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RULE SUMMARY: DMV amended this rule to incorporate the latest version of the Oregon Automobile Liability Insurance Reporting (ALIR) Technical Specifications Manual (DMV form 735-7483C (5-24)). Specifically, DMV is amending section 8.1 of the manual. Section 8.1 discusses acknowledgment files' naming format for ALIR.

CHANGES TO RULE:

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Oregon Automobile Liability Insurance Reporting (ALIR) Requirements

- (1) This rule establishes the information required to be reported to DMV by trading partners and the form in which the information must be submitted, as required by ORS 742.580 and 806.195.¶
- (2) For purposes of this rule, a "trading partner" means an entity that exchanges motor vehicle liability insurance information with DMV. "Trading partner" includes an insurance company or third-party service bureau exchanging insurance information with DMV on behalf of insurance companies.¶
- (3) A trading partner must provide motor vehicle liability information to DMV in the data file format established in the Oregon Automobile Liability Insurance Reporting (ALIR) Technical Specifications Manual (DMV form 735-7483C (5-24)).¶
- (4) A trading partner must establish an ALIR trading partner profile by submitting Oregon DMV ALIR Trading Partner Profile Information - New Profile (DMV form 735-7488A) to DMV.¶
- (5) A trading partner may change its ALIR trading partner profile by submitting a completed Oregon DMV ALIR Trading Partner Profile Information - Change Profile (DMV form 735-7488C) to DMV.¶
- (6) In addition to submitting the form described in section (5) of this rule, a trading partner exchanging ALIR data on behalf of an insurance company or a trading partner that is an insurance company exchanging ALIR data must establish an Insurance Company Profile with DMV. A trading partner must establish an insurance company profile for each insurance company for which the trading partner is exchanging ALIR data. A trading partner establishes an insurance company profile by submitting Oregon DMV ALIR Insurance Company Profile Information - New Profile (DMV form 735-7488B) to DMV.¶
- (7) A trading partner exchanging ALIR data on behalf of an insurance company or an insurance company exchanging ALIR data may change the insurance company's existing profile by submitting Oregon DMV ALIR Insurance Company Profile Information - Change Profile (DMV form 735-7488D) to DMV.¶
- (8) Prior to exchanging ALIR data, a new trading partner must successfully establish connectivity with DMV and

complete the testing described in the Automobile Liability Insurance Reporting (ALIR) Technical Specifications Manual (DMV form 735-7483C (5-24)).¶¶

(9) An ALIR data exchange error results in DMV's return of an error message and is not added to ALIR.¶¶

(10) An ALIR data exchange error results in DMV's return of original data records sent by the trading partner along with an error code. Only records with errors are returned to the insurer.¶¶

(11) In response to a DMV data exchange error or failure message, a trading partner is responsible for correcting data and resubmitting information in the ALIR database.¶¶

(12) The reporting and records maintenance requirements implemented under ORS 742.580, 802.270, 806.195, and OAR 735-050-0131 may be used to augment DMV insurance monitoring programs used in determining uninsured motorist issues but does not affect any financial responsibility requirements.¶¶

(13) Motor vehicle liability insurance information brought or sent to DMV for manual entry to the ALIR database will not be accepted.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 184.619, 802.010, 806.195

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 742.580, 802.270, 806.195

RULE ATTACHMENTS MAY NOT SHOW CHANGES. PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY REGARDING CHANGES.

OREGON AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE REPORTING (ALIR)



Oregon Administrative Rule 735-050-0131

DMV Form 735-7483C (5-24)

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2 INTRODUCTION TO OREGON AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE REPORTING (ALIR)

The ALIR system is Oregon Department of Transportation Driver and Motor Vehicle Services' (DMV's) platform for receiving Oregon motor vehicle liability insurance information.

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 742.580 requires Trading Partners to report motor vehicle liability insurance to DMV through DMV's ALIR system.

Trading Partners include organizations partnered with DMV to electronically exchange motor vehicle liability insurance information with DMV.

ORS 806.195 provides DMV authority, by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 735-050-0131, to establish the information and the format in which motor vehicle liability insurance information must be reported to DMV.

This document includes information regarding file exchange testing requirements and file technical specifications.

OAR 735-050-0131 includes business requirements and not all business requirements are outlined within this manual. To ensure a successful exchange of insurance information, review [OAR 735-050-0131](#).

3 DEFINITIONS

Acknowledgment Messages and Error Codes: The means by which DMV indicates file transaction Success or Failure. Failure messages indicate File or Record Level errors in data files received with missing, invalid, or improperly formatted data. See [Section 5](#) and [Section 6](#).

ALIR: Automobile Liability Insurance Reporting.

Customer ID / Customer ID Jurisdiction: The state, territory or province that issued the customer identification number.

DTL: Detail Record.

Error: Results in the rejection of the record or transaction set.

EOF: End of File.

File: Container for detail records.

FTP/SFTP: Communication protocol, File Transfer protocol (FTP)/Secure File Transfer protocol (SFTP).

Insured: The primary person or organization identified on the insurer records as the named holder for the coverage in force as described in ORS 806.080.

Insurer: A person or organization engaged in the business of issuing motor vehicle liability insurance coverage designed to meet either the financial or future responsibility requirement of ORS Chapter 806.

Match: A match occurs when the insurance record corresponds to a vehicle record.

MAX LEN: Data elements must not exceed the maximum length (including white-space).

NAIC: The National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

NBS: New Business. Processed as New Policy.

No Match: A no match occurs when a vehicle record (VIN) cannot be found. These are kept for 90 days while DMV continues to attempt to match the record.

Policy: Motor vehicle liability coverage issued by an insurer.

Record: A single vehicle policy or one vehicle specific policy. A Detail row.

Record Reject: Insufficient or inconclusive insurance information received at DMV, returned to insurance company for corrected information.

Sender ID: Seven-digit identification number assigned by DMV.

Termination Date: The date a policy or vehicle coverage is canceled, or the date coverage is no longer valid due to failure to renew policy.

Third-Party Service Bureau: A third-party organization which sends ALIR data on behalf of one or more insurance companies.

Trading Partner: Trading partners can be insurance companies or third-party service bureaus which send ALIR data on behalf of one or more insurance companies. Also referred to as a Sender.

Transmission ID: Unique value for each file transmission.

XLC: Policy cancellation or non-renewal; processed as policy termination.

4 TRANSACTION PROCESSING SPECIFICATIONS

4.1 High Level Specifications Overview

File/Record format must comply with the specifications within this manual. Files must be sent through Oregon DMV's FTP servers via SFTP protocol.

In response to files, DMV returns Acknowledgment messages and error codes ([Section 8.2.5](#)). Trading Partner system functionality must include the ability to receive Acknowledgment messages and error codes.

5 CREATE A FLAT DATA FILE FOR INPUT/UPLOAD TO ALIR

5.1 Data (.Dat) File Format Requirements

File Type (extension): .dat

Requirements of ALIR Data (.dat) files

Field (Data Element) Delimiter: | 'pipe' character

Line Ending: [CR LF] or [LF]

Encoding: UTF-8

File Name Convention: The file naming convention requires 2 elements, the assigned Sender ID and a unique Transmission ID.

| TP99999_2020012901.dat | |
|--|---|
| TP99999 | 2020012901 |
| Trading Partner assigned ID (Sender ID) | Transmission ID - Unique and sequencing to avoid resubmitting the same Transmission ID twice Every file sent must have a unique Transmission ID. |
| This example uses the date January 29th, 2020 and the sequence of '01'. Using this method, the sequence number (01) can be utilized only once and it can be increased when multiple files will be uploaded on the same date. | |

5.1.1 Sections include mandatory header, detail and end of file constant.

6 DATA (.DAT) FILE SPECIFICATIONS

6.1 Header Data

| Data Element | Type* | MAX LEN | M/O/X ** | Constants/Format |
|-------------------|-------|---------|----------|------------------|
| Transmission Type | A | 5 | M | OALIR |
| Transmission ID | N | 10 | M | |
| Submission Date | N | 8 | M | CCYYMMDD |
| Sender ID | AN | 20 | M | |
| Receiver ID | AN | 20 | M | OregonDMV |
| Total Records | N | 10 | M | |

* A = Alpha | N = Numeric | AN = Alphanumeric
 **M=mandatory | O=optional | X=dependent upon the presence of another data element.
 Data Elements: Must not exceed the Maximum Length (including white-space).

6.2 Header Row Data Element Description and Validation Rules

| Data Element | Description | Required | Validation Rule |
|-------------------|--|----------|--|
| Transmission Type | This code is for internal use by Oregon DMV | M | Presence of 'OALIR', else File Rejected: File Level Error 97 |
| Transmission ID | Unique ID for transmission (e.g. 001 or 2018122501) | M | File name Transmission ID must match Header Row Transmission ID, else File Rejected: File Level Error 96 |
| Submission Date | The date the insurance company submits the transaction to DMV. | M | Blank date File Rejected: File Level Error 97 File Format. (empty value) File Rejected: Incorrect date format (YYYYDDMM), or Submission Date greater than the <i>actual</i> submission date: |

| Data Element | Description | Required | Validation Rule |
|---|--|----------|--|
| | | | File Level Error 95 (Invalid Submission Date) |
| Sender ID | ALIR trading partner's 7-digit Sender ID (e.g. TP00001, TP00002, etc.) | M | Sender ID must be present and correct, else File Rejected: File Level Error 97 |
| Receiver ID | DMV internal use only. | M | Presence of 'OregonDMV', else File Rejected: File Level Error 97 |
| Total Records | Total number of Detail 'DTL' rows that are included in the input .dat file. Header and EOF rows should not be included in this value. | M | Presence of total records, else File Rejected: File Level Error 97 |
| **M=mandatory O=optional X=dependent upon the presence of another data element. Data Elements: Must not exceed the Maximum Length (including white-space). | | | |

6.3 Detail Data

| Data Element | Type* | MAX LEN | M/O/X ** | Constants/Format |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|----------|------------------|
| Record Type | A | 3 | M | DTL |
| Message ID | N | 10 | M | |
| NAIC Number | N | 20 | M | |
| Policy Type | A | 2 | M | |
| Transaction Type | A | 3 | M | |
| Policy Number | AN | 30 | M | |
| Effective Date | N | 8 | X | CCYYMMDD |
| Termination Date | N | 8 | X | CCYYMMDD |
| Insured DOB | N | 8 | O | CCYYMMDD |
| Person or Organization Indicator | N | 1 | M | |

| | | | | |
|---|----|----|---|------|
| Insured's Last or Organization name | AN | 36 | M | |
| Insured's First name | AN | 20 | O | |
| Insured's Middle name | AN | 20 | O | |
| Insured's customer ID | AN | 20 | O | |
| Customer ID jurisdiction | AN | 2 | O | |
| Insured's address | AN | 36 | M | |
| Insured's city | AN | 30 | M | |
| Insured's state | A | 2 | M | |
| Insured's ZIP code | AN | 5 | O | |
| Vehicle Identification Number | AN | 20 | M | |
| Vehicle year | N | 4 | O | CCYY |
| Vehicle make | AN | 5 | O | |
| Vehicle plate | AN | 7 | O | |
| <p>* A = Alpha N = Numeric AN = Alphanumeric **M=mandatory O=optional X=dependent upon the presence of another data element. Data Elements: Must not exceed the Maximum Length (including white-space).</p> | | | | |

6.4 Detail Row(s) Data Element Description and Validation Rules

| Data Element | Description | M/O/X** | Validation Rule |
|--------------|--|---------|-------------------------|
| Record Type | Detail record type | M | Constant, 'DTL', exists |
| Message ID | Row number. Unique number identifying each record. | M | Numeric value exists |
| NAIC Number | The NAIC Number is added to a table in DMV's system. | M | Presence of valid NAIC |

| Data Element | Description | M/O/X** | Validation Rule |
|---------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Policy Type | Indicator distinguishes policy types: V Vehicle-specific <i>A vehicle-specific policy lists individual vehicles.</i> | M | A vehicle-specific policy must contain the VIN. |
| Transaction Type | Two acceptable codes: NBS (New Business): Processed as New Policy XLC (Cancellation): Processed as Termination | M | Presence of Transaction Type NBS or XLC. |
| Policy Number | The motor vehicle or non-owner insurance policy number. | M | Policy number is matched to existing policy number if present. |
| Effective Date | The policy effective date. | Mandatory for Transaction Type NBS | Presence of properly formatted Date for all Transaction Types. Date cannot be greater than 1 year into the future. If DMV receives a termination date on a new business policy code (NBS) even if the date is zero filled, DMV will reject the record. |
| Termination Date | Policy cancellation or non-renewal date. The termination date must include all lapses of coverage periods including grace periods, etc. | Mandatory for Transaction Type XLC | Presence of properly formatted Date for all Transaction Types. If DMV should receive an effective date on a termination code 'XLC', the effective date will be ignored and the transaction will continue to process. |
| Insured DOB | Date of birth of the primary insured. | O | Properly formatted Date |

| Data Element | Description | M/O/X** | Validation Rule |
|--|---|----------------|---|
| Person or Organization Indicator | The indicator that distinguishes an individual person from an organization. | M | If the data element is not present, DMV will reject the transaction. Presence of valid indicators: '1' = person '2' = organization |
| Insured Last Name or Organization Name | Depending on the type of entity, this is the last name of the primary insured if the insured is a person, or the name of an organization. | M | Name data exists |
| Insured First Name | First name of the primary insured if the insured is a person. This field is left blank if the insured is an organization. | O | N/A |
| Insured Middle Name | Middle name of the primary insured if the insured is a person. This field is left blank if the insured is an organization. | O | N/A |
| Insured Customer ID | The primary insured's driver license number, identification card number, permit number, or DMV customer number. | O | N/A |
| Customer ID Jurisdiction | The code for the jurisdiction that issued the Customer ID Number to the insured. | O | N/A |
| Insured Address | Address of the insured. | M | Address data exists |
| Insured City | City for the address of the insured. | M | City data exists |
| Insured State | State for the address of the insured. | M | State data exists |
| Insured ZIP Code | Five-digit ZIP code for the address of the insured. | O | N/A |

| Data Element | Description | M/O/X** | Validation Rule |
|---|--|---------|---|
| VIN | Vehicle identification number. Include the full VIN for vehicles. Do not add additional characters other than SPACE to a VIN to pad out to 20 characters. Only pad non-conforming VINs at the end of the VIN with a space. | M | VINs will be validated against DMV's existing database of VINs, representing vehicles that have been registered with the DMV. |
| Vehicle Year | Year of the vehicle. | O | N/A |
| Vehicle Make | Make of the vehicle. | O | N/A |
| Vehicle Plate | Oregon vehicle plate number. | O | N/A |
| **M=mandatory O=optional X=dependent upon the presence of another data element. Data Elements: Must not exceed the Maximum Length (including white-space). | | | |

6.5 Mandatory End of File

| Data Element | Type * | MAX LEN | M/O/X ** | Constants/Format |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|
| Transmission Type | A | 3 | M | EOF<CR><LF> |
| * A = Alpha **M = Mandatory | | | | |

6.6 End Of File Data Element Definitions and Validation Rules

| Data Element | Description | M/O/X ** | Validation Rule |
|-------------------|--|----------|---|
| Transmission Type | Signifies the end of the data file contents. | M | A value other than the constant of 'EOF' followed by <CR><LF> is invalid. |
| ** M = Mandatory | | | |

7 DATA VALIDATION

7.1 File Level Validation

This table identifies specific errors occurring upon receipt of file by Oregon DMV. File Level validation is performed upon Partner upload. Errors cause the file to be rejected.

| Message | Validator Edit Criteria | Error Code |
|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Invalid Submission Date | Valid date (YYYYMMDD), not in future | 95 |
| Invalid Transmission ID | Unique Transmission ID, File name and Header match | 96 |
| Invalid Data Format | Valid format as per Section 6 | 97 |

7.2 Record Level Validation

This table identifies specific data elements where the error occurs in the DMV program validations. Elements may be dependent upon the use of other elements.

| Data Element | M/O/X** | DMV Validator Edit Criteria | Error Code | DMV Error Action | Insurance Company Action |
|-----------------------|---------|--|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| NAIC Number | M | Valid in table | 94 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| Policy Type Indicator | M | Present Equal to 'V' | 107 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| Transaction Type | M | Present Equal to 'NBS' or 'XLC' Policy exists on DMV records for an 'XLC' transaction. | 075 230 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| Policy Number | M | Present | 085 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |

| Data Element | M/O/X** | DMV Validator Edit Criteria | Error Code | DMV Error Action | Insurance Company Action |
|-------------------------------|---------|---|------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Policy Effective Date | X | Present if transaction type equals 'NBS' | 115 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| Policy Termination Date | X | Present if transaction type equals 'XLC' | 125 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| | | Absent if transaction type equals 'NBS' | 125 | | |
| Person/Organization Indicator | M | Present Equals '1' or '2' | 018 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| Date of Birth | X | Valid date | 135 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| Last Name | M | Present | 020 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| First Name | O | Optional field | N/A | | |
| Middle Name | O | Optional field | N/A | | |
| Customer ID | O | Not validated | N/A | | |
| Customer ID Jurisdiction | O | Not validated | N/A | | |
| Address | M | Present | 050 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| City | M | Present | 055 | Reject with Record Level Error | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| ZIP Code | O | None | N/A | | |
| VIN, when Policy Type = 'V' | X | Present | 200 | Record Rejected | Verify data, correct, resubmit |
| | | Must validate against DMV's Validated VIN Table | 280 | Stored for 90 days. Match attempted daily | Verify VIN, correct if needed. |

| Data Element | M/O/X** | DMV Validator Edit Criteria | Error Code | DMV Error Action | Insurance Company Action |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|------------|--|---|
| | | | 285 | If no match after 90 days, error is sent to indicate no match against DMV VIN Records. | If VIN is correct, no action required, DMV will attempt to match for 90 days. |
| **M=mandatory O=optional X=dependent upon the presence of another data element. | | | | | |

8 ALIR ACKNOWLEDGMENT FILE

8.1 Acknowledgment (.ack) File Format and Properties

File Type (extension): .ack
 Field (Data Element) Delimiter: | 'pipe' character
 Line Ending: [CR LF] or [LF]
 Encoding: UTF-8

| | | | |
|--|--|-----------------|------------------|
| TP99999_2020012901_20200130_1.ack | | | |
| TP99999 | 2020012901 | 20200130 | 1 |
| Trading Partner assigned ID (Sender ID) | Transmission ID of submitted data (.dat) file. | Processing Date | Sequence Number* |
| * Sequence Number is always included and will start at "1" and increase by one for each acknowledgment file generated that uses the same Sender ID, Transmission ID and Processing Date (e.g., next file with the same base name will end in "2"). | | | |

8.2 Acknowledgment (.ack) File Contents

8.2.1 Acknowledgment File Responses

| Data Element | Type * | MAX LEN ** | M/O/X | Constants/Format |
|---|--------|------------|-------|------------------|
| Transmission Type | A | 3 | M | ACK |
| Status | A | 10 | M | SUCCESS/FAILURE |
| Error Code | AN | 20 | O | |
| Error Text | AN | 100 | O | |
| * A = Alpha N = Numeric AN = Alphanumeric | | | | |
| ** M=mandatory, O=optional, X=dependent upon the presence of another data element | | | | |

8.2.2 Acknowledgment File: Header Row

| Data Element | Type * | MAX LEN ** | M/O/X | Constants/Format |
|---|--------|------------|-------|------------------|
| Transmission Type | A | 5 | M | OALIR |
| Transmission ID | N | 10 | M | |
| Submission Date | N | 8 | M | CCYYMMDD |
| Sender ID | AN | 20 | M | OregonDMV |
| Receiver ID | AN | 20 | M | |
| Total Records | N | 10 | M | |
| * A = Alpha N = Numeric AN = Alphanumeric | | | | |
| ** M=mandatory, O=optional, X=dependent upon the presence of another data element | | | | |

8.2.3 Acknowledgment File: Detail Row(s)

| Data Element | Type * | MAX LEN ** | M/O/X | Constants/Format |
|---|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Record Type | A | 3 | M | DTL |
| Message ID | N | 10 | M | |
| NAIC Number | N | 20 | M | |
| Policy Type | A | 2 | M | |
| Transaction Type | A | 3 | M | |
| Policy Number | AN | 30 | M | |
| Effective Date | N | 8 | X | CCYYMMDD |
| Termination Date | N | 8 | X | CCYYMMDD |
| Insured DOB | N | 8 | O | CCYYMMDD |
| Person or Organization Indicator | N | 1 | M | |
| Insured's Last or Organization name | AN | 36 | M | |
| Insured's First name | AN | 20 | O | |
| Insured's Middle name | AN | 20 | O | |
| Insured's customer ID | AN | 20 | O | |
| Customer ID jurisdiction | AN | 2 | O | |
| Insured's address | AN | 36 | M | |
| Insured's city | AN | 30 | M | |
| Insured's state | A | 2 | M | |
| Insured's ZIP code | AN | 5 | O | |
| Vehicle Identification Number | AN | 20 | M | |
| Vehicle year | N | 4 | O | CCYY |
| Vehicle make | AN | 5 | O | |
| Vehicle plate | AN | 7 | O | |
| Error Code | AN | 100 | M | |
| * A = Alpha N = Numeric AN = Alphanumeric | | | | |
| ** M=mandatory, O=optional, X=dependent upon the presence of another data element | | | | |

8.2.4 Acknowledgment File: End of File Row

| Data Element | Type * | MAX LEN ** | M/O/X | Constants/Format |
|--|--------|------------|-------|------------------|
| Transmission Type | A | 3 | M | EOF (w CRLF) |
| * A = Alpha N = Numeric AN = Alphanumeric **M=Mandatory | | | | |

8.2.5 Acknowledgment Messages and Error Codes

| Error Level | Error Code | Description / Element Affected |
|---|------------|-----------------------------------|
| File Error Level - File <u>will not</u> be uploaded for processing nor returned to the Partner. | | |
| File | 95 | Invalid Submission Date |
| File | 96 | Duplicate Transmission ID |
| File | 97 | Invalid Data Format |
| Record Error Level - A detail record error. Entire Record will be returned to the partner appended with the Error Code. | | |
| DTL | 94 | Invalid NAIC Number |
| DTL | 018 | Person or Organization Indicator |
| DTL | 020 | Insured last name |
| DTL | 050 | Insured street address |
| DTL | 055 | Insured city address |
| DTL | 060 | Insured state code |
| DTL | 075 | Transaction type code |
| DTL | 085 | Insurance policy or binder number |
| DTL | 107 | Policy Type Indicator |
| DTL | 115 | Policy effective date |
| DTL | 125 | Policy termination date |
| DTL | 135 | Insured date of birth |

| | | |
|-----|-----|--|
| DTL | 200 | Vehicle identification number |
| DTL | 230 | No policy was found for an 'XLC' transaction, or the term date of the 'XLC' transaction is less than the effective date of the existing policy record. |
| DTL | 280 | VIN did not match a registered vehicle record when first received by DMV. Record is retried each night until matched for up to 90 days. |
| DTL | 285 | VIN did not match a registered DMV vehicle record <u>after</u> 90 days of attempted matching. |

9 TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW TRADING PARTNERS

1. Must complete connectivity testing of the partner's SFTP account credentials and connection to the DMV FTP server.
2. Must coordinate with DMV to ensure that the SFTP account credentials and connection to the DMV FTP server are functioning properly.
3. Must successfully pass partner testing where Oregon DMV will coordinate the partner's testing of the ability to upload files and to receive DMV error codes and Acknowledgment messages.
4. Testing will involve DMV verification of data format to standards stated in [Section 5](#).
 - 4.1. Testing involves successfully uploading one test data file (provided by DMV) and successfully downloading one test Acknowledgment response file containing Record Level Errors. DMV provides Files for partner verification.
 - 4.2. New Trading Partners must successfully test files containing 'production ready' data. This test includes uploading the data files and downloading their corresponding Acknowledgment file, including partner confirmation they can successfully process the Acknowledgment files.
5. After passing initial testing, partners must coordinate with DMV for promotion into production.