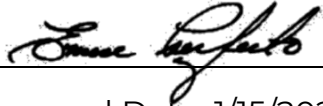




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**PURPOSE:** Establish criteria for appointed counsel to be compensated for their legal representation by Oregon Public Defense Commission (OPDC) at an hourly rate.

**AUTHORITY:** ORS 151.216 and 151.219

**APPLICABILITY:** This policy applies to all appointed counsel.

**DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THIS POLICY:**

**Appointed Counsel:** An attorney who is appointed or assigned to represent a client at state expense and who may work under a public defense services contract or be compensated at an hourly rate.

**POLICY:** To be compensated by OPDC at an hourly rate, all appointed counsel must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Within the previous three years, OPDC has approved appointed counsel's qualifications to provide representation to individuals who are financially eligible for counsel at state expense; and
2. Appointed counsel, or a law firm that employs appointed counsel, enters an agreement, as provided by OPDC, for counsel to provide legal representation to eligible clients. If appointed counsel does not have an effective hourly agreement with OPDC, they must submit one before being compensated.

Appointed counsel will only be compensated for work on case types for which OPDC has certified their qualifications. If counsel is appointed to a case for which OPDC has not certified their qualifications, they must contact OPDC immediately to determine

whether their qualifications can be certified or if they must move to withdraw from the representation.

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