



September 2, 2011 Addendum to OAR 812 dated July 1, 2011

On September 2, 2011, the Construction Contractors Board filed temporary rules with an **effective date September 2, 2011**. The rules were amended to read:

812-021-0021

Exemptions from Continuing Education

(1) For purposes of this rule, “dwelling” means a shelter in which people live, such as buildings used exclusively for residential occupancy, including single-family, two-family (e.g. duplex) and multi-family (e.g. apartment) buildings.

(2) For purposes of this rule, “outbuilding” means a building accessory to a dwelling that is used by the persons who occupy the dwelling, including detached garages, shops, sheds and barns.

(3) The following persons are exempt from obtaining BEST education as required under OAR 812-021-0015(2) or (3)(a)(A):

(a) Contractors that are licensed as:

(A) Plumbing contractors under ORS 447.010 to 447.156; or

(B) Electrical contractors under ORS 479.630.

(b) Contractors that have an owner or officer who is licensed as:

(A) An architect under ORS 671.010 to 671.220, whether or not operating within the scope of that license; or

(B) A professional engineer under ORS 672.002 to 672.325, whether or not operating within the scope of that license.

(c) Unless provided otherwise, contractors that do not perform work on a residential structure that is a dwelling or an outbuilding, including but not limited to:

(A) Contractors that only perform tree pruning, tree and stump removal, or tree and limb guying;

(B) Contractors that only forge, weld or fabricate ornamental iron, so long as the contractor does not attach or install the ornamental iron in or on a residential structure that is a dwelling or outbuilding;

(d) The following contractors are not exempt under subsection (c) of this section:

(A) Contractors that perform excavation for residential construction;

(B) Contractors that perform grading for residential construction;

(C) Contractors that perform cement work for residential construction; and

(D) Contractors that perform paving for residential construction.

(4) The following persons are exempt from obtaining education in building codes as required under OAR 812-021-0015(2), (3)(a)(B) or (4)(a)(A):

(a) Contractors that are licensed as:

(A) Plumbing contractors under ORS 447.010 to 447.156; or

(B) Electrical contractors under ORS 479.630.

(b) Contractors that have an owner or officer who is licensed as:

(A) An architect under ORS 671.010 to 671.220, whether or not operating within the scope of that license; or

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(D) Contractors that perform paving for residential construction.

(5) Contractors that are exempt from the continuing education requirements under sections (3) or (4) of this rule must complete additional elective continuing education, as provided in OAR 812-021-0019, in an amount totaling the number of core hours that the contractor would otherwise be required to complete under OAR 812-021-0015 but for the exemption.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 670.310, 701.126 & 701.235

Stats. Implemented: ORS 701.126

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