



OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENERGY

Biomass Producer or Collector Tax Credit  
Rule Advisory Committee

## Proposed Process

Individual allocation of tax credits for biomass feed stocks will be determined as follows:

- Applicants will submit a letter of intent, semi-annually, to the Department that describes the amount of biomass that is estimated to be produced or collected, the timing of production or collection activities, the biofuel producer to which the biomass will be delivered, and the conversion technology used to produce or use the biofuel.
- The Department will publish an aggregate estimate of the total amount of tax credits that are estimated to be certified. The Department will also provide preliminary estimates of tax credits that may be certified to each applicant.
- The department will create the preliminary estimated amount of tax credits that may be certified based on a pro-rated amount of the estimated total tax credit requests.
- Applicants may apply for certification throughout the year, and will be limited to the estimated amount that is provided to the applicant by the Department.
- The Department will review certification applications on a monthly basis and publish summary statistics that indicate the amount of credits estimated, and the amount that have been certified.
- Amount of tax credit certified will be consistent with ORS 469.790 subject to the formula described above.

Individual allocation of tax credits for woody biomass will be determined as follows.

- Applicants may apply for certification of tax credits on a quarterly basis. The total allocation for the biomass feed stocks listed above will be evenly distributed for each quarter. Applicants will also be required to submit an estimate of the biomass collection activities for the remainder of the year.
- The Department will review certification applications on a quarterly basis and publish summary statistics that indicate the amount of credits estimated, and the amount that have been certified.
- Eligible applicants will receive a pro-rated amount of certified tax credits based on the total amount requested for each quarter.
- The Department proposes to provide a higher priority to biomass collection activities that are conducted within 75 miles of the biofuel producer to which the biomass is delivered, and to biofuel use or production activities that operate at higher efficiencies. The Department seeks specific comments on how to prioritize woody biomass collection activities for the purpose of this tax credit.
- Amount of tax credit certified will be consistent with ORS 469.790 subject to the formula described above.