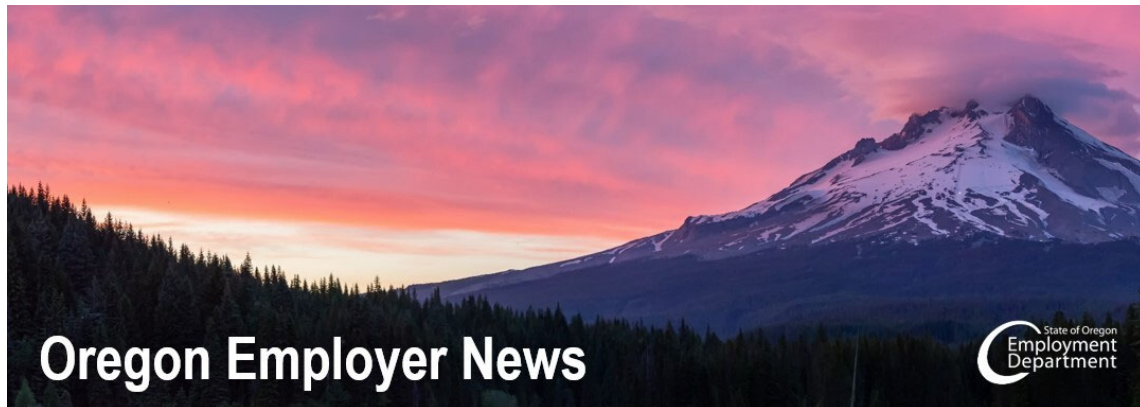




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## Review your payroll reporting and account balance by Aug. 31

Review your [Frances Online](#) account before **Aug. 31, 2026** to make sure you have filed all required payroll reports (including Forms OQ, OA, and 132) and paid any Unemployment Insurance taxes and Paid Leave Oregon contributions you owe. Checking your account now can help you avoid penalties and keep your business in good standing.

Even if a third-party provider manages your payroll, it's important to review your account directly and confirm everything is up to date. If you have questions or need help, send a secure message through [Frances Online](#) or call **503-947-1488**. Staff are available to help explain your options, including payment arrangements when appropriate.

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## Protect workers from heat, wildfire smoke

Oregon employers must protect their workers from the potential hazards of extreme heat and wildfire smoke. Oregon OSHA's heat and wildfire smoke rules require employers to take protective steps. Make sure you know what to do.



- The [heat illness prevention rule](#) addresses access to shade and cool water, preventive cool-down breaks and plans, general information, and training.
- [The wildfire smoke rule](#) includes a range of exposure assessments and controls, as well as training and communication tools.
- Both rules include provisions for protecting workers who rely on [employer-provided housing](#) – included as part of farm operations – from heat and wildfire smoke.

More information and free resources, including fact sheets and online training in English and Spanish, are available on Oregon OSHA's A-to-Z topic pages about [heat](#) and [wildfire smoke](#). Oregon OSHA also offers free and confidential [consultation services](#) to improve safety and health programs and [technical help](#) understanding its requirements.

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## Follow Employment Department Labor Market Experts on LinkedIn

Stay informed with reliable information about Oregon's workforce and economy. The Oregon Employment Department's Workforce & Economic Research division now has a [LinkedIn page](#) where you can find timely labor market data, employment trends, economic research, and workforce statistics.

Follow the page for updates on jobs, wages, unemployment, industry trends, and new research that can help you better understand Oregon's economy and make informed hiring and business decisions.

Whether you're planning for future hiring, tracking changes in your industry, or looking for trusted labor market information, you'll find timely updates and valuable insights in one place.

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## Oregon Department of Revenue offers free payroll tax training



The Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR) offers free online payroll tax training each quarter for employers who want to learn more about payroll taxes.

The next training will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026**, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. [Register online](#) by 5 p.m. on **Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026**.

Visit DOR's [payroll outreach and training webpage](#) for more information.

## Southern Oregon employers: Register for BOLI's Employment Law Roadshow



Join the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) Employer Assistance team in **Medford on September 17** for the **2026 Employment Law Roadshow**. Learn through real-world workplace scenarios, build your knowledge of employment law, and connect with experts who can help when questions come up. (SHRM and HRCI recertification credits are pending.)

Register now and find event details on the [Roadshow webpage](#).



Can't attend in Medford?  
Join BOLI's **42nd Annual Employment Law Conference** online on **November 5–6**. Registration opens in September.

BOLI's Employer Assistance team offers training and seminars year-round for Oregon employers, supervisors, managers, and HR professionals. Visit the [Training for Employers](#) page to learn more.

## Join a no-cost webinar to learn about accessible information and the benefits to your business



Help make your workplace more accessible for your employees and customers. Join the Oregon Commission for the Blind and Vocational Rehabilitation for the webinar: **"Lunch & Learn for Business: Making Information Accessible"** on **August 18 from noon to 1 p.m.**

**Chris Cooke** from the Oregon Commission for the Blind will demonstrate practical assistive technologies that support reading proficiency and improve access to information. You'll learn how these tools can help create a more inclusive workplace and better serve your customers and employees.

This no-cost virtual session is open to Oregon business owners, executives, HR professionals, and employees. [Register today](#) and reserve your spot.

## Putting Oregon small businesses first in state contracting

Governor Kotek recently announced a milestone in the State of Oregon's procurement transformation efforts. Effective immediately, every state agency under the Department of Administrative Services' [procurement authority](#) will give preference to certified Oregon small businesses when buying goods and services.



Governor Kotek said, "Small business is the heart of the Oregon economy, and this effort represents another step in building a more resilient economy for the state."

This initiative demonstrates Oregon's commitment to using state purchasing power to strengthen local businesses, create economic opportunity, and ensure that public contracting delivers greater value for communities across the state.

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