



Emergency Vehicle Designation Application

Under authority of **Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 801.260**, the Oregon Department of Transportation will consider requests for Emergency Vehicle designation upon receipt of a completed application.

OAR 737-100-0010(4)

“Emergency” means a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances demanding immediate action.

ORS 801.260

“Emergency vehicle” means a vehicle that is equipped with lights and sirens as required under ORS 820.350 (Ambulance warning lights).

ORS 682.079 Power of Oregon Health Authority to grant exemptions or variances

(1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority may grant exemptions or variances from one or more of the requirements of ORS 820.330 to 820.380 or this chapter or the rules adopted under ORS 820.330 to 820.380 or this chapter to any class of vehicles if the authority finds that compliance with the requirement or requirements is inappropriate.

ORS 820.370 Ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens

(1) Subject to any other law or rule pursuant thereto relating to the noise of a vehicle, the Department of Transportation may prescribe required sirens or other audible signals for ambulances and emergency vehicles. The requirements established under this section may include, but are not limited to, numbers required, placement, and audibility and inside indicators.

(2) Enforcement of the requirements established under this section is provided under ORS 820.380 (Illegal ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens).

ORS 820.380 Illegal ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens

(1) A person commits the offense of illegal ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens if the person drives or moves on any highway or owns and causes or knowingly permits to be driven or moved on any highway an ambulance or emergency vehicle that does not contain and is not at all times equipped with sirens or other audible signals in proper conditions and adjustment as required under ORS 820.370 (Ambulance or emergency vehicle sirens).

(2) This section does not apply to any ambulance or person operating or owning an ambulance if the ambulance or person is exempted by ORS 682.035 (Application of ORS chapter 682).

ORS 682.035 Application of ORS chapter 682

ORS 820.300 Exemptions from traffic laws

(1) Subject to conditions, limitations, prohibitions and penalties established for emergency vehicle and ambulance drivers under ORS 820.320

This application is not for private security response, operations, or non-fire alarm notifications. The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) regulates public and private security operations, including designations. The use of public vehicle and commercial vehicle warning lights is described in Oregon Revised Statute 816.280(1)(a).

This application is not for an “ODOT Incident Response Vehicle” 737-100-0010 (5)

1. ☐ I certify the emergency vehicle represented in this application has been inspected and approved by a competent mechanic per 737-100-0010(2)(a) & (b) and 737-100-0030 (4)(c)
2. Is the vehicle represented in this application a public or privately owned vehicle?” OAR 737-100-0010 (6) ☐ Public ☐ Private
3. Complete description of the proposed vehicle: OAR 737-100-0030(A)

Year	Make	Body Style
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)		Registration Plate

4. How will the vehicle be used in emergency situations? OAR 737-100-0030 (B)

*i.e. – This vehicle will be used to respond to and suppress/extinguish structure and wildland fires.

5. What is the specific need in the geographic area for which the emergency vehicle will be used? OAR 737-100-0030 (C)

*i.e. – The area in which this vehicle will be used does not have a public firefighting agency. This vehicle is part of a private firefighting company/organization that provides subscription firefighting services to private home/land owners.

6. Any other Data or special qualifications? OAR 737-100-0030 (D)

*i.e. It was manufactured as a fire truck, or, it has been specially converted or equipped with emergency supplies, life support equipment, etc.}

7. The following must be included with the submission of your application:

- a. ☐ Attach/include a map to this application, that details the actual area or routes where the vehicle will be used as an emergency vehicle per OAR 737-100-0030 (D)(b)
- b. ☐ Include a statement of certification, signed by a competent mechanic, that the vehicle is in a safe operating condition per OAR 737-100-0030 (D)(c)
- c. ☐ Attach a written recommendation letter of support from the sheriff's office of the county of registration of the vehicle per OAR 737-100-0030 (D)(d)
- d. ☐ Attach A written recommendation letter of support from all other law enforcement agencies in the area(s) in which the vehicle will be used as an emergency vehicle per OAR 737-100-0030 (D)(e) [Oregon State Police letter of support requests should be submitted to Captain Sether, evan.sether@osp.oregon.gov]

8. I/We certify the emergency vehicle represented in this application complies with the following:

- a. ☐ Oregon law regarding warning lights and sirens that comply with the types and usage, and with standards and requirements of Transportation Safety; per OAR 737-100-0030 (5)(a)
- b. ☐ Is used only in emergency situations and as allowed by Oregon law and OAR 737-100-0030(5)(b)
- c. Special Traffic law privileges (ORS 820.300 and 820.320):
 - ☐ (a) When the vehicle is actually being used in an emergency situation per OAR 737-100-0030 (7)(a); and
 - ☐ (b) When the vehicle is operated in compliance with all traffic laws, including these special privileges per OAR 737-100-0030 (7)(b)
- d. ☐ Blue warning lights will not be used per OAR 737-100-0030 (9)

9. I/We certify that the emergency vehicle designation issued under these rules will be cancelled when (check all assurances):

- a. ☐ The vehicle has been sold per OAR 737-100-0030 (11)(a)
- b. ☐ The vehicle will no longer be used as an emergency vehicle or in the area as specified in the owners request per OAR 737-100-0030 (11)(b)
- c. ☐ A law enforcement agency requests cancellation due to abuse or violation of the designation or special traffic law privileges, or withdrawal of their favorable recommendation per OAR 737-100-0030 (11)(c)

- d. ☐ A city, county or other governing body requests and provides supporting data for cancellation per OAR 737-100-0030 (11)(d)
- e. ☐ The vehicle is operated as an emergency vehicle other than as permitted by the designation per OAR 737-100-0030 (11)(e)
- f. ☐ The vehicle is operated in violation of Oregon law per OAR 737-100-0030 (11)(f), or
- g. ☐ There is no longer a need because adequate emergency services are now provided in the area per OAR 737-100-0030 (11)(g)

10. This designation is contingent upon compliance with Oregon Administrative Rule 737-100-0030 and the Oregon Vehicle Code, including emergency vehicle warning lights and siren requirements of ORS Chapters 816 and 820. This designation does not provide authority to use a traffic control signal device. To apply for the use of a traffic control signal device for use on state highways complete and submit this form - [Preemption Form - State Highways](#) - to the contact listed on the form. To request authority to use of a traffic control signal device on any city, county, or tribal jurisdiction road, contact those transportation agencies/departments directly. Designation by Transportation Safety Office Vehicle Equipment Safety Standards Program.

An emergency vehicle designation shall not be transferred to another vehicle OAR 737-100-0030 (10). The owner may submit a written request that a replacement vehicle be designated by submitting a new request which includes information found in OAR 737-100-0030 (10).

Per OAR 737-100-0030 (6), ODOT-Transportation Safety Office (TSO) will request an update on designations every two years to assure the vehicle and its usage still qualify for the designation.

Name of person completing application:

Phone:

Signature:

Date:

Completed form and attachments should be sent to:

ODOT-TSO Vehicle Equipment Standards
1905 Lana Ave NE
Salem, OR 97314

Email: Colleen.p.ohogan@odot.oregon.gov

Phone: 971-283-6758

Fax: 503-986-3143

Please remember all required attachments. Incomplete and/or illegible, unreadable applications or attachments will be returned.