**Support Services for Apprentices**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

✓ **What types of services are offered?**

1. **Travel:** *First Year Apprentice or dispatched to a bridge or highway project* - If you travel 60 miles or more to a job site for work or to a classroom for apprenticeship training, you may apply for mileage at 50% of the current federal rate.

2. **Lodging/Per Diem (meals-incidental):** *First Year Apprentice or dispatched to a bridge or highway project* - If you travel 60 miles or more and incur overnight expenses for work, you may apply for lodging and per diem assistance if not receiving it from your employer. (per diem will only be paid when staying in a commercial facility)

3. **Child Care Support:** *All Apprentices* - You may apply for support based on need. The rate will vary depending on the number of children and their ages. Payments will be made directly to provider as long as you are working as an apprentice or attending required training. Providers must be either registered with the Child Care Division (CCD-Oregon) or listed on the Oregon (or WA) registry maintained by the Department of Human services (DHS) Child Care Subsidy Program.

**Payment Schedules for Daycare Support are as follows:**
- 100% paid for one year from the first of the month following your date of apprentice registration and dispatch.
- 75% paid for one year following the end of your eligibility at the 100% reimbursement rate.
- 50% paid for one year following the end of your eligibility at the 75% reimbursement rate.
- 25% paid from the end of the eligibility at the 50% reimbursement rate to the date of final action.

4. **Tool & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** *First Year Apprentice or dispatched to a bridge or highway project* – If you are being distached or working, you may apply for assistance to purchase required basic tools and/or PPE.

5. **Resource and Referral Assistance:**
   - One-on-one career counseling and/or budget workshop training
   - Support/advocate and mentoring for work related concerns
   - Referrals for other services (e.g., social services, continuing education)

✓ **How do I qualify?**

1. To receive financial assistance with travel, lodging/per diem, tools & PPE, you must submit application within the first year of your apprenticeship registration date.

2. Must be an Oregon-registered Apprentice in a Heavy Highway trade, i.e. Operators, Carpenters, Iron Workers, Laborers, Cement Masons or Painters.

3. Currently working or attending required training.

4. Provide a copy of daycare provider’s certification/license from DHS and/or CCD and a W-9.

5. If you are in a non-highway related trade and are dispatched to a bridge or highway project.

✓ **How long can I receive support? Apprentice must be working or attending training.**

1. Travel assistance is 50% of federal GSA rate with a maximum of $500.00 per apprentice.

2. Lodging assistance is 100% of federal GSA rate, minus any lodging assistance provided by other sources, with a maximum of $1000.00 per apprentice in a commercial facility (hotel/motel).

3. Per Diem (meals/incidental) is at the federal GSA rate, minus any per diem provided by other sources, $500.00 maximum.

4. Daycare assistance maximum is $6,000 per apprentice.

5. Tool & PPE maximum is $500.00 per apprentice.

6. Basic telephone service (ask staff for details).

7. Must supply copies of check stubs and/or training schedule when assistance is provided.

8. Ask how to qualify for increasing most of these funding maximums for you.

**Maximum funding per apprentice is $1500.00 a month (for any combination of services).**

**Restrictions and Funding Limits May Apply**

**Assistance is Not Guaranteed and Can Change Without Notice**

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