

137-055-6220

Recovery of Overpayments on Support Accounts

(1) A child support overpayment in favor of the State of Oregon is created when:

(a) The Department of Justice (DOJ) has transmitted money to an obligee, to a person or entity authorized to receive support payments or to an obligor, and that amount:

(A) Was transmitted in error or is attributable in whole or in part to a tax refund offset collection, all or part of which has been reclaimed by the Internal Revenue Service or the Oregon Department of Revenue; and

(B) Does not qualify as an advance payment under OAR 137-055-6210 or as payment for future support under OAR 137-055-6021(13); or

(b) DOJ receives a check from an obligor, other payor on behalf of the obligor, or withholder, transmits the appropriate amount from that check to the payee, and that check is dishonored.

(2) For overpayments described in subsection (1)(a), sections (3) through (8) of this rule apply. For overpayments described in subsection (1)(b), sections (9) through (12) of this rule apply.

(3) DOJ will determine a threshold amount for which attempts to recover the overpayment will occur. In determining the threshold, DOJ will consider the cost of:

(a) Staff time in processing the overpayment collection request; and

(b) An administrative hearing and the average number of cases requesting a hearing.

(4) When a notice is issued under ORS 25.125 to a person or entity described in subsection (1)(a), DOJ will include a statement that the person or entity:

(a) Must respond within 30 days from the date of the notice to object and request an administrative review; and

(b) If appropriate, may voluntarily assign any future support to repay the overpayment.

(5) If the person or entity described in subsection (1)(a) requests an administrative review, DOJ will conduct the administrative review within 30 days after receiving the request and notify the person or entity of the results of the review.

(6) Notice of the results of the administrative review will include a statement that the person or entity described in subsection (1)(a) must respond within 30 days from the date of the notice to object and request an administrative hearing.

(7) If the person or entity described in subsection (1)(a) files a written objection or request for hearing within 30 days, an administrative law judge shall then hear the objection.

(a) An order by an administrative law judge is final.

(b) The person or entity described in subsection (1)(a) may appeal the decision of an administrative law judge to the circuit court for a hearing de novo. The appeal shall be by a petition for review, filed within 60 days after the date that the final hearing order has been mailed.

(8) If a person or entity described in subsection (1)(a) fails to file a written request for administrative review, objection or request for hearing, fails to voluntarily assign future support, or if an order setting the overpayment amount is received from an administrative law judge, DOJ may refer the overpayment for collection as provided in ORS 293.231.

(9) When a notice is issued to an obligor or withholder under ORS 25.125(5), DOJ will include a statement that the obligor or withholder must respond within 30 days of the date of the notice and request an administrative review.

(10) If the obligor or withholder requests an administrative review, DOJ will conduct the administrative review within 30 days after receiving the request and notify the obligor or withholder of the results of the review.

(11) The obligor or withholder may appeal the result of the administrative review as provided in ORS 183.484.

(12) If the obligor or withholder fails to request an administrative review or if the result of an administrative review is that an overpayment occurred, DOJ may refer the overpayment for collection from the obligor or withholder as provided in ORS 293.231.

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