

461-160-0430
Income Deductions; SNAP

Effective 10-01-25

In the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):

- (1) Deductions from income are subtracted from *countable* (see OAR [461-001-0000](#)) income (see OAR [461-140-0010](#)) in the following order to determine *adjusted income* (see OAR [461-001-0000](#)) for the SNAP program:
 - (a) An earned income deduction as follows:
 - (A) An earned income deduction of 20 percent of *countable* earned income. Multiply the total *countable* earned income by 20 percent and subtract that amount from the *countable* income. The 20 percent deduction is not taken from the wages funded by grant diversions such as Work Supplementation wages.
 - (B) Effective January 19, 2023, an earned income deduction of 20 percent of the earned income excluded due to payment of court ordered child support (see OAR [461-140-0265](#)). For individuals who qualify for this exclusion, multiply the excluded earned income used to pay child support by 20 percent and deduct that amount from the *countable* income.
 - (b) A standard deduction of:
 - (A) \$ 209 per month for a *benefit group* (see OAR [461-110-0750](#)) of one, two, or three individuals.
 - (B) \$ 223 per month for a *benefit group* of four individuals.
 - (C) \$ 261 per month for a *benefit group* of five individuals.
 - (D) \$ 299 per month for a *benefit group* of six or more individuals.
 - (c) A dependent care deduction for dependent care costs billed to a member of the *filing group* (see OAR [461-110-0370](#)) and not paid for through any other program of the Department. For the

cost to be deductible under this section, the care must be necessary to enable a member of the *filing group* to--

- (A) Accept or continue employment;
 - (B) Seek employment, including a job search that meets the requirements of a *case plan* (see OAR [461-001-0020](#)); or
 - (C) Attend vocational or educational training. A student receiving educational income is entitled to a deduction only for costs not excluded from educational income by OAR [461-145-0150](#).
- (d) The medical deduction for *elderly* (see OAR [461-001-0015](#)) individuals and individuals who have a *disability* (see OAR [461-001-0015](#)) in the *filing group*. The deduction is calculated by determining the total of their deductible medical costs (see OAR [461-160-0415](#)) and subtracting \$35. The Department uses the resulting amount to determine the allowable deduction as follows:
- (A) For an amount less than \$0, no deduction is allowed.
 - (B) For an amount greater than \$0 but less than \$170.01, a deduction of \$170 is allowed.
 - (C) For an amount greater than \$170, a deduction of the amount determined under this subsection is allowed.
- (e) An Excess Shelter Deduction or Homeless Shelter Deduction is calculated if the *filing group* has an allowable shelter cost under OAR [461-160-0420](#).
- (A) If the group is eligible for both deductions listed in subsections (B) and (C) of this section, they will receive the higher of the two.
 - (B) Excess Shelter Deduction is calculated as follows:

- (i) The standard deduction and the deductions of earned income, dependent care, and medical expenses are subtracted from *countable* income.
 - (ii) Fifty percent of the remainder is subtracted from the shelter cost calculated in accordance with OAR [461-160-0420](#).
 - (iii) The rounded balance is the deduction, except the deduction is limited if the *filing group* has no member who has a *disability* or is *elderly*. The limit is \$744 per month.
- (C) The Homeless Shelter Deduction is \$198.99 for a *filing group* experiencing homelessness whose living circumstances meet the definition of *homeless* (see OAR [461-001-0015](#)).
- (2) If an individual cannot verify a medical expense or cannot verify any other expense when asked to do so, the unverified expense is not used to calculate the deduction. If the individual provides verification, the deduction is applied when calculating the next month's benefits. If verification is provided within the period authorized for processing applications (see OAR [461-115-0210](#)), the benefits for the *initial month* (see OAR [461-001-0000](#)) are recalculated using the deduction.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS [409.050](#), [411.060](#), [411.070](#), [411.816](#)
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS [409.010](#), [409.050](#), [411.060](#), [411.070](#), [411.816](#), [411.825](#), [411.837](#), 7 CFR 273.5, 7 CFR 273.9, 7 CFR 273.10, 7 CFR 273.11

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