal mail

Summary of Comment: The commenter requested that the term "inmate" be changed to "adult in custody" in the following OARs: 291-048, 291-047, 291-039, and 291-119. The commenter also requested the term "qualify" to be changed to "quality" in OAR 291-119.

Agency Response: The proposed amendments to OAR 291-048 already include updating the term "inmate" to "adult in custody." The additional requested terminology changes in OAR 291-047, 291-039, and 291-119 cannot be addressed through this rulemaking, as those rules are not open for public comment and the suggested revisions are outside the scope of the changes proposed in OAR 291-048.

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Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 2:34:40 PM
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This piece needs to be added back into rule 291-048-0290(7):



An AIC must appear, but they cannot be required to provide testimony.

Thank you,
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If you have any questions or notice any issues, please let me know. If your position has changed and you are no longer the person to whom these notices are sent, please let me

know.

Thank you, as always, for your assistance with this,
Julie

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AIC COMMUNICATION FORM

TO: J. Vaughn, Agency Rules Coordinator Date: 6/10/2026

State your issue in detail: OAR 291-048: Change term "Inmate" to "Adult in Custody"

291-048-0200: (2), (3), (a), (b) | 291-048-0210: (1), (2), (4), (6), (7), (8), (10), (12b), (14),
291-048-0220: (1A, 1B), 291-048-0230: (1), (1b), (2), (3), (5), 291-048-0240: (1), (3), 291-048-
291-048-0250: (1), (1b), (1d), (2), 291-048-0260: (1a), (1b), (1c), (1c^d), (1E), (1e), (1eA, 1eB), (1f),
(1g), (2a, 2c), 291-048-0270: (1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d), (2, 2b, 2d), (3c, 3e), (4, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4A, 4B)
291-048-0280: (1, 1a, 1c), (2, 2b, 2d), (3c, 3e), (4, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4dA, 4dB), OAR 291-048-0290:
(1a, 1b), (5a, 5B, 5Bb), (6, 6a, 6c), (7, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f), (8a), (9bA), (10), (10a, 10b), 291-048-0300:
(1), (4), (5), 291-048-0310: (2), (3), (4), (4a, 4b), (5, 5b), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12a, 12b)
291-048-0320: (1), (2), (3), 291-048-0330: (1), (2), (3), 291-047-0005: (2, 3), 291-047-0115
(1, 2, 3), 291-047-0110: (2), (3), (D), 0120: (1, 3), 0061: (1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 9, 10), 291-047-0090: (2a), 291-047-0075: (1, 2, 4)
291-047-0105: (1), (4), 291-047-0070: (1, 2), 291-047-0080: (1, 2, 4), 291-047-0085: (1, 2, 3, 7), 291-047-0095: (1, 2), 291-047-0021:
(1, 2, 3), 291-047-110: (1, 2), 291-039-0005: (2), 291-039-0010: (1, 9), 291-039-0015: (1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 16a, c)
291-119-0005: (2, 3) Typo change "qualify" to "quality", 291-119-0010, 291-119-0015: (1, 2, 3), 291-119-
0020: (1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4, 5), 291-119-0025, 291-119-0027(1).

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Response/Action Taken: _____

Date Received: _____ Referred To*: _____

Date Answered: _____ Signature of Staff Member: _____

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