

137-050-0725

Basic Support Obligation

(1) The appendix (“the scale”) must be used in any calculation of support under ORS 25.270 to 25.280. The scale is based on a national average of incomes and costs of living and is therefore applicable regardless of whether an individual resides or works in another state.

(2) The basic child support obligation is determined by referencing the scale for the appropriate number of children for whom support is sought and the combined adjusted income of the parents.

(3) The scale lists amounts based on gross income, but presumes standard tax deductions for one person; amounts listed are therefore for net income.

(4) If each parent’s parenting time is at least 25 percent, multiply the basic child support obligation by 1.5 (150 percent) as provided in OAR 137-050-0730.

(5) For combined adjusted gross incomes exceeding \$30,000 per month, the presumed basic child support obligations will be the same as for parents with combined adjusted income of \$30,000 per month. A basic child support obligation in excess of this level may be demonstrated for any reason set forth in OAR 137-050-0760.

(6) For support amounts for more than 10 children, the presumed basic child support obligation will be the same as for parents with 10 children. A basic child support obligation in excess of this level may be demonstrated for any reason set forth in OAR 137-050-0760.

(7) When the combined income falls between two income amounts on the scale, use the lower income amount on the scale to determine the child support obligation.

(8) Determine each parent’s share of the basic support obligation by multiplying the combined basic support obligation by the parent’s percentage share of adjusted income.

(9) The scale below presumes the parent with primary physical custody will take the tax exemption for the child for whom support is sought for income tax purposes. When that parent does not take the tax exemption, the rebuttals in OAR 137-050-0760 may be used to adjust the child support obligation. For the purposes of the guidelines, “primary physical custody” means the parent who provides the primary residence for the child and is responsible for the majority of the day-to-day decisions concerning the child.

Link to the appendix (the scale):

<http://www.dcs.state.or.us/forms/csf020809f.pdf>

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