

# Draft Toll Rules

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**Blue highlighted = state law**

## TOLL DISCOUNTS AND EXEMPTIONS

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### Exempt Vehicles

- (1) Except as provided herein, all vehicles using a toll facility must pay the required toll. Only qualified vehicles may be exempted from paying tolls.
- (2) An exempted vehicle should connect directly to the needs for operation, maintenance, safety, and/or person-carrying capacity of the tolled roadway or for emergency response. Exempted vehicle types will be reviewed annual as a part of the toll rate monitoring and adjustment process, as is identified in OAR 731-040-0060 and 731-040-0061.
- (3) The registered owner and operator of the qualified vehicle must comply with the requirements of the Department to obtain the exemption.
- (4) To receive the exemption, the eligible vehicle must be connected to a registered toll account with the Department.
- (5) Eligibility status would be verified through one of the following:
  - a. Vehicle registration or classification information already held by the Department; or
  - b. Information as deemed acceptable by the Department that identifies the vehicle or registered vehicle owner as qualified.
- (6) There is a limit of three (3) vehicles that can be associated with an exempt individual member account.
- (7) There is no limit on the number of vehicles that can be associated with accounts that are covering a fleet of vehicles.
- (8) The following types of vehicles or users may receive an exempt toll account:
  - a. **Bus (defined as 15 people or more and would not include a vanpool) and paratransit, as defined in [49 CFR 37.3 Definitions](#);**
  - b. **Active military vehicles and personnel who meet the requirements of [ORS 399.145](#);**
  - c. Authorized, emergency response vehicles, such as police, fire, and ambulance services; and

d. Highway and transit operating and maintenance vehicles, as authorized by the Department.

(9) The Department will review these accounts on an annual basis and may require updated documentation from the customer to maintain the exemption.

### **731-040-0081**

#### **Discounts Based on Income**

- (1) The Department will offer discounted tolls for those with qualifying incomes. Discounts will be removed, included, or revised as part of the toll rate adjustment process as described in OAR 731-040-0060 and 731-040-0061.
- (2) To receive the discount, the eligible account holder must connect their vehicle to a registered toll account with the Department.
- (3) To qualify for the toll discount, the registered vehicle owner must have verifiable income that is equal to or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level for the vehicle owner's household size.
- (4) When registering for an account, the registered vehicle owner will provide documentation to determine eligibility status and would be verified through one of the following:
  - a. Verification of enrollment in an existing Oregon public social services program, as identified in the [Oregon ONE Eligibility](#);
  - b. Information required by the Department to verify income-level;
- (5) There is a limit of three (3) vehicles that can be associated with an individual member account.
- (6) A person who qualifies for a discount must reapply for qualification each year, calculated from the person's previous qualification date.