



1% Training Program

Fast Facts

- BCD licenses over 42,000 inspectors and tradespersons, most of whom require annual continuing education.
- The majority of training in the state is provided through recognized apprenticeship programs, associations, and other third-party providers.
- BCD collects a surcharge of 1% on permits to promote consistency in training throughout the state.

Guiding Principles

The division manages the training funds according to these principles:

- Funds are allocated for code-related education
- Contracts are intended to encourage competition so as to maximize the use of public monies
- Contracts should encourage multiple channels for delivering instruction (live, correspondence, online) to best serve customers statewide
- Training should be available state wide

Online Training Initiative

During the 2007-2009 biennium BCD began a pilot program, testing several different delivery systems for online training. The popular choice of our audience is the live Web based training that has the ability to link the participant in conversation with the instructor during the class presentation. The Division has continued to use this format for delivering training with great success..

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ORS 455.220 directs local building departments to collect a 1% surcharge on building permit fees to defray the costs of training and other educational programs. Training should promote safe, effective, and consistent implementation, interpretation, and administration of the code among inspectors, designers, contractors, and licensees across the state. The division funds the following training needs:

- Code-change, code-update and code-related courses
- Continuing education and licensing requirements related to code
- Other changes in law, rule, or policy that require training to maintain state license or certification or to continue to do or inspect work
- Code consistency and clarification

To receive 1% Training funds, vendors bid on contracts issued for specific courses. 1% Training funds are allocated to contractors on a per student basis. In an attempt to make 1% Training available throughout the state, contractors are required to make courses available in the following regions:

- Tri-County (Multnomah, Washington or Clackamas county)
- Mid-Willamette Valley (Marion or Polk county)
- Southern Willamette Valley (Benton, Linn or Lane county)
- Central Coast (Tillamook, Lincoln, or Coos county)
- Southern Oregon (Jackson or Klamath county)
- Central Oregon (Deschutes, Jefferson or Crook county)
- Eastern Oregon (Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker or Malheur county)

BCD's Role

The division seeks to manage the 1%-training program in such a way as to ensure wise use of public money and effective training on code-related issues. Specifically, the division:

- Identifies training needs in partnership with industry and stakeholders
- Requests experts in the field to submit training proposals
- Evaluates proposals and awards contracts
- Administers training contracts and evaluates training outcomes
- Promotes consistent application of the code through training
- Provides outreach and public education

