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## **HB 3462 (2009) Phase I- Certification Renewal Process**

### **Background:**

House Bill 3462 was enacted by the 2009 legislature with the support of industry organizations such as the Association for Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 280, and Plumbing and Steamfitter Local 290. The bill directs the Building Codes Division to establish a certification renewal procedure including application and fee requirements for building officials, inspectors, and plan reviewers. The bill also authorizes creation of a pilot program creating “specialized inspector certifications.” Development of the pilot program will occur during phase II of implementation early in 2010.

The division assembled a rule advisory committee to work on implementing this portion of the legislation. This committee met during September, October, and early November 2009. A public rulemaking hearing on the rules was held in December 2009.

The below list provides an overview of the new certification renewal process established in the rules. [These rules](#) will be effective on July 1, 2010.

### **Overview of the Changes:**

- All building officials, inspectors, and plans examiners are required to possess and maintain an Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC) to perform work in the state.
- All OICs expire on the same date and require renewal every three years, which includes application, completion of continuing education requirements, and payment of the renewal fee.
- The fee is set at \$125 for application or renewal of an OIC for a three year term.
- 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 and with no testing requirements.
- All OICs will expire on November 1, 2010 and will require renewal. A renewal notification will be sent by the division 45 days prior to the renewal date.
- Continuing education requirements for an OIC remain at 16 hours, however a law change class following each regular session of the legislature is now required and needs to be included in those hours.
- The fee for obtaining an OCC will be \$80; OCCs become invalid if the OIC is not renewed.
- The rules allow for reinstatement of an OIC up to five years after the certification’s expiration date.
- Individuals who apply for a new OIC and fail the exam, may retest for a fee of \$80.

