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Use of Employees'
Social Security Numbers
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REASON FOR POLICY

Needs to be developed

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

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WEB SITE ADDRESS FOR THIS POLICY

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICE

For questions about this policy, please contact the Office of the Vice President of Finance and Administration at (541) 346-XXXX vpfa@uoregon.edu.

ENACTMENT & REVISION HISTORY

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POLICY

(1) The Oregon University System and each institution within the system shall comply with the requirements of Section 7 of the Privacy Act of 1974 when requesting disclosure of an employee's Social Security Number. Pursuant to the authority of the Oregon University System to implement personnel systems and exercise payroll authority, the Chancellor's Office and each institution within the Oregon University System may request that employees furnish valid Social Security Numbers for mandatory and voluntary uses, subject to the use and disclosure provisions of the Privacy Act.

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- (2)(a) An institution may require disclosure of an employee's Social Security Number for mandatory uses as provided for under Section 7(a)(2) of the Privacy Act, including:
- (A) Use and disclosure for certain program purposes, including disclosure to the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration, the Federal Parent Locator Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicare and Medicaid, Unemployment Insurance, Workers Compensation, and, in appropriate cases, epidemiological research.
- (B) Administration and accounting purposes including the payment of state, federal and local payroll taxes; withholdings for FUTA and FICA; calculation and applicable reporting of pre-tax salary deductions for benefits including, but not limited to, IRC 117 and IRC 127 scholarship and educational assistance programs; IRC 457 deferred compensation and IRC 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity plans; IRC 401(a) retirement plans; IRC 132 pre-tax parking and transit plans, IRC 125 flexible spending account or cafeteria plans; or IRC 105 or 106 health reimbursement arrangements.
- (C) To the extent required by federal law, an employee's Social Security Number may be provided to a foreign, federal, state, or local law enforcement agency for investigation of a violation or potential violation of a law for which that entity has jurisdiction for investigation or prosecution.
- (b) An institution may request voluntary disclosure and consent to use an employee's Social Security Number for the following purposes: internal verification and identification for personnel administration, employment-related background checks, payroll records, enrollments or elections for participation in campus programs and services provided by the public universities.
- (c) An institution may request voluntary disclosure and consent to use the Social Security Number of an employee or the spouse, partner or dependent of the person requesting participation, as required by the administrator of each record-keeping system, benefit, program or service.
- (3) A request for disclosure of an employees' Social Security Number will notify the employee:
- (a) Whether disclosure is mandatory or voluntary;
- (b) Under what statutory or other authority the social security number is requested;
- (c) What specific use or uses will be made of the number; and
- (d) What effect, if any, refusal to provide the number or to grant consent for a voluntary use as described above in (2)(b) and (c) will have on an individual.
- (4) An employee's Social Security Number may not be put to a voluntary use as described above in (2)(b) and (c) unless the employee has granted consent for that use. If, after having provided notice and received consent to use an employee's Social Security Number for specified purposes, an institution wishes to use the Social Security Number for additional purposes not included in the original notice and consent, the requesting entity must provide the employee notice and receive the employee's consent to use the number for those additional purposes.
- (5) An employee's refusal to permit a voluntary use of his or her Social Security Number will not be used as a basis to deny the employee a right, benefit, or privilege provided by law.

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- (6) The Office of the Chancellor will develop a model disclosure and consent form for use by institutions in the Oregon University System. An institution may use a disclosure and consent form that differs from the model form only if:
- (a) The differences are required to satisfy specific programmatic requirements or the entity's particular administrative needs, and
- (b) The form complies with all requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 and this rule.

RELATED RESOURCES

Provide links to forms, external pages, implementation guides, etc. if applicable. Leave blank if not.