

137-050-0725

Basic Support Obligation

(1) The scale of basic child support obligations, found in the appendix to these rules, must be used in every support calculation made under ORS 25.270 to 25.280. The scale is based on national data on childrearing expenditures relative to family income. The scale applies regardless of where the parent resides or works.

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

(3) If the combined adjusted gross income of the parents is more than \$30,000 per month, the basic child support obligation is the same for parents with combined adjusted income of \$30,000 per month.

(4) The basic child support obligation for more than ten children is the same as for ten children.

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

(6) 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 as provided by OAR 137-050-0720. The basic support amount may not exceed the parent's income available for support as provided in OAR 137-050-0745.

[Link to the appendix \(the scale\):](http://oregonchildsupport.gov/laws/rules/docs/guidelines_scale.pdf)

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