

HB 3462 Phase I FAQ's

I'm a building official, inspector, or plans examiner. What do the new rules adopted pursuant to HB 3462 mean for me?

All building officials, inspectors, and plans examiners are required to possess an Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC) in addition to any other program-specific certification to perform inspections in the state. You will also be required to renew the OIC every three years. You will still be required to hold any additional certifications appropriate to your specialty such as the Oregon Code Certification (OCC) for both Electrical and Plumbing Inspectors.

Am I required to renew all of the certifications that I hold?

No. All OIC's expire on the same date and require renewal every three years, which includes application, completion of continuing education requirements, and payment of renewal fee. All other certifications held are active as long as the OIC has not expired and required continuing education credits (CE's) have been completed.

I have Oregon Code Certifications (OCC) that were issued prior to October 1, 2005 but I don't have an OIC. What do I do?

All individuals with Oregon Code Certifications (OCC) issued prior to October 1, 2005 who do not already have an OIC will be issued one by the division at no cost, without testing and without any effort on the part of the individual. These individuals will be issued an OIC by the division prior to July 1, 2010 and will need to be renewed before November 1, 2010.

What are the renewal dates I have to know?

All OIC's will expire on November 1, 2010 and will require a renewal prior to that date and every three years prior to Nov. 1 thereafter. A renewal notification will be sent out by the division 45 days prior to renewal.

Are there new costs associated with certifications?

The cost for an OIC initial issue and renewal is \$125, paid upon each renewal. The initial issuance of any OCC will be \$80 but does not require individual renewal. Instead these certs will be made current by OIC renewal so long as CE's are completed.

Do I need to let the division know my new address?

Yes. It is the responsibility of the certification holder to notify the division of address changes.

What happens if I let my OIC expire?

An expired OIC can be reinstated up to 5 years from the expiration date if a reinstatement form is completed, the \$125 renewal fee is paid, and all continuing education is up to date. An individual

is unable to work as a building official, inspector or plans examiner if their OIC expires. Any OCC's held would also become inactive upon expiration of an OIC.

Have my continuing education requirements changed?

Individuals performing inspections and plan review are still required to obtain at least 16 hours of continuing education every three years. A new requirement is for inspectors and plan reviewers to join building officials in taking at least one course covering new legislation relating to building inspection every other year after the adjournment of the legislative session. Prior to the passage of HB 3462 only building officials were required to take the legislative course.

I am not currently certified as a building official, inspector, or plans examiner but would like to obtain an OIC. Do I need to take a test?

Yes. If an individual does not already have an OIC or an OCC issued prior to 10/1/05, they will need to sit for the OIC exam and pay the \$125 fee. Depending on the specialty, the individual will also need to take the appropriate OCC exam and pay an \$80 fee in addition to any costs associated with the OIC.

What if I fail the exams?

If an individual fails the OIC exam, they must retake the exam within 60 days of retesting approval. The fee is \$80 to retake the OIC. If an individual fails an OCC test they will need to wait 30 days to retest after each failed exam. The OCC exam fee is \$80 each time.