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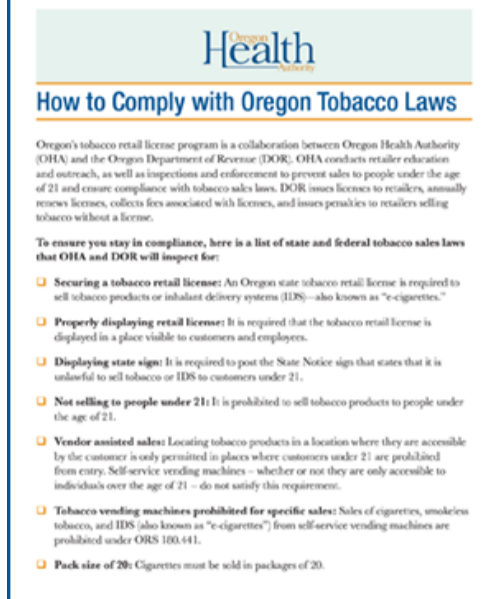
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## OREGON TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE BULLETIN

### Compliance checks

The Tobacco Retail License Program has been running for over a year now! Soon, a new component of the program will launch: inspections for compliance with all tobacco sales laws. During these inspections, an official from Oregon Health Authority will walk through the store to check if there are any violations of state or federal tobacco sales laws.

Make sure your store is in compliance and passes the inspection by using the [How to Comply with Oregon Tobacco Laws](#) checklist!



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OHA TRL is available to provide additional support if you have questions or would like assistance understanding the tobacco sales regulations. To reach out for support, email us at [Tobacco.Inspections@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Tobacco.Inspections@dhsosha.state.or.us) or call us at 971-673-2283. We offer online training, phone consultation and in-person education as part of your routine inspections.

### Keeping tobacco out of the hands of youth

In addition to creating the Tobacco Retail Licensing program, [Senate Bill 587](#) also removed tobacco purchase, use and possession penalties for young people under the age of 21. This puts more responsibility on retailers to ensure tobacco is not sold to those who are underage. Checking IDs for every tobacco product sale is an effective way to prevent illegal sales.

Here are instructions on how to read an Oregon ID to check if the customer is at least 21 years of age:

## How to Read an Oregon ID

Tobacco products and e-cigarettes sales are prohibited in Oregon to anyone under the age of 21. Oregon sales clerks must check all persons under the age of 30 for valid ID before selling them tobacco products or e-cigarettes.

### Forms of photo identification acceptable alone as proof of age:

1. The person's passport or passport card issued by the US or a foreign government.
2. The person's driver license issued by a US state.
3. An ID card issued by a US State.
4. An ID issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe.
5. A US military identification card.
6. Any other identification card issued by a state or territory of the United States that bears all the following: a picture of the person, the name of the person, the person's date of birth and a physical description of the person.

### How to check under 21 ID

Oregon Driver License or an Oregon Identification Card include the dates the customer will turn 21 years old and 18 years old inside a red box on the right side of the card.



Most customers carry an Oregon Driver License or an Oregon Identification Card. The Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicles (DMV) Service Branch issues both cards, which look similar.

Do not rush or allow yourself to be pressured when checking a customer's ID. Carefully check the ID to comply with the law. Always check the ID instead of asking for a customer's date of birth.

Would you like more information about the laws against selling tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems to persons under 21 years of age? [EMAIL: Tobacco.Inspections@state.or.us](mailto:Tobacco.Inspections@state.or.us)



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If the ID is from another state and you cannot find where the date of birth is listed, ask the customer to point it out for you.

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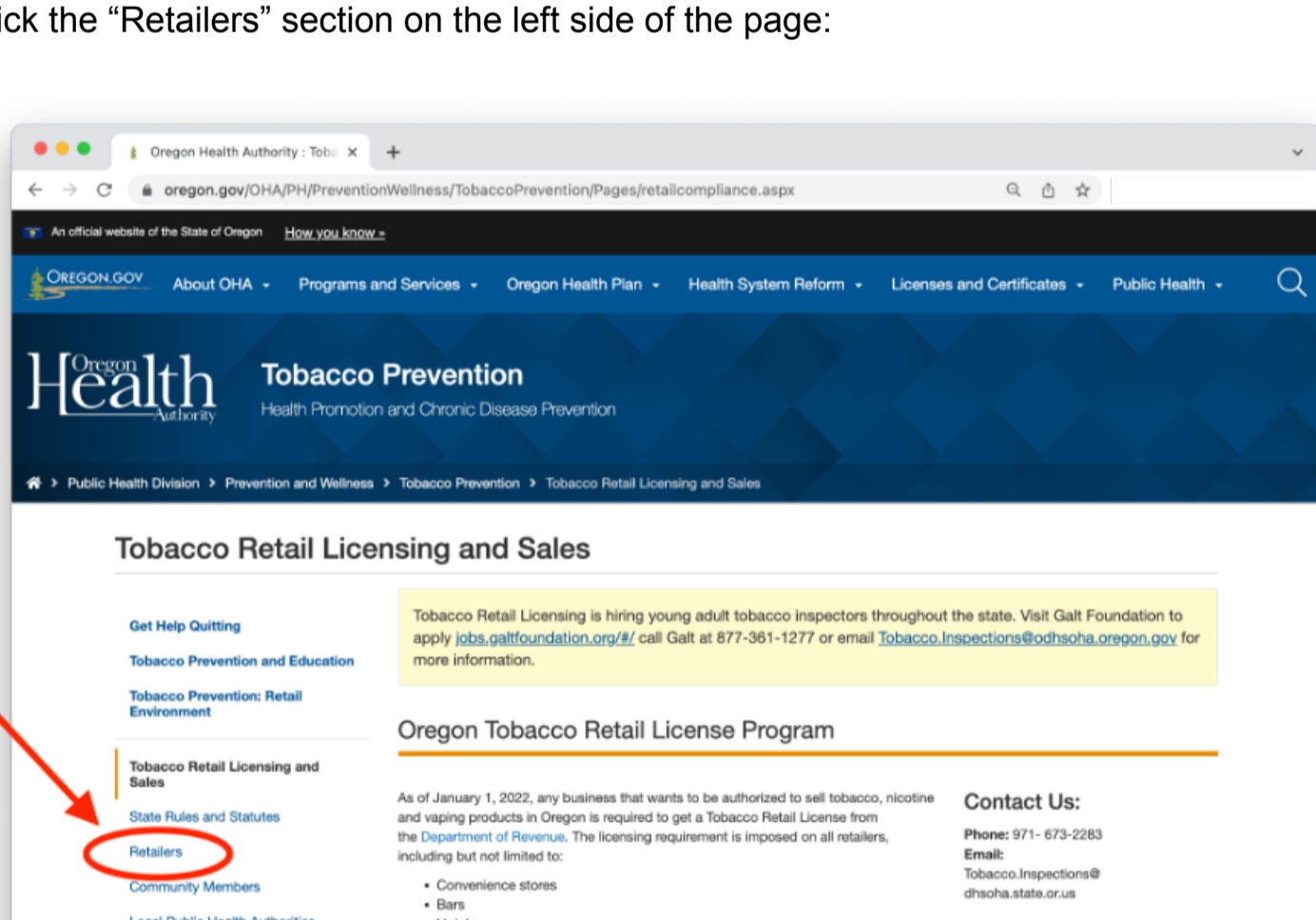
Here are two additional resources from the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products that you might find helpful:

- [Tips for Retailers: Preventing Sales to Persons Under 21 Years of Age](#)
- [Tobacco Retailer Training Programs: Guidance for Industry](#)

### TRL Retailers website

Did you know you can find all the resources highlighted in this email — AND MORE! — on the TRL Retailers web page? Here's how to get there:

1. First, go to [healthoregon.org/tobaccoretailsales](http://healthoregon.org/tobaccoretailsales).
2. Then, click the "Retailers" section on the left side of the page:



3. Scroll through the Retailers page to find TRL resources and materials you can use.

### Resources for Retailers:

- [Tobacco Retail Licensing Training Manual for Retailers](#)
- [Tobacco Retail Licensing Fact Sheet](#) (available in [Spanish](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Chinese](#), [Arabic](#) and [Vietnamese](#))
- [Tobacco Retail Licensing FAQs](#) (available in [Spanish](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Chinese](#), [Arabic](#) and [Vietnamese](#))
- [Nicotine Disposal Guide](#)
- [Required tobacco sales signage](#)
- [Instructions for reading Oregon IDs](#)
- [Recorded webinar training on Tobacco Retail Licensing](#)

### Questions? We're here to help!

#### Department of Revenue (DOR):

- For questions or requests for DOR: [TRL\\_help@dor.oregon.gov](mailto:TRL_help@dor.oregon.gov), 503-945-8120
- For information about the law or licensing: [go.usa.gov/xe999](http://go.usa.gov/xe999)

#### Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

- For questions or requests for OHA: [Tobacco.Inspections@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Tobacco.Inspections@dhsosha.state.or.us), 971-673-2283
- For more information and access to resources for retailers: [www.healthoregon.org/tobaccoretailsales](http://www.healthoregon.org/tobaccoretailsales)

#### Local Public Health Authorities:

- Information for local public health programs is available [here](#), or reach out to [Tobacco.Inspections@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Tobacco.Inspections@dhsosha.state.or.us) to find out what activities may be happening in your area.

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