



Oregon Promise: HB 2910 Fact Sheet

January 2020

HB 2910 Overview

Passed in 2019, House Bill 2910 expands eligibility requirements for the Oregon Promise Grant to support eligible individuals who obtain their high school diploma or GED® test credential while incarcerated or in custody in an Oregon correctional facility. HB 2910 is effective as of January 1, 2020.

This change only impacts students who obtain their high school diploma or GED® test credential on or after 1/1/20 while in an Oregon correctional facility.

Application Process

- Students must apply for Oregon Promise either while in custody or immediately after release. Students must comply with all Oregon Promise deadlines, application requirements, and general eligibility criteria. They must submit an Oregon Promise application and the FAFSA or ORSAA by the deadline listed in the table below.
- Most students must attend college during the academic quarter *immediately following release* (excluding summer). Depending on their release date and their application deadline, students may be required to begin attending community college *sooner* than 6 months post-release.
- Students may complete the Oregon Promise application either online (OregonStudentAid.gov) or via mail. To request a paper application, contact OSAC.

Oregon Promise Deadlines for HB 2910–Eligible Applicants:

I am graduating from:	My release date is during this time:	Deadline to complete both : Oregon Promise Application & FAFSA or ORSAA	You must start community college by this term :
a high school or GED® program within a correctional facility	March 1 - June 30	July 10	Fall
	July 1 - Nov. 30	Dec. 10	Winter
	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29	March 10	Spring

For assistance with Oregon Promise, contact OSAC:
 OregonPromise@hecc.oregon.gov | (800) 452-8807
 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401

Frequently Asked Questions

When should HB 2910–eligible applicants apply for Oregon Promise?

Individuals may apply either prior to their release date or immediately following release, in accordance with the deadline table. The Oregon Promise application is typically open from September to July.

Can adults and youth be eligible for Oregon Promise under HB 2910?

Yes. There are no age restrictions for participation in Oregon Promise. The applicant must graduate (high school diploma or GED® test credential) and be released from an Oregon correctional facility on or after January 1, 2020, in addition to meeting all general program criteria.

How does OSAC confirm that an Oregon Promise applicant is HB 2910–eligible?

When the applicant submits an Oregon Promise application, they answer a few questions related to their release date and type of correctional facility. OSAC confirms key data with the correctional facility for accuracy. Then OSAC reviews the application and provides an update to the applicant.

Which types of correctional facilities are included in HB 2910?

The applicant may be released from any of the following types of facilities in Oregon: youth correction facility, detention facility, Department of Corrections institution, local correctional facility. Certain applicants who are released from a State hospital or a secure intensive community inpatient facility may be eligible, per ORS 341.522.

How do applicants receive communication about their Oregon Promise status?

If the student applies online, OSAC emails the student with status updates. If the student submits a paper application with no email address, OSAC contacts the student via mail with updates. Applicants should make sure that OSAC has their most updated contact information.

What if the student does not attend community college immediately after release, or they skip a term of enrollment?

Oregon Promise recipients *must* begin attending an Oregon community college soon after release, according to the required start term in the deadline table. Students must attempt at least 6 credits per term in fall, winter, and spring each year after they begin the program. OSAC primarily considers exceptions to these requirements if the student experiences an emergency situation, such as: student medical emergency, immediate family member medical emergency or death, natural disaster, or military or Oregon National Guard training or active-duty service.

Resources

- [Oregon Promise Handout for HB 2910](#)
- [Oregon Promise Website](#)
- [Oregon Promise FAQs](#)
- Sign up for the [Oregon Promise Listserv](#) to receive program updates.

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