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Next state closure day happens on Friday, September 16  
State workers take unpaid day-off to save taxpayers about \$2 million

Salem — Because of budget reductions for state agencies, most state offices will close on Friday, September 16, requiring 26,500 state employees to take mandatory unpaid furloughs on that day, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services announced Monday.

The closure on September 16 is the first of 10 closure dates the state has scheduled over the current two-year budget period. Each day of closure will save an estimated \$2 million in personnel costs, according to DAS. While the closures affect both management and non-management employees, many state workers will take up to four additional days of unpaid furlough on a floating basis during the biennium.

Customers can still do business with DMV and some other state agencies online, even though the offices are closed.

“I encourage the public to check agencies’ websites to find out whether online transactions are possible on the closure day,” said chief operating officer Michael Jordan. “We want to do everything possible to minimize any hardship the closures might cause.”

Certain state employees who provide essential services in public safety will remain on the job as usual—State Police officers, corrections officers, certain state hospital workers, and many ODOT workers, for example.

The Oregon Department of Administrative Services has published information on the state’s website ([www.Oregon.gov](http://www.Oregon.gov)) where members of the public can find out which state offices will remain open on the closure days.

The state has scheduled the following dates as closure days with mandatory unpaid furloughs (all are Fridays):

**2011**

Sept. 16, 2011

Nov. 25, 2011

**2012**

March 23, 2012

May 25, 2012

Aug. 17, 2012

Oct. 19, 2012

Nov. 23, 2012

**2013**

Jan. 18, 2013

April 19, 2013

May 24, 2013