

When to file the transit tax

Your transit tax is reported quarterly using the *Oregon Quarterly Tax Report* (Form OQ). Make your payment using the payment coupon, Form OTC, or through the department's electronic fund transfer (EFT). For EFT information, please call 503-947-2017.

How to figure the transit tax

Multiply the gross taxable payroll earned within the transit district by the current transit rate. The current rate should be printed in the TriMet/LTD portion of the *Oregon Quarterly Combined Tax Report* (Form OQ).

Exempt payroll

The following are exempt from transit payroll taxes:

1. Federal credit unions.
2. Public school districts.
3. 501(c)(3) nonprofit and tax-exempt institutions (except hospitals).
4. Insurance companies (except domestic insurers).
5. Domestic service in a private home.

The following are exempt from LTD, but subject to TriMet taxes:

1. Public education districts.
2. Public special service and utility districts.
3. Port authorities.
4. Fire districts.
5. City, county, and other local governments.

For more definitions of exempt payroll for payroll taxes, refer to the *Oregon Business Guide*.

Penalty and interest

We charge:

- a 5-percent penalty on any unpaid tax after the return's due date;
- an additional 20-percent penalty on any tax due if Form OQ is filed more than one month late;
- a 100-percent penalty on any tax due if Form OQ is not filed for three consecutive years;
- interest, at the current rate, on the unpaid tax from the return's due date.

Contact

For more information on TriMet or LTD tax, call the Oregon Department of Revenue, 503-945-8100.

Self-employment transit tax

If you have self-employment earnings within a transit district, they may be subject to transit self-employment tax. For more information, call 503-378-4988.

Download forms from: www.oregon.gov/DOR/BUS

or write to:

Forms, Oregon Department of Revenue
PO Box 14999
Salem OR 97309-0990

If you use a payroll service or a tax preparer, please be sure your preparer is filing and depositing correctly for transit taxes.



Oregon Transit Payroll Taxes for Employers

Should I be filing?

A guide to
TriMet and Lane Transit
payroll taxes



Transit district taxes

The Oregon Department of Revenue administers tax programs for the Tri-County Metro-pollitan Transportation District (TriMet) and the Lane County Mass Transit District (LTD). Nearly every employer who pays wages for services performed in these districts must pay transit payroll tax.

The transit tax is imposed directly on the employer. The tax is figured only on the amount of gross payroll for services performed within the TriMet or Lane Transit Districts. This includes traveling sales representatives and employees working from home.

Who must file and pay?

All employers, including nonresident employers, who are paying wages earned in the TriMet or LTD districts must register and file with the Oregon Department of Revenue. Wages include all salaries, commissions, tips, bonuses, fees, payments to a deferred compensation plan, or other items of value.

Your payroll service may not be aware that you have employees working in the transit districts. If so, you need to contact the service regarding your reporting and payment responsibility.

How to register

If you are a new employer and subject to the transit tax, you may register online at <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/ABNWeb/> or by completing the *Combined Employer's Registration, 150-211-055*, including the transit tax section.

If you're registered and have employees in the transit tax districts, complete the *Change in Status Report, 150-211-157*.

You can download these forms from www.oregon.gov/DOR/BUS, or order them by calling 503-945-8100.



Transit District

ZIP code list

Use this list as a guideline to help determine if you have employees in the TriMet Transit District. Some ZIP codes may not coincide with the district boundaries. For TriMet boundary information, call TriMet, 503-962-6466.

ZIP codes completely in TriMet Transit District

97005	97068	97210	97219	97232
97006	97201	97211	97220	97233
97008	97202	97212	97221	97236
97024	97203	97213	97222	97239
97027	97204	97214	97223	97258
97030	97205	97215	97225	97266
97034	97206	97216	97227	97267
97035	97208	97217	97229	97268
97036	97209	97218	97230	

ZIP codes partially in TriMet Transit District

97007	97022	97060	97086	97123
97009	97023	97062	97089	97124
97015	97045	97070	97113	97140
97019	97055	97080	97116	97224
				97231

Counties

Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington

TriMet Transit District rate

1/1/02 to 12/31/04	0.006218
1/1/05 to 12/31/05	0.006318
1/1/06 to 12/31/06	0.006418
1/1/07 to 12/31/07	0.006518
1/1/08 to 12/31/08	0.006618
1/1/09 to 12/31/09	0.006718
1/1/10 to 12/31/10	0.006818
1/1/11	0.006918

Deleted from TriMet

(Transit still subject before the deletion date)

Canby	1/1/02	Moalla	1/1/89
Sandy	1/1/00	Damascus	1/1/89
Wilsonville	1/1/89		



Transit District

ZIP code list

Use this list as a guideline to help determine if you have employees in the Lane Transit District. Some ZIP codes may not coincide with the district boundaries. For Lane Transit boundary information, call LTD, 541-682-6100.

ZIP code

97413	Blue River
97408	Coburg
97424	Cottage Grove
97426	Creswell
97431	Dexter
97437	Elmira
97401-97405	Eugene
97408	Eugene
97440	Eugene
97438	Fall Creek
97488	Finn Rock
97405	Goshen
97438	Jasper
97448	Junction City
97448	Lancaster
97489	Leaburg
97452	Lowell
97413	Maywood
97413	McKenzie Bridge
97455	Pleasant Hill
97477-97478	Springfield
97482	Thurston
97431	Trent
97487	Veneta
97488	Vida
97488	Walterville

County

Lane

Lane Transit District rate

10/1/94 to 12/31/06	0.0060
1/1/07 to 12/31/07	0.0062
1/1/08 to 12/31/08	0.0064
1/1/09 to 12/31/09	0.0065
1/1/10 to 12/31/10	0.0066
1/1/11	0.0067