

**137-050-0700**  
**General Provisions**

(1) ORS 25.270 through ORS 25.280 require that child support be calculated according to a formula. The formula is known as the "Oregon Child Support Guidelines" and is contained in OAR 137-050-0700 through OAR 137-050-0765 and in the "Obligation Scale" which is located in the appendix.

(2) Any change to the guidelines applies to all judicial or administrative actions which are pending as of the date of the change or initiated thereafter.

(3) Changes to these rules do not constitute a substantial change in circumstances for purposes of modifying a support order.

(4) "Pending" as used in section (2) means any matter that has been initiated before the effective date of a rule change but requires amendment, modification or hearing before a final judgment can be entered.

(5) The calculation instructions in OAR 137-050-0710 apply when at least one minor child for whom support is being calculated lives with a parent. If none of the minor children for whom support is being calculated lives with a parent, calculate each parent's obligation separately. For the "other parent" in these single-parent calculations, use the same income, spousal support, union dues and additional children as for the parent whose obligation is being calculated. Include the caretaker's child care costs, if any. Do not include any other information for the "other parent".

Stat. Auth.: ORS 25.270 – 25.290, 180.345

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