

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):**
2. **Type of request:** Initial
3. **Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended by HR 1
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
5. **State:** Oregon
6. **Region:** WRO
7. **Regulatory requirements:**

Under 7 CFR 273.24(b) individuals are not eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than 3 months during any 3-year period in which the individual was subject to, but did not comply with, the SNAP work requirements. Regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(a) provide that fulfilling the work requirement means: working 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; participating in and complying with the requirements of a work program or a workfare program for at least 20 hours per week; or any combination of working and participating in a work program for a total of 20 hours per week.

Under 7 CFR 273.24(f), upon the request of a State agency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) may waive the applicability of the time limit described above for any group of individuals in the State if FNS makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate above 10 percent.
8. **Description of alternative procedures:**

The State of Oregon is requesting to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in 5 reservations from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24.
9. **Justification for request:**

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(1), areas may qualify for a time limit waiver if they have an unemployment rate of over 10 percent.

The State of Oregon requests to waive the following 5 reservations based on having average unemployment rates exceeding 10 percent for a recent 12-month period. The reservation unemployment rates were calculated by applying 2019-2023 American Community Survey share ratios to county-level Bureau of Labor Statistics data from September 2024 through August 2025, the most recent data available. The following table summarizes the calculations:

American Community Survey and Bureau of Labor Statistics Data September 2024 through August 2025			
Reservation	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Harney County (part); Oregon (part); Burns Paiute Indian Colony and Off-Reservation Trust Land, OR	96	806	11.9%
Total Burns Paiute Indian Reservation	96	806	11.9%
Coos County (part); Oregon (part); Coquille Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, OR	232	2,245	10.3%
Total Coquille Reservation	232	2,245	10.3%
Douglas County (part); Oregon (part); Cow Creek Reservation, OR	107	915	11.7%
Total Cow Creek Reservation	107	915	11.7%
Klamath County (part); Oregon (part); Klamath Reservation, OR	30	92	33.3%
Total Klamath Reservation	30	92	33.3%
Lincoln County (part); Oregon (part); Siletz Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, OR	715	2,722	26.3%
Marion County (part); Oregon (part); Siletz Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, OR	0	0	-
Total Siletz Reservation	715	2,722	26.3%

10. Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:

This waiver will provide consistency for households and State agency operations in areas where unemployment remains higher than 10 percent.

11. Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):

The caseload for these areas, as of **September 2025**, represent less than **6.62%** of the caseload for the state. There are no quality control procedures involved.

12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:

Oregon is requesting a one-year waiver, from December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026.

13. Proposed quality control review procedures:

There are no special quality control procedures needed in conjunction with this waiver.

14. State agency submitting waiver request and State contact person:

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15. Signature and title of requesting official:

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16. Date of request: October 24, 2025

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