

## W-2 File Specifications

The state of Oregon follows the Social Security Administration (SSA) guidelines for the filing of W-2 wage and tax Statements, with Oregon-specific requirements for the RS and RV records (OAR 150-316-0359).

**All** employers and payroll service providers are required to file W-2 information electronically in a manner consistent with the electronic filing specifications outlined by the SSA. All W-2s must be filed by **January 31 of the following year**.

ORS 316.202 allows the department to assess penalties for failing to file an information return or filing an incorrect or incomplete information return and knowingly failing to file an information return or knowingly filing an incomplete, false or misleading information return.

Electronic records that do not conform to the specifications defined in these instructions will not be accepted.

## Record format and record layout specifications

Transmitters are required to use the format listed beginning on page two of this document for RS and RV records. For all other record specifications, please follow the information in the SSA booklet, *Specifications for Filing Forms W2 Electronically (EFW2)*. Additional information is available at <a href="www.ssa.gov/employer/pub.htm">www.ssa.gov/employer/pub.htm</a>. Information regarding electronically filing W-2s with Oregon is available at our website, www.oregon.gov/dor/business.

### State of Oregon required format

| RA | Submitter Record     | Required                              |
|----|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| RE | Employer Record      | Required                              |
| RW | Employee Wage Record | Required                              |
| RO | Employee Wage Record | Optional                              |
| RS | State Record         | Required (please see following pages) |
| RT | Total Record         | Required                              |
| RU | Total Record         | Optional                              |
| RV | State Total Record   | Required (please see following pages) |
| RF | Final Record         | Required                              |

Oregon does not accept withholding information on magnetic media or in other formats. File size is limited to 150MB and the file must be in .txt format only. The transmission is encrypted so the file itself need not be.

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For technical questions concerning electronic filing, email us at <a href="mailto:iwire.dor@oregon.gov">iwire.dor@oregon.gov</a>. You can also reference to the frequently asked questions and troubleshooting guide posted on our website at www.oregon.gov/dor/business.

#### Important information

All money fields follow SSA record specification rules:

- Must contain only numbers.
- No punctuation.
- No signed amounts (high order signed or low order signed).
   Include both dollars and cents with the decimal point assumed (example: \$59.60 = 0000005960). Do not round to the nearest dollar (example: \$5,500.99 = 00000550099).
- Right-justify and zero-fill to the left
- Any money field that has no amount to be reported must be filled with zeros, not blanks.

### Statewide Transit Tax (STT) Reporting Requirements

If your business had employees who performed work in Oregon or had Oregon resident employees who performed work outside of Oregon during the year, you must report statewide transit tax information. That information should be reported on your RS record in character positions 348-369 **and** the RV record in character positions 40-69. These fields should be formatted like every other dollar-value field in the file.

#### RS record information

- Positions 348-358: Taxable wages for the statewide transit tax.
- Positions 359-369: Amount withheld for the statewide transit tax.

#### **RV** record information

- Positions 40-54: Total amount of taxable wages for the transit tax.
- Positions 55-69: Total amount of statewide transit tax withheld.

NOTE: RECORD LENGTH FOR THE OREGON AND SSA 'RS' RECORD IS 512 BYTES. ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED AND CAN BE BLANK OR ZERO FILLED. The transmitter is required to send the federal records sent to the SSA for Oregon employees: RA, RE, RW, RO (optional), RS, RT, RU (optional), RV, and RF. The RS record must be for Oregon wages only.

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# RS Record Layout - State of Oregon, Department of Revenue

Field Name

Position Length

| Record<br>Identifier | State Code | Blank | Social<br>Security<br>Number (SSN) | Employee<br>First<br>Name | Employee<br>Middle<br>Name or<br>Initial |
|----------------------|------------|-------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1-2                  | 3-4        | 5-9   | 10-18                              | 19-33                     | 34-48                                    |
| 2                    | 2          | 5     | 9                                  | 15                        | 15                                       |

| Employee<br>Last Name | Suffix | Location<br>Address | Delivery<br>Address | City    | State<br>Abbreviation |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 49-68                 | 69-72  | 73-94               | 95-116              | 117-138 | 139-140               |
| 20                    | 4      | 22                  | 22                  | 22      | 2                     |

| ZIP Code | ZIP Code<br>Extension | Blank   | Foreign<br>State/Province | Foreign<br>Postal<br>Code | Country<br>Code |
|----------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 141-145  | 146-149               | 150-154 | 155-177                   | 178-192                   | 193-194         |
| 5        | 4                     | 5       | 23                        | 15                        | 2               |

| Blank   | Blank   | Blank   | Blank   | Blank       | Date First<br>Employed |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|------------------------|
| 195-196 | 197-202 | 203-213 | 214-224 | 225-<br>226 | 227-234                |
| 2       | 6       | 11      | 11      | 2           | 8                      |

| Date of<br>Separation | Blank   | State<br>Employer<br>Withholding<br>Account # | Blank   | State<br>Code | State<br>Taxable<br>Wages |
|-----------------------|---------|---|---------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 235-242               | 243-247 | 248-267                                       | 268-273 | 274-275       | 276-286                   |
| 8                     | 5       | 20  | 6       | 2             | 11                        |

| State Tax<br>Withheld | Blank   | State<br>Taxable<br>Wages for<br>Statewide<br>Transit Tax | Statewide<br>Transit Tax<br>Withheld | Blank   |
|-----------------------|---------|---|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 287-297               | 298-347 | 348-358   | 359-369                              | 370-512 |
| 11                    | 50      | 11  | 11                                   | 143     |

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| RS Position | Field Name                        | Length | Specifications  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---|
| 1-2         | Record Identifier                 | 2      | Constant "RS"   |
| 3-4         | State Code                        | 2      | Enter appropriate postal NUMERIC code. (See Appendix F is SSA Pub 42- 007).  Enter "41" for the Oregon postal numeric code.   |
| 5-9         | Blank                             | 5      | Blank Fill  |
| 10-18       | Social Security Number            | 9      | Enter the employee's SSN as shown on the original/replacement SSN card issued by the SSA. SSN must be nine digits. Do not drop the leading zeroes. Ex: SSN 00123-4567 is reported as 001234567.  If no SSN available, enter zeroes. |
|             |                                   |        | Enter the employee's first name as shown on the SSN   |
| 19-33       | Employee First Name               | 15     | card.  Left justify and fill with blanks.   |
| 34-48       | Employee's middle name or initial | 15     | If applicable, enter the employee's middle name or initial as shown on the SSN card.  Left justify and fill with blanks.  |
| 49-68       | Employee's last name              | 20     | Enter the employee's last name as shown on the SSN card. Left justify and fill with blanks.   |
| 69-72       | Suffix                            | 4      | If applicable, enter the employee's alphabetical suffix. For example, SR, JR. Left justify and fill with blanks. If not suffix, fill with blanks.   |
| 73-94       | Location Address                  | 22     | Enter the employee's location address (attention, suite, room number, etc.). Left justify and fill with blanks.   |
| 95-116      | Delivery Address                  | 22     | Enter the employee's delivery address. Left justify and fill with blanks.   |
| 117-138     | City                              | 22     | Enter the employee's city. Left justify and fill with blanks.   |
| 139-140     | State Abbreviation                | 2      | Enter the employee's State or<br>Commonwealth/Territory. Use the postal<br>abbreviation. (See Appendix F in SSA Pub 42-007)   |
| 141-145     | Zip Code                          | 5      | Enter the employee's zip code. For foreign address, fill with blanks.   |
| 146-149     | Zip code extension                | 4      | Enter the employee's four-digit extension of the zip code. If not applicable, fill with blanks.   |
| 150-154     | Blank                             | 5      | Fill with blanks.   |



| RS Position | Field Name                                       | Length | Specifications   |
|-------------|--|--------|--|
| 155-177     | Foreign State/Province                           | 23     | If applicable, enter the employee's foreign state/providence.  Left justify and fill with blanks.  |
| 178-192     | Foreign Postal Code                              | 15     | If applicable, enter the employee's foreign postal code.<br>Left justify and fill with blanks.   |
| 193-194     | Country Code                                     | 2      | If one of the following applies, fill with blanks:  One of the 50 states of the USA  District of Columbia  Military Post Office (MPO)  American Samoa  Guam  Northern Mariana Islands  Puerto Rico  Virgin Islands Otherwise, enter the employee's applicable country code. (Appendix G in SSA Pub 42-007) |
| 195-226     | Blank  | 32     | Fill with blanks.  |
| 227-234     | Date First Employed                              | 8      | Month, Day, 4-digit Year (MMDDYYYY) or fill with zeroes if not applicable.   |
| 235-242     | Date of Separation                               | 8      | Month, Day, 4-digit Year (MMDDYYYY) or fill with zeroes if not applicable.   |
| 243-247     | Blank  | 5      | Fill with blanks.  |
| 248-267     | State Employer Account<br>Number (BIN)           | 20     | Oregon Withholding Account Number for the Employer.  |
| 268-273     | Blank  | 6      | Fill with blanks.  |
| 274-275     | State code                                       | 2      | Enter the appropriate postal numeric code. (see Appendix F in SSA Pub 42- 007).  |
| 276-286     | State Taxable Wages                              | 11     | Right justify and zero fill.  Applies to income tax reporting.   |
| 287-297     | State Income Tax<br>Withheld                     | 11     | Right justify and zero fill.  Applies to income tax reporting.   |
| 298-347     | Blank  | 50     | Fill with blanks.  |
| 348-358     | State Taxable Wages for<br>Statewide Transit Tax | 11     | Right justify and zero fill.  Applies to income tax reporting.   |
| 359-369     | Statewide Transit Tax<br>Withheld                | 11     | Right justify and zero fill.  Applies to income tax reporting.   |
| 370-512     | Blank  | 143    | Fill with blanks.  |

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# RV Record Layout – State of Oregon, Department Of Revenue

Field Name Position Length

| Record<br>Identifier | Number<br>of RS<br>Records | State Taxable<br>Wages (Total) | State Income<br>Tax Withheld<br>(Total) | State Taxable Wages<br>for Statewide Transit<br>Tax (Total) |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 1-2                  | 3-9                        | 10-24                          | 25-39                                   | 40-54   |
| 2                    | 7                          | 15                             | 15                                      | 15  |

| Statewide<br>Transit Tax<br>Withheld (Total) | Blank  |
|--|--------|
| 55-69  | 70-512 |
| 15   | 443    |

| RV Position | Field Name                                       | Length | Specifications   |
|-------------|--|--------|--|
| 1-2         | Record Identifier                                | 2      | Constant "RV"  |
| 3-9         | Number of RS Records                             | 7      | Total number of RS records since the last RE record.   |
| 10-24       | State Taxable Wages                              | 15     | Total amount of State Wages reported in all RS records since the last RE record.                           |
| 25-39       | State Income Tax<br>Withheld                     | 15     | Total amount of State Withholding reported in all RS records since the last RE record.                     |
| 40-54       | State Taxable Wages for<br>Statewide Transit Tax | 15     | Total amount of State Wages for Statewide Transit Tax reported in all RS records since the last RE record. |
| 55-69       | Statewide Transit Tax<br>Withheld                | 15     | Total amount of Statewide Transit Tax reported in all RS records since the last RE record.                 |
| 70-512      | Blank  | 443    | Fill with blanks.  |

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