



July 1, 2010

**Oregon inspector certification renewal
HB 3462 – Housekeeping changes**

Purpose of the rule:

These rules make necessary housekeeping changes to electrical and plumbing inspector certification rules that were inadvertently missed during the rulemaking changes implementing Phase I of House Bill 3462 (2009).

Citation:

Amend: OAR 918-281-0020 & 918-695-0400

These rules become effective July 1, 2010.

Effect of the rule:

The changes made by these rules makes the electrical and plumbing inspector application references in rule consistent with the rulemaking activity previously completed for [Phase 1 of House Bill 3462](#). No substantive changes were made regarding experience or education requirements for obtaining the individual certifications.

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RULE CAPTION

Housekeeping amendments to implement a certification renewal process as required by House Bill 3462 (2009)

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

RULEMAKING ACTION

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ADOPT:

AMEND: 918-281-0020 and 918-695-0400

REPEAL:

RENUMBER:

AMEND & RENUMBER:

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Stats. Implemented: ORS 455.720

RULE SUMMARY

These rules are necessary housekeeping changes to the division's rules as a result of the passage of House Bill 3462 during the 2009 legislative session. OAR Chapter 918, Division 98 rules were noticed and amended to require an Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC) for all building officials, inspectors, and plan reviewers and renewal of that certification every three years. Division 98 rules lay out the application requirements and fees for obtaining or renewing an OIC. These rules update references to electrical and plumbing inspectors in divisions 281 and 695 to agree with amendments made to chapter 918, division 98 but were not included in the hearing notice for the hearing held on December 19, 2009.

Patrick Allen
Authorized Signer Printed name Date

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918-281-0020

Electrical Specialty Code Inspector Certification

(1) Scope: An Electrical Specialty Code inspector:

(a) Inspects electrical installations regulated by the

Oregon Electrical Specialty Code;

(b) Inspects electrical installations regulated by the

Oregon Residential Specialty Code; and

(c) May do electrical plan reviews as provided in OAR 918-311-0040.

(2) Qualifications: To qualify for the certification, the individual must have the following training or experience or both:

(a) Four years experience as a licensed general journeyman electrician and a valid Oregon general supervising electrician license;

(b) A four-year Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, plus three years approved experience in design, inspection, or supervision of installations covered by the National Electrical Code or **Oregon Electrical Specialty Code;** or

(c) Equivalent experience or qualifications approved by the board.

(3) Application for Certification: A person seeking certification under this rule must apply for an Oregon Code Certification as provided in OAR 918-098-1025.

(4) All applicants must pass a board-approved examination with a minimum grade of 75 percent covering:

(a) The **Oregon Electrical Specialty Code** and electrical provisions of the **Oregon Residential Specialty Code;** and

(b) Electrical theory, design, installation, and materials.

(5) A person who is certified under this rule must also possess a valid Oregon Inspector Certification issued under OAR 918-098-1025 prior to performing electrical inspections or plan reviews.

(6) Persons qualifying under subsection (2)(b) or (c) of this rule must pass the Oregon general supervising electrician license examination with a minimum grade of 75 percent. An Oregon general supervising electrician license may not be issued to applicants under these subsections.

(7) For purposes of this rule, one year of experience equals 2,000 hours.

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

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Hist.: BCD 19-1996, f. 9-17-96, cert. ef. 10-1-96; BCD 23-2000, f. 9-29-00, cert. ef. 10-1-00; BCD 16-2005(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 7-7-05 thru 12-31-05; BCD 24-2005, f. 9-30-05, cert. ef. 10-1-05; BCD 4-2006, f. 3-31-06, cert. ef. 4-1-06; BCD 19-2006, f. 12-29-06, cert. ef. 1-1-07, BCD 10-2010, f. 7-1-10, cert. ef. 7-1-10

918-695-0400

Rules Establishing Certification for Plumbing Inspectors

(1) Scope. To promote effective and uniform enforcement of the **Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code** by improving the competence of plumbing inspectors, this rule establishes minimum training and experience qualifications to make inspections for compliance with the **Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code**.

(2) A plumbing inspector:

(a) Inspects plumbing installations regulated by the **Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code**;

(b) Inspects plumbing installations regulated by the **Oregon Residential Specialty Code**; and

(c) May do plumbing plan reviews as provided in OAR 918-780-0040.

(3) Limits on Municipalities. Nothing in the rules prohibits a local government from establishing additional requirements in the selection and hiring of plumbing inspectors. Nothing in OAR chapter 918, divisions 750 to 785 is intended to dictate the internal administrative organization of a city or county or to limit or otherwise affect the authority of a municipality to dismiss or suspend an inspector.

(4) Plumbing inspectors must meet continuing education requirements established by the division under OAR 918-098-1450.

(5) Application for Certification. A person seeking certification under this rule must apply for an Oregon Code Certification as provided in OAR 918-098-1025.

(6) Qualifications. An applicant will be certified as a plumbing inspector under this rule if the following minimum qualifications are met:

(a) Experience and Training:

(A) 3 years of employment and experience as a Journeyman Plumber, with an Oregon Journeyman Plumber's license or its equivalent;

(B) A degree in mechanical engineering or certified professional registration with 2 years of work experience in plumbing design, installation, or inspection;

(C) 4 years of work experience in the inspection of plumbing installations of which at least 2 years is of commercial, industrial, and multi-family structures, or if the 4 years of work experience is in the inspection of residential installations, the completion of a division-approved plumbing inspector training program; or

(D) Experience and training equivalent to paragraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this subsection; or

(E) Persons certified as Oregon one and two family dwelling plumbing inspectors as of April 1, 1998 and completing five years of plumbing inspection experience are considered qualified to sit for examinations as a plumbing inspector.

(b) Examination: Passing a board-approved examination on the **Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code** covering plumbing theory, inspection techniques, communication skills, public relations, design, installation, statutory rules, authority, and materials.

(7) Training:

(a) Upon application, the division may examine and evaluate any program or facility established by a municipality or educational institution for the training of plumbing inspectors.

(b) If the division finds that a training program meets the minimum requirements established pursuant to this rule, the division shall, in writing, certify the training program as qualified for such time and conditions as the division may prescribe. An individual complies with any minimum requirement for plumbing inspector established pursuant to classification and requirements in this rule after satisfactorily completing a training program certified under this rule.

(8) A person issued a plumbing inspector building sewers certification under this rule must also possess a valid Oregon Inspector Certification issued under OAR 918-098-1025 prior to performing plumbing inspections or plan reviews.

(9) Special Certification:

(a) Limited Certification. The division, with board approval, may issue a limited certification for special types of inspections. Such limited certification will only be issued after the applicant passes an appropriate test of knowledge and ability;

(b) Limited Plumbing Inspector -- Building Sewers. Limited certification for plumbing inspection of building sewers from five feet outside the building to the disposal terminal or connection with a main sewer line may be issued. To be certified, an applicant must have the following qualifications:

(A) A Journeyman Plumber License;

(B) Two years' experience in sewer design, installation, or inspection; or

(C) Experience and training equivalent to paragraph (A) or (B) of this subsection approved by the board; and

(D) Passing a board-approved examination on code, materials, and installation practices for building sewers and sewers.

(10) For purposes of this rule, one year of experience is equal to 2,000 hours.

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