

Fee Adjustment Rule Making

Rules affected: 690-340-0030, 690-340-0040, 690-310-0080, 690-382-0400

690-340-0030

Limited License

(1) A request for a limited license shall be submitted on a form provided by the Water Resources Department, and shall be accompanied by the following:

(a) The fee for examination and recording:

(A) [*\$1,000*]**\$1150** for a limited license filing requesting the use of water for Aquifer Storage and Recovery testing purposes.

(B) [*\$500*]**\$575** for renewal of a limited license for Aquifer Storage and Recovery testing purposes.

(C) [*\$500*]**\$575** for modification of a limited license for Aquifer Storage and Recovery testing purposes.

(D) [*\$1,000*]**\$1150** for a limited license filing requesting the use of water for Artificial Groundwater Recharge purposes.

(E) \$250 for a limited license filing requesting the use of surface water for mining purposes.

[*(E)*] **(F)** For all other limited license filings, [*\$250*]**\$280** for the first point of diversion plus [*\$25*]**\$30** for each additional point of diversion; [*and*]

(b) A completed water availability statement from the local watermaster on forms provided by the department; and

(c) A site map of reproducible quality, drawn to a standard, even scale of not less than 2 inches = 1 mile, showing:

(A) The locations of all proposed points of diversion referenced by coordinates or by bearing and distance to the nearest established or projected public land survey corner; **maps for placer**

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mining use may identify reaches of up to one-half mile in length in lieu of points of diversion.

(B) The general course of the source for the proposed use, if applicable;

(C) Other topographical features such as roads, streams, railroads, etc., which may be helpful in locating the diversion points in the field.

(2) The Director shall provide notice of the request to the public in the same manner as other water use applications, but may approve the license after 14 days from the date of mailing of the weekly public notice, upon a finding that the proposed water use will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

(3) Each limited license shall be limited to an area within a single drainage basin.

(4) Except for a licensee using water under a limited license issued in conjunction with an enforcement order, the licensee shall give notice to the watermaster in the district where use is to occur not less than 15 days or more than 60 days in advance of using the water under the limited license. The notice shall include the location of the diversion, the quantity of water to be diverted and the intended use and place of use.

(5) The licensee shall maintain a record of use, including the total number of hours of pumping, an estimate of the total quantity pumped, and the categories of beneficial use to which the water is applied. The record of use shall be submitted to the watermaster upon request.

(6) The Director may revoke the right to use water for any reason described in ORS 537.143(2). Such revocation may be prompted by field regulatory activities or by any other reason.

(7) A limited license does not receive a priority date and is not protected under ORS 540.045.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.027, 595 & 654

Stats. Implemented: ORS 537.143 & 537.144

Hist.: WRD 6-1989(Temp), f. 9-29-89, cert. ef. 10-3-89; WRD 9-1989, f. & cert. ef. 11-20-89; WRD 16-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90; WRD 9-1992, f. & cert. ef. 7-1-92, Renumbered from 690-011-0082; WRD 5-1994, f. & cert. ef. 4-13-94; WRD 5-1995(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 8-4-95; WRD 1-1996, f. & cert. ef. 1-31-96, Renumbered from 690-011-0046; WRD 5-2004, f. & cert. ef. 6-15-04; WRD 9-2009, f. 12-8-09, cert. ef. 12-15-09

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690-340-0040

Registration of Water Use for Road Maintenance and Construction

(1) A request by a public agency to register water use for road and highway maintenance, construction and reconstruction shall be submitted on a form provided by the Water Resources Department and shall include at least the following:

- (a) The name and authorized agent of the public agency;
- (b) The address and telephone number of the agency's authorized agent;
- (c) If the source of water to be used for the agency's road maintenance or construction program:
 - (A) Is groundwater, attach copy of well log or description of the well;
 - (B) Is surface water, identify the name of the source and the stream, or river the source is tributary to.
- (d) The maximum amount of water to be used during the calendar year in gallons or acre-feet;
- (e) The maximum amount of water to be used during any 24-hour period in gallons or acre-feet;
- (f) A map indicating the location(s) of the point(s) of diversion of water to be used for road maintenance or construction (the map shall be of sufficient scale to establish the location(s) of the point(s) of diversion to the nearest quarter section, township and range);
- (g) A fee in the amount of [~~\$300~~] **\$340** (more than one point of diversion may be identified per registration); and
- (h) If water is obtained from a well, conveyance or storage facility that has a perfected or certificated water right:
 - (A) Provide the permit or certificate number or the court decree identification of the right; and

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(B) Written authorization from the owner of the right that allows use of water from the well, conveyance or storage facility.

(2) The registrant may use either a county road map or a Water Resources Department basin map to indicate the location(s) of point(s) of diversion. Counties may submit one registration for all uses within the county. State-wide public agencies shall submit one registration for each of the agencies administrative units. (The Oregon Department of Transportation shall submit one registration for each of its Regions within which road construction or maintenance water is to be used). Federal agencies with jurisdiction over roads/highways shall submit one registration for each of their administrative units.

(3) An Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife "Requirements for Small Pump Screen", Self-Certification form shall accompany the registration form.

(4) As used in this rule, public agency means:

(a) The State of Oregon or any agency of the State of Oregon;

(b) A county or a special road district of a county;

(c) A city, town or incorporated municipality; and

(d) Any federal agency that has jurisdiction over a roadway in this state.

(5) The registration is subject to the following terms:

(a) Water use authorized by the registration shall not have priority over any existing water right;

(b) Water use authorized by the registration shall be subordinate to all future permitted or certificated water rights;

(c) Water use authorized under the registration shall not exceed 50,000 gallons from a single source during any 24-hour period;

(d) The registration shall be valid until the public agency voluntarily withdraws the registration or the public agency fails to file the annual renewal statement as required under section (8) of this rule;

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(e) No person may construct any dam, reservoir or other impoundment facility to divert water from within a designated scenic waterway;

(f) Under no circumstances may the registrant cause the water course to be dewatered to a degree that the live, continuous flow is obstructed;

(g) The department may require the public agency to cease diversion of water at any time the director has reason to believe use of water under the registration is causing a significant adverse impact upon:

(A) The affected watershed; or

(B) Any existing water right; and

(h) The registrant shall notify the watermaster for the district in which the water is to be diverted not fewer than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date diversion under the registration is to be initiated. If the proposed diversion is within or above a designated scenic waterway, the registrant shall not withdraw water under the registration until the watermaster provides written findings that the proposed withdrawal will not interfere with the free-flowing character of the scenic waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife uses.

(6) The registrant may authorize any person(s) to divert, transport or apply water under the registration; however, the registrant is responsible for the acts of such person(s) as authorized by the registration and these rules.

(7) The registrant shall provide copies of its registration form and map to the local office of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) at least 30 days before water use under the registration is initiated. If sensitive, threatened or endangered aquatic species are present in the stream(s) proposed as a source(s) of water under the registration and such species may be adversely affected by withdrawal of water by the registrant, ODFW shall advise the watermaster to direct the registrant to withdraw water from an alternative location(s) or stream(s) wherein the proposed withdrawal will not cause significant adverse impact to the affected watershed.

(8) The public agency must submit an annual renewal statement on or before February 1 of each calendar year. The annual renewal statement shall be accompanied with a [~~\$50~~] **\$60** renewal fee and shall specify any change in:

(a) The registrant's map;

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- (b) The sources of water to be used;
- (c) The maximum amount of water to be used during the calendar year or during any 24-hour period; and
- (d) A map delineating any changes in the location(s) of point(s) of diversion.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.027

Statutes Implemented: [ORS 537.040](#)

Hist.: WRD 6-1995, f. & cert. ef. 6-10-94; WRD 1-1996, f. & cert. ef. 1-31-96, Renumbered from 690-011-0047

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690-310-0080

Initial Review

(1) If the proposed use is not prohibited by statute, the Department shall undertake an initial review of the application and make a preliminary determination of:

- (a) Whether the proposed use is restricted or limited by statute or rule;
- (b) The extent to which water is available from the proposed source during the times and in the amounts requested; and
- (c) Any other issue the Department identifies as a result of the initial review that may preclude approval of or restrict the proposed use.

(2) Upon completion of the initial review and no later than 30 days after determining an application to be complete and not defective as described in 690-310-0070, the Department shall send by regular mail, or with the consent of the recipient, by electronic means to the applicant an initial review report setting forth the Department's preliminary determinations. The applicant shall have 14 days from the date the Department sends the initial review report within which to notify the Department to stop processing the application or to proceed with the application. If the applicant notifies the Department to stop processing the application, the Department shall return the application and all except [\$50] (~~\$225~~) of any fees paid by the applicant. If the Department

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does not receive a timely response from the applicant, the Department shall proceed with the review of the application.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.027

Stats. Implemented: ORS 537.150 & 537.620

Hist.: WRD 1-1996, f. & cert. ef. 1-31-96; WRD 1-2012, f 1-31-12, cert. ef. 2-1-12

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690-382-0400

Application for Modification of Certificate of Registration

Each application for modification of a certificate of registration shall be prepared in ink or printed on a form provided by the Department. Applications shall contain the following minimum information concerning the certificate of registration and any appurtenant water right or permit, if applicable:

- (1) Applicant's name, mailing address, and telephone number.
- (2) Type of change proposed.
- (3) Name appearing on the certificate of registration.
- (4) Certificate of registration number for the registration to be modified.
- (5) Water right certificate, permit, or certificate of registration numbers, as applicable, for any layered water uses subject to transfer, permits, or certificates of registration.
- (6) Source of water as described on the certificate of registration.
- (7) Date of priority.
- (8) The authorized and proposed point(s) of appropriation located accurately in reference to a public land survey corner, if applicable.
- (9) The authorized and proposed use of water, if applicable.

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(10) The authorized and proposed place of use identified by its location within the public land survey and tax lot number, if applicable.

(11) A map prepared pursuant to OAR 690-380-3100, except it need not be prepared by a water rights examiner.

(12) Land use information as outlined in the Department's Land Use Planning Procedures Guide, except for those modifications that meet the following four requirements:

(a) Where existing and proposed water uses would be located entirely within lands zoned for exclusive farm use as provided in ORS 215.203 or within irrigation districts;

(b) That involve changes in place of use only;

(c) That do not involve the placement or modification of structures including but not limited to water diversion, impoundment, or distribution facilities, water wells, and well houses; and

(d) That involve irrigation water uses only.

(13) For a change in point of appropriation, copies of water well reports for the authorized and proposed point of appropriation. If water well reports are not available, a description of the construction of each well, including but not limited to, well depth, static water level, casing size, and any other necessary information to establish the ground water body developed or proposed to be developed.

(14) A listing of the names and mailing addresses of:

(a) All affected local governments, including but not limited to, county, city, municipal corporations, and tribal governments; and

(b) Any district in which the affected registration is located or that serves the registration and any district in which the affected registration would be located or that would serve the registration after the proposed modification.

(15) An oath that the information contained in the application is true and accurate.

(16) The following information related to the authority of the applicant to pursue the proposed modification:

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(a) A signed statement that the applicant understands that, upon receipt of the draft preliminary determination described in OAR 690-382-0700(4) and prior to Department recognition of the modification, the applicant will be required to provide the landownership information and evidence identified in OAR 690-382-0700(5) to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the modification;

(b) A statement affirming that the applicant is a municipality as defined in ORS 540.510(3)(b) and that the right is in the name of the municipality or a predecessor; or

(c) Documentation that the applicant is an entity with the authority to condemn property and is acquiring by condemnation the property to which the certificate of registration proposed for modification is appurtenant. Such an entity may only apply for recognition of a modification under this subsection if it has filed a condemnation action to acquire the property and deposited the funds with the court as required by ORS 35.265. Such an entity need not obtain the consent or authorization for the change from any other person or entity.

(17) The signature of the applicant, and if an entity, the title of the person signing the form.

(18) The appropriate fee required under ORS 537.610 as follows:

(a) For examination of an application to only change the place of use under a certificate of registration, [\$775] (**\$875**).

(b) For examination of all other applications to modify a certificate of registration, [*\$1,125*] (**\$1,250**).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025; 536.027, 537.610, 540.531, HB 2123 (ch. 614, 2005 Oregon Water Laws)

Stats. Implemented: ORS 537.610, 540.505-540.532, HB 2123 (ch. 614, 2005 Oregon Water Laws)

Hist.: WRD 5-2006, f. & cert. ef. 10-6-06; WRD 8-2009, f. 12-8-09, cert. ef. 12-15-09

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