RECOMMENDATION

REVISE- Modest revisions are sought to (1) remove individuals’ names in favor of position titles; (2) remove the bifurcation of the exception process which currently requires requests on behalf of faculty to be made to Academic Affairs and requests on behalf of OAs and classified staff to be made to Human Resources—the revision will result in all requests for exception going to the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost; and (3) remove the single procedural sentence, which pertains to record keeping, found in this policy—record keeping is addressed by the current online procedures for accessing mobile technology (see Related Resources below).

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

Any university employee that requires mobile technology to perform job responsibilities.

WEB SITE ADDRESS FOR THIS POLICY

http://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/0305-employment/mobile-technology-access

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE

Human Resources.

For questions about this proposal, please contact Kassy Fisher in the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration (kmfisher@uoregon.edu; x62807).

ENACTMENT & REVISION HISTORY


POLICY

Text Edits:

Responsible University Office and Contact Person:
Human Resources; Chief Human Resources Officer
Linda King

Reason for Policy:

This policy creates a framework and general guidelines for determining decision making regarding requirements for mobile technology related to employment activities. This policy relates to the terms and conditions of employment and this policy issue is the responsibility of the Office of Human Resources.
Note: The operational aspects of this policy are overseen by the Business Affairs Office.

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  - Emergency Response: Employees who need to be contacted and/or respond in the event of an emergency or are required to be available during non-business hours.
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- Responsibility for setting overall guidance regarding mobile technology and determining which payment options and tiers are available is delegated to the vice president responsible for that unit.

Procedures:

Determination of the need for mobile technology should be documented in writing and filed in the employee’s personnel file.

Who is Governed by this Policy:

- All university personnel, including instructional and research faculty, staff and student employees. Faculty including instructional and research faculty who require mobile technology to perform job responsibilities.
- Staff who require mobile technology to perform job responsibilities.
- Student employees who require mobile technology to perform job responsibilities.

Who Should Know this Policy:

- University personnel who utilize Mobile Technology to conduct university business.
- Deans, Directors, Department and/or Unit Heads, and Vice Presidents who make decisions regarding employee use of Mobile Technology.
University staff charged with administering this Mobile Technology policy including supervisors of all personnel who utilize mobile technology

Cross Reference to Related Policies:
Payment Options for Mobile Technology

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RELATED RESOURCES
Procedures:
https://ba.uoregon.edu/content/mobile-technology-allowance-payment-options

Related policy, “Mobile Technology, Payment Options for”:
http://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/06-finance-and-business-affairs/mobile-technology-payment-options