

2021 Oregon corporation excise and income tax credits



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Check the appendices of Forms OR-20, OR-20-INC, OR-20-INS, or OR-20-S for the codes to claim any of the excise or income tax credits shown below. Taxpayers must take the full amount of a credit allowed per year. ORS 314.078.

Credit information				
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Agriculture workforce housing: Loans for construction or rehabilitation of agricultural workforce housing in Oregon. The credit is equal to 50 percent of the costs for projects completed in tax years after 2001; no more than 20 percent of that amount is allowed in any one year over a 10-year period. On or after January 1, 2005, eligible taxpayers may transfer all or any portion of their credit to another taxpayer. See certifying agency's website for transfer information.	ORS 315.164, 315.169	9 years	Yes	150-101-163
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For projects started and completed in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990 and before January 1, 2026.		Annual certification is required for projects completed after December 31, 1995. Certified by Oregon Housing and Community Services; 503-986-2000; or www.oregon.gov/ohcs .	
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Biomass production or collection (for carry forward purposes only): The credit is available to agricultural producers and biomass collectors for the production or collection of biomass that is to be used in Oregon as biofuel or to produce biofuel. The credit is based on the amount or quantity of biomass transferred to a biofuel producer during the tax year. This credit may be transferred to an Oregon taxpayer. See <i>Transfer Notice for Certain Credits</i> , 150-101-179.	ORS 315.141, 315.144	4 years	Yes	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007 and before January 1, 2018.		Certified by Oregon Department of Energy; 800-221-8035; www.oregon.gov/energy .	
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Bovine manure production or collection (for carry forward purposes only): The credit equals \$3.50 for each wet ton of bovine manure and may only be claimed once for each wet ton of bovine manure.	ORS 315.176	4 years	Yes	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and before January 1, 2022.		Certificate issued by Oregon Department of Agriculture; 503-986-4550; www.oregon.gov/ODA .	
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Business energy (for carry forward purposes only): The credit is for a facility used to process or use renewable energy resources, or to achieve energy efficiency that exceeds industry or regulatory standards by 10 percent or better. "Facility" includes alternative fuel fleet vehicles, telecommuting equipment, and refueling stations. Beginning January 1, 1998, "facility" includes employer-provided transit passes. Beginning January 1, 2001, eligibility is expanded to include facilities providing transit passes to students and patrons of medical facilities, and certain utilities. Beginning January 1, 2007, "facility" also includes a high-efficiency combined heat and power facility, a high-performance home, a homebuilder-installed renewable energy system, or a renewable energy resource equipment manufacturing facility. The credit allowed is based on the certified cost of the facility. This credit may be sold or transferred to another tax payer at a discounted rate. See certifying agency's website for transfer information. The renewable energy resource equipment manufacturing facility component of the business energy tax credit transferred to the Oregon Business Development Department under HB 2523 (2011 session) as of January 1, 2012.	ORS 315.354, 315.356, 315.357, 469B.130	8 years	Yes	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1980. Preliminary certification must be received from the Department of Energy before July 1, 2011; final certification by December 31, 2012. The credit must be first claimed in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2014.		Certified by Oregon Department of Energy; 800-221-8035; www.oregon.gov/energy .	

Note: This is a summary of available corporation credits for the tax year shown above. For complete information about each credit, see the applicable Oregon Revised Statute (ORS).

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Child Care Fund contributions (for carry forward purposes only): The credit is allowed for certified contributions made to the Office of Child Care. An addition to your Oregon income for deducted expenses may be required if you claim this credit.	ORS 315.213	4 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, and before January 1, 2022.		Certificatied by Office of Child Care; 800-556-6616; www.oregon.gov/occ.	
Claim of right: The credit is the difference between the actual Oregon tax for the year the claim of right income was included in federal income and the Oregon tax if such income had not been included in federal income. See IRC Section 1341(a)(1) and (2).	ORS 315.068	None	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998.		Taxpayer must keep records for audit verification.	
Crop donation: The credit is 15 percent of the value of the quantity of the crop donated computed at the wholesale market price.	ORS 315.156	3 years	No	150-101-240
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and before January 1, 2026.		Taxpayer must keep records for audit verification.	
Electronic commerce zone investment (for carry forward purposes only): The credit is available to qualified businesses engaged in e-commerce in an approved enterprise zone. The credit is equal to 25 percent of the investment in capital assets that are used in the designated area primarily for electronic commerce operations, limited to the lesser of \$2 million or the tax liability for a tax year.	ORS 315.507, 315.508	5 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2018.		Local enterprise zone authorization and qualification. Contact Business Oregon; 503-986-0123; www.oregon.gov/biz.	
Employer scholarship: The credit may be claimed by an employer with at least four full-time employees. The credit equals 50 percent of scholarships funded, limited to the lesser of the tax liability or \$50,000 for a tax year.	ORS 315.237	5 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2026.		Certified by Oregon Student Assistance Commission; 800-452-8807; www.oregonstudentaid.gov.	
Energy conservation projects (for carry forward purposes only): This program allows tax credits for any capital investment for which the first year energy savings yields a simple pay-back period of greater than three years, with listed exceptions. Cogeneration facilities are eligible beginning January 1, 2013. The Oregon Department of Energy may establish criteria and standards to choose between project applicants. Applicants may transfer this tax credit to other taxpayers in exchange for cash at a rate set by the Oregon Department of Energy, known as a pass-through.	ORS 315.331	5 years	Yes	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning July 1, 2011 and before January 1, 2018.		Certified by Oregon Department of Energy; 800-221-8035; www.oregon.gov/energy.	
Fish screening devices: The credit is available for installations of fish screening devices, bypass devices, or fishways. The credit equals 50 percent of installation costs, not to exceed \$5,000 per device.	ORS 315.138	5 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For final certifications in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990 and before January 1, 2018.		Certificate issued by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; 800-720-6339; www.myodfw.com.	

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Individual development account (IDA Initiative Fund) donation: The credit is available for donations made on or after October 23, 2000, to a fiduciary organization approved by Oregon Housing and Community Services. The credit may not exceed 70% of the donation amount. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022 and before January 1, 2028, this credit is allowed to be claimed for the prior year if the donation is made not later than April 15 following December 31 of the tax year for which the credit is claimed. This change is effective for tax years 2022 through 2027, for donations made prior to April 15, 2028. See HB 2433 (2021).	ORS 315.271	3 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Donations made on or after October 23, 2000 and before January 1, 2028.		Lender must keep records for audit verification. Contact Business Oregon; 503-986-0123; www.oregon.gov/biz.	

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Lender's credit. Energy conservation (for carry forward purposes only): The credit is available to lenders who provide loans to improve space heating efficiency for oil- and wood-heated residences.	ORS 317.112	15 years for loans made after September 28, 1991.	No	150-102-125
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For loans made on or after January 1, 1982 and before January 1, 2012.		Lender must retain details for audit verification.	

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Long-term enterprise zone facilities (for carry forward purposes only): The credit is available for constructing or operating a facility certified in a qualified rural enterprise zone eligible for long-term exemption from property taxes. Credit equals 62.5 percent of payroll, employee benefit costs, and all other employee costs of the facility. The credit is only available against the C corporation tax liability in excess of \$1 million, or lesser amount applicable to counties with population under various thresholds and meeting specified criteria. Beginning January 1, 2005, a taxpayer eligible for the credit is allowed to take other eligible credits if this credit does not offset the tax liability on the return. Important: If you're eligible for this credit, you must submit the credit form, Schedule OR-LTEZ, with your return, regardless of whether you claim the credit.	ORS 317.124, 317.125, 285C.406	5 years	No	150-102-043
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For a five to 15-year period; for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998 and within three years of the facility being placed in service. For facilities certified on or before June 30, 2018.		Taxpayer must receive written approval from the governor and keep records for audit verification. Contact Business Oregon; 503-986-0123; www.oregon.gov/biz.	

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Oregon Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (OLHIGA) offset (available only to insurance companies): The credit equals 20 percent of the amount paid in each of the five calendar years following the year in which the assessment is paid to OLHIGA. The credit is allowed for payments made under ORS 734.815(8) only. Property and casualty insurers do not qualify for this credit.	ORS 734.835	None	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning before January 1, 2028.		Taxpayer must keep records for audit verification.	

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Opportunity Grant Fund (auction): This credit is by auction conducted by us, in cooperation with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). The amount of the credit claimed may not exceed the taxpayer's Oregon tax liability for a tax year. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2024, this credit can apply toward the current tax year or the previous tax year for contributions made before April 15 if a return has not yet been filed. This change is effective for tax years 2021 through 2023, for donations made prior to April 15, 2024. See HB 2456 (2021).	ORS 315.643	3 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and before January 1, 2024.		Certified by the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission; 503-378-5690; www.oregon.gov/highered.	

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Oregon’s affordable housing lender’s credit: The credit is available to lending institutions who finance certified housing projects for low-income households. For credit certifications issued on or after September 27, 2007, qualifying loans include loans to develop, acquire, construct, or rehabilitate qualified housing. Qualified housing now includes manufactured dwelling parks and housing preservation projects. Oregon statute was amended to allow a financial institution to claim the tax credit by purchasing bonds if the bond proceeds are used to finance the purchase of affordable housing. These amendments apply between January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2026. See HB 2433 (2021).	ORS 317.097	5 years	No	150-102-125
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Loans made on or after January 1, 1990 and before January 1, 2026.		File annual statement with Oregon Housing and Community Services; 503-986-2000; www.oregon.gov/ohcs.	

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Oregon Cultural Trust contribution: The credit is 100 percent of contributions to the account that are matched by an equal contribution to an Oregon cultural organization, limited to the lesser of the tax liability or \$2,500 for a tax year.	ORS 315.675	No	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Donations made on or after December 1, 2002 in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2026.		Proof of contribution must be provided if requested. Contact Oregon Cultural Trust; 503-986-0088; www.culturaltrust.org.	

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Oregon low-income community jobs initiative/new markets (for carry forward purposes only): A tax credit was allowed for qualified equity investments in low-income community businesses. The credit equals 39 percent of the purchase price of the qualified equity investment spread over seven years, beginning with the year of investment. The credit can’t be more than your tax liability and can’t be transferred or sold. The allowable tax credit is: Years 1 and 2 - 0%, Year 3 - 7%, Years 4-7 - 8% each. Note: For investments made on or after July 1, 2012 and before January 1, 2014, any unused credit may be carried forward indefinitely.	ORS 315.533	5 years on investment made on or after January 1, 2014 and before July 1, 2016.	No	None
	For investments made on or after July 1, 2012 and before July 1, 2016.		Contact Business Oregon; 503-986-0123; www.oregon.gov/biz.	

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Oregon Production Investment Fund (auction): Credit is available for contributions to the Oregon Production Investment Fund. The credit equals the amount certified by the Oregon Film and Video Office, except that a contribution must equal at least 90 percent of the credit. An addition to your Oregon income for deducted expenses may be required if you claim this credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2024, this credit can apply toward the current tax year or the previous tax year for contributions made before April 15 if a return has not yet been filed. This change is effective for tax years 2021 through 2023, for donations made prior to April 15, 2024. See HB 2456 (2021).	ORS 315.514	3 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Tax years beginning before January 1, 2030.		Certified by the Oregon Film and Video Office; 503-229-5832; www.oregonfilm.org.	

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Pollution control facilities (for carry forward purposes only): The credit is available for the prevention, control or reduction of air, water, or noise pollution, nonpoint source pollution; solid or hazardous waste; recycling; or disposal of used oil. The credit is based on cost of the facility and percentage allocable to pollution control. The amount is spread over 10 years, plus applicable carryforward.	ORS 315.304	3 years; additional 3 years if certain conditions are met	No	None
	For construction completed before January 1, 2008.		See instructions for Form OR-20.	

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<p>Qualified research activities and alternative qualified research activities (for carry forward purposes only):</p> <p>Credit is available for increases in qualified research expenses and research payments. The credit equals 5 percent of qualified research expenses and basic research payments in excess of base amount (IRC §41), or 5 percent of qualified research expenses that exceed 10 percent of Oregon sales. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, the maximum credit is \$1 million. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006 and before January 1, 2012, the maximum credit is \$2 million. For tax years prior to January 1, 2006, the maximum credit is \$500,000. Limited to research activities in Oregon. A deduction may not be taken for the expenses related to the amount being claimed as a credit.</p>	ORS 317.152, 317.153, 317.154	5 years	No	150-102-128
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1 1989 and before January 1, 2018.		Taxpayer must keep records for audit verification.	
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<p>Reforestation of underproductive forestlands (for carry forward purposes only):</p> <p>The credit equals 50 percent of the reforestation project costs paid or incurred to reforest underproductive Oregon forestlands. Taxpayer is allowed one-half of the credit in the tax year of preliminary certification and one-half in the tax year when the new forest is certified as established. Refer to the ORS regarding credits for tax years before 2002. See ORS 315.104(3) for cost limitations.</p>	ORS 315.104 and 315.106	3 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Preliminary certifications must have been requested before December 31, 2012.		Certified by Oregon Department of Forestry; 503-945-7200; www.oregon.gov/odf .	
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<p>Renewable energy development contributions (for carry forward purposes only):</p> <p>This program allows the auction of tax credits to provide funds to award grants to renewable energy production systems. The Oregon Department of Energy may establish criteria and standards to choose between project applicants. The total credit certifications are limited to \$1.5 million per year. Information about the auction process for this credit is available on the Oregon Department of Revenue and the Oregon Department of Energy websites.</p> <p>An addition to income of deducted expenses may be required if you claim this credit.</p>	ORS 315.326	3 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Beginning July 1, 2011 and before January 1, 2018.		Certified by Oregon Department of Energy; 800-221-8035; www.oregon.gov/energy .	
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<p>Renewable energy resource equipment manufacturing facility (for carry forward purposes only):</p> <p>The program allowed for a tax credit based upon the certified cost of a renewable energy resource equipment manufacturing facility during the period for which the facility is certified by the Oregon Business Development Department. Applicants may transfer this tax credit to other taxpayers in exchange for cash at a rate set by the Oregon Business Development Department (known as a "pass-through").</p>	ORS 315.341	8 years	Yes	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Beginning January 1, 2012. Preliminary certification must be received before January 1, 2014.		Contact Business Oregon; 503-986-0123; www.oregon.gov/biz .	
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<p>Repatriation credit (due to IRC 965) (for carry forward purposes only):</p> <p>SB 1529 (2018) created a one-time tax credit equal to the lesser of Oregon tax attributable to the 2014-2016 ORS 317.716 addition or the 2017 one-time repatriation. See Oregon Form OR-REPAT-CR. This form must be included with your OR-20 or OR-20-INC return to claim the credit. This credit is not allowed if you took a subtraction for listed foreign jurisdiction income previously included in Oregon income. See OAR 150-317-0652 for more information.</p>	ORS 317.716	5 years	No	150-102-150
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
	Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017 and before January 1, 2018.		Use and include Oregon Form OR-REPAT-CR.	

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Reservation enterprise zone: The credit is available to eligible businesses operating a new business facility in a reservation enterprise zone. The credit equals the tribal property tax imposed on a new business facility that is paid or incurred by the business during the tax year, or the amount of tribal tax paid or incurred by the business during the tax year, if the business has not previously conducted business operations within the reservation enterprise zone. "Tribal tax" includes, but is not limited to, an income or excise tax, an ad valorem property tax, a gross receipts tax, or a sales and use tax.	ORS 315.506	None	No	150-102-046
	Date credit available	Verification required /Contact		
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2028.	Contact Business Oregon; 503-986-0123; www.oregon.gov/biz.		

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Rural technology workforce development: The credit equals 12 percent of a taxpayer's expenses that are incurred to establish and implement an employee training program. A qualifying employee training program must be operated in collaboration with a local community college operated under ORS Chapter 341. In addition, the program must be operated in a qualifying county. The term qualifying county is defined in statute.	ORS 315.523	3 years	No	None
	Date credit available	Verification required /Contact		
	Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.	Taxpayers must keep records for audit verification.		

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Short line railroad rehabilitation: This credit is awarded for railroad rehabilitation and is calculated as the least of: (1) \$1,000 per mile of a Tier 1 short line railroad owned by a taxpayer, (2) \$3,500 per mile of a Tier 2 short line railroad owned by a taxpayer, or (3) 50% of the short line railroad rehabilitation project costs paid or incurred by a taxpayer during the tax year in which the credit is claimed.	ORS 315.593	5 years	Yes	None
	Date credit available	Verification required /Contact		
	For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020 and before January 1, 2026.	Certified by Oregon Department of Transportation; 888-275-6368; www.oregon.gov/odot.		

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Transportation projects (for carry forward purposes only): This program allows tax credits for a public or nonprofit entity that provides transit services to members of the public and that receives state or federal funding for those services or an alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure project. Applicants may transfer this tax credit to other taxpayers in exchange for cash at a rate set by the Oregon Department of Energy (known as a "pass-through").	ORS 315.336	5 years	Yes	None
	Date credit available	Verification required /Contact		
	Transportation project credits, other than alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure project credits, available for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011 and before January 1, 2016. Alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure project credits available for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011 and before January 1, 2018.	Certified by Oregon Department of Energy; 800-221-8035; www.oregon.gov/energy.		

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University venture development fund: The credit is available for contributions to a university venture development fund when a tax credit certificate has been issued. The credit equals 60 percent of the certified amount with limitations as to how much may be claimed yearly. The tax credit may not exceed \$600,000. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, the university venture development fund contribution credit shall be claimed in three consecutive tax years, beginning with the year in which the credit's initially allowed. An addition to your Oregon income for deducted expenses may be required if you claim this credit.	ORS 315.640	None	No	None
	Date credit available	Verification required /Contact		
	Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006 and before January 1, 2028.	Certificate issued by the Oregon university that established the fund.		

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Weatherization lender's credit (for carry forward purposes only): The credit is available to commercial lending institutions for below market rate loans made before November 1, 1981 for financing weatherization projects. The credit was equal to the difference between the amount of interest charged at a rate of 6.5 percent and the amount that would have been charged at a lesser of 12 percent or the average percent the lending institution charged for home improvement loans.	ORS 317.111	15 years	No	None
	Date credit available		Verification required /Contact	
For loans made before November 1, 1981.		Lender must keep records for audit verification.		

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