

Travel Reimbursement Policy

Oregon State University Contractor Travel Reimbursement Policy

The Travel Policy set forth below may be modified from time to time and posted on Owner's website.

| Category | Rate Summary | Policy |
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| Instate Travel: Meal per diem \$52 B = \$13.00 L = \$13.00 D = \$26.00 | All Oregon Cities Meals \$52.00 Lodging \$118.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The per diem equals the federal rate using the <i>IRS's High-Low Substantiation Method</i>. All Oregon cities are currently Low Cost Cities. • No receipts are required for lodging, meals and incidental expenses (these are reimbursed on a per diem basis). • If meals are provided at the meeting or event, no meal per diem is allowed. • No meal per diem is allowed on one day trips. • Lodging tax is reimbursed as a miscellaneous expense. |
| Out-of-State, and Continental US Travel: High meal per diem \$65 B = \$16.25 L = \$16.25 D = \$32.50 Low meal per diem \$52 B = \$13.00 L = \$13.00 D = \$26.00 | High: See list of High Cost Cities Meals \$65.00 Lodging \$186.00 Low: All other cities, Continental US Meals \$52.00 Lodging \$118.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The per diem equals the federal rate using the <i>IRS's High-Low Substantiation Method</i>. • No receipts are required for lodging, meals and incidental expenses (these are reimbursed on a per diem basis). • If meals are provided at the meeting or event, no meal per diem is allowed. • No meal per diem is allowed on one day trips. • Lodging tax is reimbursed as a miscellaneous expense. |
| Foreign & Non-Continental US and Overseas Non-Foreign Areas (Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, etc.) | Contractor travel to these locations is minimal and the federal tables are complicated. Call for per diem rates. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Oregon State University Business Services for current per diem rates for these locations. • If meals are provided at the meeting or event, no meal per diem is allowed. • Lodging tax is reimbursed as a miscellaneous expense for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and US possessions. Lodging tax is included in the per diem for foreign travel. • No receipts are required for lodging, meals and incidental expenses. |
| Mileage for Private Vehicle: | 56.0 cents per mile. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage can be calculated one of 3 ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mileage Chart in the Excel file (see Excel file) ○ Actual mileage (from the odometer) |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mapping software (e.g., mapquest.com) • Mileage cannot be claimed in addition to fees for rented vehicles and fuel expenses for a rented vehicle. • Mileage is not reimbursable unless one way trip exceeds 25 miles from origin to destination. |
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| Pro-ration of meals for partial days involving an overnight stay: | INITIAL Day of Travel – Leave: | Prior to 7:00 am | 7:00 am to 12:59 pm | 1:00 pm and after |
| | Meal Allowance | Breakfast, lunch, dinner | Lunch, dinner | Dinner |
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| | FINAL Day of Travel – Return: | Prior to Noon | 12:00 noon to 5:59 pm | 6:00 pm and after |
| | Meal Allowance | Breakfast | Breakfast, lunch | Breakfast, lunch, dinner |

Rented Vehicles: OSU will only reimburse vehicle rental rates for compact and economy cars and their equivalent green class. OSU will reimburse for liability insurance issued through the vehicle rental company. Other classes of vehicles may be rented for circumstances that are approved in advance by the OSU representative for reasons that include space requirements or inclement weather conditions. Receipts are required.

Airfare: OSU will only reimburse actual economy rate airfare, plus mandatory taxes and fees. Receipts are required.

Ground Transportation: Taxicab, train (coach or business class only), and airport shuttle fees will be reimbursed. Receipts are required if over \$75 per item.

Incidental Expenses: *Incidental expenses are combined with the meal per diem rate and will not be separately reimbursed.* Incidental expenses include, but are not limited to, expenses for laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing, and fees and gratuities for services, such as for waiters, taxi drivers, and baggage handlers.

Miscellaneous Expenses: The miscellaneous expenses that can be reimbursed include: fuel expenses for a rented vehicle, parking, tolls, lodging taxes, and checked baggage for up to 2 standard-weight bags. Other miscellaneous expenses can be reimbursed only if approved in advance by the OSU representative. All miscellaneous expenses must be itemized. Receipts are required if over \$25 per item.

Unallowed Expenses: Expenses for laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing, and fees and gratuities for services (e.g. waiters, taxi drivers, and baggage handlers) are not reimbursable.

Hosting Expenses: If the Statement of work in your contract authorizes reimbursement for hosting expenses, all expenses must be authorized prior to incurring costs. Contact OSU Business Services for allowable expenses.