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## Oregon OSHA – Adopted Changes to Remove Certain Schools and Education Support From the Recordkeeping Exempt List in Division 1

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Two public hearings were held during May of 2017. Oregon OSHA received oral testimony at both of those hearings in addition to written comments. Oregon OSHA considered all comments received. Oregon OSHA has published a Summary of Comments and Agency Decisions, titled 'Explanation of Rulemaking, Final Action' regarding this rule on its website.

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**This is Oregon OSHA Administrative Order 5-2017, adopted August 1, 2017 and effective January 1, 2018.**

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**RULE CAPTION**

Adopt amendments to remove certain schools and education support from the recordkeeping exempt list.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

**RULEMAKING ACTION**

Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

**ADOPT:**

**AMEND:**

437-001-0700

**REPEAL:**

**RENUMBER:**

**AMEND AND RENUMBER:**

**Statutory Authority:**

ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4)

**Other Authority:**

**Statutes Implemented:**

ORS 654.001-654.295, 654.412-654.423, 654.750-654.780

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Authorized Signer

Michael D. Wood 7/31/2017  
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