

**DIVISION 750
PLUMBING CODES**

General

918-750-0100**Scope of the Plumbing Specialty Code**

(1) The **Plumbing Specialty Code** shall be applicable and uniform throughout the state and in all municipalities.

(2) No municipality shall enact or enforce any ordinance, rule or regulation in conflict with the Plumbing Specialty Code.

(3) The Plumbing Specialty Code applies to all plumbing installations as addressed in ORS 447.020.

(4) The **One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code** plumbing provisions apply to one- and two-family dwellings of three stories or less within the scope of that code.

(5) The provisions of the Plumbing Specialty Code shall apply to the erection, installation, alteration, repair, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing systems in commercial buildings, industrial buildings, prefabricated structures, and dwellings beyond the scope of the One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code.

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

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.020

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918-750-0110**Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code**

The **2008 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code** shall consist of the following, adopted by this reference, effective April 1, 2008:

(1) The **2006 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code, Fifth Printing, Chapters 2-11, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Appendices A, B, D, E, and I** published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, except **Appendices F, K, L and M** are not adopted as part of the **Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code**;

(2) Useful tables include the following **Oregon Installation Standards** and **IAPMO Installation Standards in the Uniform Plumbing Code**, "IS-1A-2007," "IS-1-2003," "IS-2-2003," "IS-3-2003," "IS-4-2003," "IS-5-2003," "IS-6-2003," "IS-7-2003," "IS-8-2003," "IS-9-2003," "IS-11-2003," "IS-15-2003," "IS-18-2003," "IS-20-2005," "IS-21-2003," "IS-26-2003," "IS-27-2003," "IS-28-2005," and "IS-29A-2007";

(3) Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems **Standard NFPA 99C-2002** Edition as published by the National Fire Protection Association.

[Publications: Publications are available for review at the division. See division Web site for information on purchasing publications.]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020, 455.020, 455.030 & 455.110
Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.020, 455.020, 455.030 & 455.110

Hist.: DC 40, f. 1-6-75, ef. 2-1-75; DC 99, f. 9-2-77, ef. 11-1-77; DC 15-1979(Temp), f. 12-21-79, ef. 1-1-80; DC 2-1980, f. 2-14-80, ef. 3-1-80; DC 3-1980, f. & ef. 2-14-80; DC 4-1981, f. 5-15-81, ef. 7-1-81; DC 9-1981, f. & ef. 7-6-81; DC 14-1981(Temp), f. 10-30-81, ef. 11-6-81; DC 15-1982(Temp) f. & ef. 5-5-82; DC 1-1983, f. & ef. 1-3-83; DC 28-1984, f. 9-5-84, ef. 10-15-84; DC 10-1985, f. & ef. 4-1-85; DC 4-1987, f. & ef. 3-4-87; DC 11-1987, f. & ef. 4-21-87; Renumbered from 814-021-0005; BCA 27-1989, f. 12-5-89, cert. ef. 1-1-90; BCA 14-1990, f. & cert. ef. 6-13-90; BCA 42-1991, f. & cert. ef. 12-23-91; BCA 19-1993(Temp), f. 8-26-93, cert. ef. 9-1-93; BCA 26-1993, f. 10-22-93, cert. ef. 11-1-93; BCD 4-1996, f. 2-29-96, cert. ef. 4-1-96; BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98, Renumbered from 918-750-0010; BCD 7-1999, f. 6-21-99, cert. ef. 4-1-2000; BCD 6-2000, f. 3-15-00, cert. ef. 4-1-00; BCD 27-2000, f. 10-13-00 cert. ef. 10-01-01; BCD 24-2004, f. 12-15-04, cert. ef. 4-1-05 ; BCD 4-2008, f. 2-21-08, cert. ef. 4-1-08

918-750-0120**Application to Existing Buildings**

(1) No provision of the **Plumbing Specialty Code** shall be deemed to require a change in any portion of a plumbing system or any other installation within the scope of the Plumbing Specialty Code in or on an existing building or lot when such work was lawfully installed and maintained in accordance with the Plumbing Specialty Code in effect at the time of installation, except when such plumbing is determined by the authority having jurisdiction to be dangerous, unsafe, insanitary, or a nuisance and a menace to life, health, or property.

(2) Additions, alterations, repairs and replacement of plumbing within the scope of the Plumbing Specialty Code shall comply with the provisions of the code.

(3) Plumbing which is a part of any building or structure undergoing a change in use or occupancy, and regulated by the Plumbing Specialty Code, shall comply with all requirements of the code applicable to the new use or occupancy.

(4) All plumbing systems within the scope of the Plumbing Specialty Code shall be maintained in proper operating condition. All plumbing installations required by the code shall be maintained in conformance with the code in effect at the time of the initial installation.

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

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.020

Hist.: DC 39, f. 1-6-75, ef. 2-1-75; DC 1-1983, f. & ef. 1-3-83; Renumbered from 814-021-0104; BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98, Renumbered from 918-750-0025

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Moved Buildings

Moved buildings or structures containing plumbing regulated by the **Plumbing Specialty Code**, shall comply with the provisions of the code for new installations, except that required plumbing testing shall not require the removal of existing walls and floors. Drainage waste and vent systems shall be tested by running or flooding of the piping system or by an equivalent means of testing acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction. Plumbing systems and fixtures serving buildings or structures moved within the state shall comply with ORS 455.410.

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

Stat. Auth.: ORS 455.410

Stats. Implemented: ORS 455.410

Hist.: DC 39, f. 1-6-75, ef. 2-1-75; Renumbered from 814-021-0105; BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98, Renumbered from 918-750-0030

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Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction

Only the division acting under ORS 455.060 has the authority to grant statewide alternate method approvals. Nothing in these rules is intended to restrict the ability of a local building official to approve alternate methods of construction for the plumbing systems of a specific structure, in accordance with the requirements of the **Plumbing Specialty Code**.

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

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 455.060

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Validity

(1) If any provision of the **Plumbing Specialty Code**, or the application thereof to any person or property is held invalid, the remainder of the code, or the application of such provision to other persons or property, shall not be affected thereby.

(2) Code references to adopted appendices or installation standards shall apply unless specifically exempted.

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

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.020

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Emergency Disconnect Authority

The inspecting jurisdiction shall have the authority to disconnect or discontinue the operation of a plumbing utility service to a building, structure or equipment in case of an emergency where it is necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to life or property.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.020

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Conflict of Interest

An inspecting jurisdiction shall not allow persons to perform plumbing inspections where a conflict of interest exists. An inspecting jurisdiction shall not allow plumbing inspections, through contract or otherwise, by persons with financial, family or personal interests in the installations being inspected.

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Water Conservation Plumbing Fixture and Fitting Exemptions

The following installations of plumbing fixtures and fittings are exempt from the code-adopted water conservation standards as authorized in ORS 447.145(2):

(1) The reconstruction, alteration or repair of a building, which does not include installation of new or replacement plumbing fixtures or fittings, and existing fixtures or fittings are reinstalled.

(2) Specialized fixtures or fittings that are intended for use as an emergency device or system including, but not limited to, emergency showers, eyewash or similar installations.

(3) Fixtures or fittings necessary to maintain the historic character of a structure listed under ORS 358.475 to 358.565.

(4) Special use fixtures or fittings in penal institutions, laboratories, hospitals, nursing homes or health care facilities.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.010

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.010

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Engineered Plumbing Systems

Where plumbing system drawings or specifications are prepared by an Oregon-registered engineer and approved by the local jurisdiction, and such systems meet or exceed the requirements of the **Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code**, such systems shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the approved engineered drawings and specifications.

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

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.020

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