



ODOT HOBBY EXEMPTION FACT SHEET

Vehicles operated alone, or in combination, in Oregon for a commercial (business) purpose at a weight exceeding 26,000 pounds are subject to weight-mile tax and related tax registration, credential and reporting requirements. However, vehicle operations for a hobby or non-business purpose may be done under an exemption from the tax and certain other requirements through issuance of an ODOT Hobby Exemption letter.

Hobby Exemption Letters are vehicle specific. Once granted, they remain valid while the named vehicles are used for the hobby, and are invalid when the vehicles are used for a commercial purpose. Although vehicle operations under a Hobby Exemption Letter are exempt from the weight-mile tax, Oregon's Use Fuel Tax applies to diesel powered vehicles. Questions relating to the Oregon's Use Fuel Tax may be referred to the Oregon Use Fuel unit at (503) 378-8150. Finally, vehicles currently registered in another jurisdiction, with either a valid license plate or a valid trip permit, are exempt from Oregon's vehicle registration requirements.

To obtain an ODOT Hobby Exemption, applicants must provide information sufficient for ODOT to find that the transportation provided will be done in support of a hobby and is not for a business purpose. This information is best provided in a signed and dated letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation, Commerce and Compliance Division (CCD) that includes the following:

Since hobby exemptions are vehicle specific, please provide the following information for any vehicle used in providing exempt transportation (e.g. a truck tractor and a trailer):

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>VIN</u>	<u>LICENSE</u>
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Note that when the vehicle information changes, ODOT must be contacted for a new exemption letter.

The letter also needs to state that the vehicles are being used for hobby purposes to transport your personal property, and include enough detail for ODOT to understand what is involved. For example, a letter might say something like

My truck and trailer are being used to transport my son's sprint car, spares and tools between our home in Newberg and amateur sprint car races in Lebanon, Cottage Grove, White City and Coos Bay about 20 weekends a year.

Again, the letter should clearly state that this is a non-business-related activity, and there is no profit generated from this activity. It is strictly being done as a hobby.

A copy of any Hobby Exemption Letter granted should be carried in the vehicle providing the exempt transportation. It is good only for transportation in Oregon, and any alteration of the letter makes it invalid.