

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Oregon Tort Claims Act Statutory Liability Limits, Wrongful Conviction Compensation Amounts, Homestead Exemption Amounts, Base Protected Account Balance Exemption Amounts, & Marriage Solemnization Personal Payment Amounts

2026 Annual Adjustments

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for the proposed Oregon Tort Claims Act liability limits, wrongful conviction compensation amounts, homestead exemption amounts, base protected account balance exemption amounts, and marriage solemnization personal payment amounts will close at **11:59:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.**

A list of past and current amounts can be found at <http://www.courts.oregon.gov/Pages/tort.aspx>. Public comments can be submitted via the “click here” buttons below; emailed to Rachel.D.Trickett@ojd.state.or.us; or conventionally mailed to Rachel Trickett, Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of the State Court Administrator, Supreme Court Building, 1163 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97301-2563.

Wrongful Conviction Compensation

Oregon law allows a wrongfully convicted person to file a petition seeking compensation in the Marion County Circuit Court or in the circuit court for the county of conviction and directs OSCA to adjust these compensation amounts annually. See ORS 30.657. The proposed adjusted amounts are listed below:

Compensation for Wrongful Conviction	Current Amount	Adjusted Amount
For each year of imprisonment	\$70,900	\$72,800
For each additional year served on parole or post-prison supervision or was required to register as a sex offender, whichever is greater	\$27,300	\$28,000

Following a public comment period, OSCA will finalize the adjustments, and the new compensation amounts will become effective on July 1, 2026. They will apply to all petitions filed on or after July 1, 2026, and before July 1, 2027. OSCA makes these adjustments annually, as required by statute.

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Oregon Tort Claims Act Liability Limits

The Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA) has calculated the annual adjustment to the limitations on liability of state and local public bodies for personal injury, death, and property damage or destruction. We propose to adjust the limitations as follows:

Public Body	Claimant(s)	Claim	Current Limit	Adjusted Limit
State	Single	Injury or Death	\$2,637,500	\$2,708,100
State	Multiple	Injury or Death	\$5,275,100	\$5,416,200
Local	Single	Injury or Death	\$879,200	\$902,700
Local	Multiple	Injury or Death	\$1,758,300	\$1,805,300
State or Local	Single	Property Damage or Destruction	\$144,200	\$148,100
State or Local	Multiple	Property Damage or Destruction	\$721,000	\$740,300

Following a public comment period, OSCA will finalize the adjustments, and the new limitations will become effective on July 1, 2026. They will apply to all causes of action arising on or after July 1, 2026, and before July 1, 2027. OSCA makes these adjustments annually, as required by statute.

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Garnishment Exemptions

In 2024, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill (SB) 1595 (Oregon Laws 2024, chapter 100). Beginning January 1, 2025, the measure requires OSCA to increase the base amounts for several exemptions from execution and garnishment annually, according to the methodology described in the measure. The proposed adjusted amounts are listed below:

Homestead Exemption

Exemption	Current Amount	Adjusted Amount
Single Judgment Debtor	\$154,200	\$158,300
Two or More Judgment Debtors (same household)	\$308,400	\$316,700

Base Protected Account Balance Exemption

Exemption	Current Amount	Adjusted Amount
Base Protected Account Balance	\$2,600	\$2,600

Following a public comment period, OSCA will finalize the adjustments, and the new exemption amounts will become effective on July 1, 2026, and remain effective until July 1, 2027. OSCA will make these adjustments annually, as required by statute.

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Marriage Solemnization Personal Payment Amounts

In 2025, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed House Bill (HB) 2306 (Oregon Laws 2025, chapter 374). Beginning January 1, 2026, the measure requires OSCA to increase the maximum personal payment amount that judicial officers and county clerks may receive for solemnizing marriages annually, according to the methodology described in the measure. The proposed adjusted amount is listed below:

Personal Payment for Marriage Solemnization	Current Amount	Adjusted Amount
Maximum amount judicial officers and county clerks may receive for solemnizing marriages	\$200	\$205

Following a public comment period, OSCA will finalize the adjustment, and the new payment amount will become effective on July 1, 2026. It will apply to all marriages solemnized by judicial officers and county clerks on or after July 1, 2026, and before July 1, 2027. OSCA makes these adjustments annually, as required by statute.

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