

## What is Job Match?

Job Match is an online tool that enables employers and preferred workers to find one another. Some Oregon employers post job openings on Job Match, indicating they want to hire preferred workers and use incentives offered by the Preferred Worker Program. Go to [www.oregonpwp.info](http://www.oregonpwp.info) and click on "Job Match Postings." If you find a job on the Web site that you are interested in, contact the employer. Be sure to mention that you are a preferred worker and that you saw the job posting on the Preferred Worker Program Web site. You may register online at [www.oregonpwp.info](http://www.oregonpwp.info) to receive an e-mail notice that new jobs are posted.

For more information about the Preferred Worker Program, call 800-445-3948, 503-947-7588 in Salem.

In Southern Oregon, call the Medford area office, 800-696-7161.

## Oregon's Preferred Worker Program

The Preferred Worker Program encourages the reemployment of qualified workers who have permanent disabilities from Oregon on-the-job injuries and who are not able to return to their regular work because of those injuries.

Preferred workers carry wallet-sized cards to show employers they are eligible for program assistance.

The Preferred Worker Program is part of the State of Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Workers' Compensation Division.

Visit us on the Internet: [www.oregonpwp.info](http://www.oregonpwp.info)



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# Injured workers: Looking for Work?

Oregon's  
Preferred  
Worker  
Program  
can help you.



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### PREFERRED WORKER IDENTIFICATION CARD

This card certifies that  
**Effective 01/24/2008**  
**JOHN M DOE**  
**WCD #: AAA0000**

...eligible for Premium Exemption and may also be eligible for  
...Subsidy, Worksite Modification, and Employment Purchases

The program may repay your employer for half of your wages for a six-month period.

As a preferred worker, you can have the place where you work and the equipment you use on the job modified so you can do the job within the restrictions of your injury. The program can pay up to \$25,000 for these worksite modifications. A Preferred Worker Program consultant is available to help identify equipment.

### What if I need something to get or keep a job?

The Preferred Worker Program helps with some of the expenses of starting or seeking a new job or continuing employment. If your employer requires its workers to pay these expenses, the program may be able to help (some limitations apply).

The program covers expenses such as the following:

- Tuition, books, and fees for a class to update existing skills or to meet the requirements of an obtained job.
- Tools and equipment required for the job.
- Clothing required for the job.
- Moving expenses for a job that is 50 or more miles from your home.
- First month's rent and nonrefundable housing deposits, when a move is necessary.
- Occupational certification.
- Union dues.
- Miscellaneous expenses to find, accept, or retain employment.

### What is a preferred worker?

A worker with permanent disability from an Oregon on-the-job injury who is unable to return to regular work because of that injury is called a preferred worker. The Oregon Workers' Compensation Division gives each preferred worker a card. The card lets employers know the preferred worker is participating in a state program to help him or her get back to work.

### How can being a Preferred Worker help me get a job?

You can offer benefits that give an Oregon employer valuable financial reasons for hiring you.

The Preferred Worker Program will exempt your Oregon employer from paying your workers' compensation premiums for up to three years. If you have a new on-the-job injury during that time, the program will pay the costs of your claim. This saves your employer money.

### How do I get a preferred worker card?

If you are a preferred worker, you should have a Preferred Worker Identification Card.

If you don't have a card, but think you qualify as a Preferred Worker because of an injury you received while on the job in Oregon, call 800-445-3948.

### How do I get help finding a job?

Take your preferred worker card to your local Employment Department office. Tell the Employment Department representative that you want to enroll for employment services as a preferred worker. The Employment Department will refer you for jobs with employers that request preferred workers. Ask the Employment Department representative what other services and resources are available to you.

### How do I use my card?

Introduce yourself as a preferred worker to your current employer or a prospective employer by showing them your card. Then let the employer make a copy for its records. Your preferred worker card is good for life.

