

OREGON'S FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM



86% of Oregonians view saving for a down payment and closing costs as obstacles to buying a home.

HELPING OREGONIANS BUY HOMES

In March, the Oregon Legislature took a significant step toward addressing the state's affordable housing crisis by passing House Bill 4007, establishing a First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account program statewide.

The program is set to begin on January 1, 2019, allowing Oregonians to take a state tax deduction for saving money towards a down payment and other related costs associated with the purchase of their first home.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Qualified savings would be held in a special account opened at any participating Oregon bank or credit union. Deposits into the account would be tax deductible up to \$5,000 a year for individual filers and \$10,000 a year for joint filers, with a maximum contribution of \$50,000 over 10 years. Interest earned on the account would also be tax free.

Funds in the account must be used for a down payment or other closing costs associated with the purchase of an existing home or construction of a new home, of any type, and could only be used by people who have never owned a home or who have not owned a home in the last three years.

BANK RULES



On November 27, 2018 the Oregon Department of Revenue received comments on the proposed administrative rules. Once the DOR finalizes the rules, banks will start offering the program. OAR will be sure to post the list of participating banks on our website.



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