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# Enrollment Policies – Effective October 1, 2023

All registrations and enrollments processed by BCD, whether conducted online or off, are governed by our registration and enrollment policies. Please review these policies prior to registration and maintain a copy of these policies after you have been enrolled in a class. Failure to abide by these policies may result in the denial of your registration or your removal from a course.

An applicant is enrolled in their selected training program after a completed registration form is received and payment of fees is validated by BCD. Applicants may be placed on a waiting list if courses are full. The training program will notify individuals on the waiting list should a seat become open.

To see if you qualify to sit for a certification examination without taking a course, please see chart at the end of this document.

Enrollment policies are updated periodically and subject to change. Please read carefully before registering. All courses are held on line. In person attendance requirements may be required at the request of the instructor.

#### Enrollment process

- Provide a valid personal email address. (Required to enroll in trainings.)
- Register (see registration page). Click registration link to begin online registration process unless a link was provided to you via email from division training staff.
- Once the online registration process has been completed, you will receive an automated email from BCD containing payment options. Payment is due within 5 business days of receipt of registration. Please allow 5-7 days for processing.
- Seating is limited; priority seating is given to individuals employed with an Oregon building department.
- The date and time registrations are completed will generally determine the order in which applicants are enrolled.
- Once a registration link is active, register quickly to increase your chance of being accepted into the training course.
- Applicants who complete the online registration process are not guaranteed a seat and may need to register for a future training.
- Registration is not permitted after the posted closing date for class registration.

#### Fees and payment

Training fee schedule

		Training	Code & reference	Material
Training	Fee	application fee	books included	included in
		refundable	in training fee	training fee
Building official training		Yes*	No	Yes*
Commercial practical inspector examination	\$750	Yes*	No	Yes*

Medical gas inspector training	\$375	Yes*	No	Yes*
Commercial Structural Inspector Skills Enhancement Training	\$750	Yes*	No	Yes*
Oregon inspector certification training	\$125	No	NA	Yes*
Residential inspector cross-training	\$750	Yes*	No	No
Specialized Electrical and Plumbing Inspector training	\$200	Yes*	No	No
Certification exam application (excludes specialized courses as fee is included in course fee)	\$80	No	NA	NA
*Qualifying refunds are subject to a \$30 administrative fee; see refund section.				
*Material consists of lessons and digital handouts. Code books and reference books are not included in course fee.				

#### Payment of fees

All fees must be paid within 5 business days of registration (unless otherwise noted) and successfully validated (i.e., credit card transactions) before an applicant is enrolled in training. Payments not received by deadline will result in forfeiture of registration.

Exceptions which will be given additional processing time:

- Fees paid by employers or jurisdictions, such as cities and counties.
- Fees paid through special training programs, such as Job Corps or re-employment companies.

If an exception applies to your registration, contact the training program at 503-373-7974 or email <u>training.bcd@dcbs.oregon.gov</u>.

#### State certification exam fees

Requires an application and \$80 fee. Applicants wishing to re-test after failing an exam must submit an inspector certification reapplication and \$80. A 30-day wait period is required before re-testing is approved.

State certification exams	Questions	Testing time	Passing score	
Cross-training Includes residential electrical, residential plumbing, residential structural, residential plans examiner, and medical gas (specialized electrical and plumbing exam fee is included in course fee) Practicum Includes commercial electrical and commercial plumbing	100	Plumbing exams 3 hours Electrical and Structural exams 4 hours	75%*	
Oregon inspector certification	30	1 hour	75%*	
Specialized Electrical and Plumbing certification	50	3 hours	75%*	
Building Official certification	52	2 hours	75%*	
*State certification exam failure requires inspector certification exam reapplication and \$80 fee. 30-day wait required.				

#### Refunds

All refund requests must be submitted in writing to training.bcd@dcbs.oregon.gov.

- All refunds are subject to a \$30 administrative fee, before the refund value is calculated.
- Refunds will be returned by original payment method to the payee.
- Refunds are processed within 4-10 weeks.
- 100% refund before training begins.
- 50% refund if less than half of the training course has been completed.
- No refund if 50% or more of training completed.

- OIC application fees are non-refundable. Failure to attend without 24-hours' notice, or missing any portion of the training, including the Q&A session, will require to new registration and fee of \$125. Failed exam will require class to be taken again. New registration and \$125 application fee is required
- State certification exam fees (\$80) are non-refundable.

## Course Expectations

#### Attendance

Oregon Inspector Certification training (OIC)

- At least one week prior to the day of class, students will receive a link to a five-hour video of the classroom presentations that must be viewed prior to the examination day. The examination day consists of at least 1-hr Q&A session with instructors to review material covered in the videos followed by 1-hr exam.
- The Q&A session will be held via Zoom. Students must have a working webcam and microphone. Students will not be able to participate in the Q&A session or the examination unless they have a working webcam and microphone.
- Please secure a private location with no other individuals present for the administration of the examination.
- Applicants who miss any portion of the Q&A session without at least 24-hours' notice will be required to submit a new registration, class fee of \$125, and retake the training course.

#### Residential inspector cross-training

Includes residential electrical, residential plumbing (24-26 weeks), residential structural and residential plans examiner (34- weeks). Attendance via webcam is required on the first day of training and on all progress exam days.

- Interactive online classroom participation is required during designated class times.
- Individual class days are two hours each.
- Progress exam days are four-hours each.
- At least 90% training attendance rate required. Applicants with less than 90% attendance rate will be unenrolled and no longer eligible to participate in the course. Applicants are welcome to register for future training.
- Type of absence will not be tracked.
- Absences are tracked to the minute to calculate attendance rate.
- Applicants should be prepared to arrive a few minutes early each class day (whether attending live or online) to avoid being docked time missed.

#### Commercial mid-level cross-training

Includes Specialized Electrical and Plumbing (12-14 weeks)

- Attendance via webcam is required on the first day of training and on all progress exam days.
- Interactive online classroom participation is required during designated class times.
- Individual class days are two hours each.
- Progress exam days are four-hours each.

- At least 90% training attendance rate required. Applicants with less than 90% attendance rate will be unenrolled and no longer eligible to participate in the course. Applicants are welcome to register for future training.
- Type of absence will not be tracked.
- Absences are tracked to the minute to calculate attendance rate.
- Applicant should be prepared to arrive a few minutes early each class day (whether attending live or online) to avoid being docked time missed.

#### Commercial practical exams

Includes electrical and plumbing

- Attendance via webcam is required on first day of training and on all progress exam days.
- Interactive online classroom participation is required during designated class times.
- Individual class days are two-hours each.
- Progress exam days are four-hours each.
- At least 90% training attendance rate required. Applicants with less than 90% attendance rate will be unenrolled and no longer eligible to participate in the course. Applicant is welcome to register for future training.
- Type of absence will not be tracked.
- Absences are tracked to the minute to calculate attendance rate.
- Applicant should be prepared to arrive a few minutes early each class day (whether attending live or online) to avoid being docked time missed.

#### Medical Gas training (MGI)

- Three-day class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Class held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- No absences allowed.
- Applicants who miss any portion of the training will be required to retake the training course.
- Testing occurs at a proctored location.

Building Official training (BO)

- Four-day class, Three instructions days 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and one exam day 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Attendance via webcam is required.
- No absences allowed. Applicants who miss any portion of the training will be required to retake the training course.

Commercial Structural Inspector Skills Enhancement Training

- 24 week course. Two class days per week, two-hours each.
- Attendance via webcam is required on first day of training and on all exam days.
- Interactive online classroom participation is required during designated class times.
- Mid-term and Final exam days are four-hours each.
- Quizzes. Students must successfully complete all quizzes as assigned by the instructor. Failure to do so prior to the mid-term examination will result in one (1) point, equal to one percent, being subtracted from mid-term exam score for each quiz missed. Failure to complete any quizzes after

the mid-term examination will result in one (1) point, equal to one percent, being deducted from the final exam score for each quiz missed after the mid-term. Students whose final score drops below 75% will not be eligible to successfully pass the course.

- At least 90% training attendance rate required. Applicants with less than 90% attendance rate will be unenrolled and unable to continue to participate in the course. Applicants are welcome to register for future training.
- Absences are tracked to the minute to calculate attendance rate.
- Applicant should be prepared to arrive a few minutes early each class day (whether attending live or online) to avoid being docked time missed.
- Type of absence will not be tracked.

Code change training

• Visit our code change web page for details.

#### Excused Absences

In our effort to promote satisfactory attendance, if excused absences exceed 10% of the online training hours for any class, the division may request medical verification of the need for absence.

Absences due to the following reasons may be excused if prior notification is provided to the division: (a) OFLA/FMLA qualifying physical health or mental health symptoms, illness, health condition or medical appointment for the student or a person for whom the student is legally responsible. Examples of symptoms, illness, health conditions, or medical appointments include, but are not limited to, medical, counseling, mental health wellness, dental, optometry, pregnancy, and behavioral health treatment (which can include in-patient or out-patient treatment for chemical dependency or mental health);

(b) Family emergency including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family;

(c) Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;

(d) Court, judicial proceeding, court-ordered activity, or jury service;

(e) Absence directly related to the student's homeless or foster care/dependency status;

(f) Absences related to deployment activities of a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty military member:

(g) Absences due to student safety concerns, including absences related to threats, assaults, or bullying; and

(h) Absences due to the student's lack of necessary instructional tools, including internet access or connectivity.

All courses are currently held online via a classroom platform or Zoom. Instructors may periodically offer inperson training options, but it is not required. Online training will be offered even if some students decide to join a class live in-person.

#### Required training material

Please read individual <u>course descriptions</u> to see a complete list of required materials. Applicant is responsible for materials not included in training fee. Please ensure materials are available each individual class day. Some materials are available to download from the BCD website. Applicant will have access to such materials after course registration is complete.

Additional Resources:

- <u>Certification manual</u>
- Laws and rules
- <u>Codebook vendors</u>

to take the state exam.

Commercial Structural Inspector Skills Enhancement Training

#### Successful completion of training

Successful completion of training is determined by 90% attendance rate, quiz and progress exam requirements as listed in the table below.

Applicants who complete all requirements will be

- Provided a *Certificate of Completion* for the training course; and
- Approved to apply for state certification exam testing.

Training progress exams Currently held via webcam. Absence results in failure of exam.	Number of progress exams	Questions	Testing time	Passing score
<ul> <li>Residential electrical and plumbing Inspector training</li> <li>Students are required to sit for all progress examinations. Students must complete all four progress exams with a cumulative score of 75% or higher AND must achieve a score of 75% or higher on the final progress exam to successfully pass the course and be approved to take the state exam.</li> </ul>	4	52	2 hours	75%*
<ul> <li>Residential structural Inspector training (Module 1)</li> <li>Students are required to sit for all progress examinations. Students must complete all four progress exams with a cumulative score of 75% or higher AND must achieve a score of 75% or higher on the final progress exam to successfully pass the course and be approved to take the state exam.</li> <li>Allowed to take certification exam after successfully completion of module (will not be issued training certificate of completion if progress exam requirements have not been met).</li> </ul>	4	52	2 hours	75%*
<ul> <li>Residential plans examiner training (Module 2)</li> <li>Students must complete the progress exam with a score of 75% or higher to successfully pass the course and be approved to take the state exam.</li> <li>Allowed to take certification exam after module is completed successfully. (will not be issued training certificate of completion if progress exam requirement has not been met).</li> </ul>	1	52	2 hours	75%*
<ul> <li>Commercial electrical and plumbing practicums</li> <li>Students are required to sit for all progress examinations. Students must complete all four progress exams with a cumulative score of 75% or higher AND must achieve a score of 75% or higher on the final progress exam to successfully pass the course and be approved to take the state exam.</li> </ul>	4	52	3 hours	75%*
<ul> <li>Specialized Electrical and Plumbing Inspector training</li> <li>Students are required to sit for all progress examinations. Students must complete all three progress exams with a cumulative score of 75% or higher AND must achieve a score of 75% or higher on the final progress exam to successfully pass the course and be approved</li> </ul>	3	52	2 hours	75%*

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Up to 100

2-4 hours

75%

• Students are required to sit for both the mid-term and final exam with a passing score of 75% or higher to receive certificate of completion.					
<ul> <li>Training course quizzes if required by instructor</li> <li>Students must successfully complete all quizzes as assigned by the instructor. Failure to do so will result in one (1) point being subtracted from final exam score. Students whose score drops below 75% will not be eligible to successfully pass the course.</li> </ul>	Determined by instructor	Determin ed by instructor	Minimum of 2-days, maximum of 5-days	75%	
*Failure to meet testing requirements					
Applicant cannot successfully complete course and will be unenrolled.					
Applicant is not eligible for a refund.					
Access to training course will be removed.					
Applicant will be welcome to enroll in future training. New application and full course fee required.					

# Canceled trainings

The training program reserves the right to postpone or cancel any scheduled trainings or practical exams due to low enrollment, inclement weather, instructor illness, or other business related or extenuating circumstance. Training staff will determine if a cancelation requires rescheduling. Trainings and practical exams will not be held on holidays.

### State certification exam requirements

- Applicants who complete a cross-training or practical exam will be approved to sit for the state inspector certification exam associated with the training or practical exam completed.
- Application and \$80 fee required.
  - Excludes specialized courses as fee is included in course fee.
- Testing occurs at a proctored location.
- Exam is open book. No handwritten notes or electronic devices are allowed.
- Hand-held calculator required.
- Applicant must pass exam with a score of 75% or higher.
- 30-day wait period before re-testing after a failed exam.

State exams are handled by division licensing staff. Questions? licensing.bcd@oregon.gov

### Exam exceptions

- Application and \$80 fee required for each state inspector certification exam. Excludes specialized courses as fee is included in course fee.
- All failed exams require a 30- day wait period, re-application and \$80 fee.

Electrical and plumbing cross-training and practicum

• Applicant who passes the course will be approved to apply for state exam.

Residential structural and plans examiner cross-training

- At the conclusion of module one, student who successfully completes the course will have the opportunity to take state inspector certification exam and move on to module two.
- Students who do not pass module one cannot move on to module two and will be unenrolled from course. New course registration and payment will be required.

• Student who successfully passes module two, will have the opportunity to take the state inspector exam.

### Parking

Parking is free when attending in-person training. Parking is <u>NOT</u> allowed in the row facing the complex. These spaces are for other businesses in the complex. <u>Click here to view parking map for designated</u> <u>parking spaces</u>.

## Certification records

Applicants who pass the state inspector certification exam with a score of 75% or higher:

- Certification is generally issued within one week after an exam is graded and can be viewed on the state's <u>license holder search webpage</u>.
- A copy of certification will be sent by mail and should arrive within three weeks after issued.
- Applicants employed by an Oregon building department at the time of examination may not perform inspections until the proper certification has been issued and can be found on the state's license holder search web page.
- Applicants not currently employed for an Oregon municipality (city, county or state building department) or a registered plan review and inspection business may not perform inspections under a certification until employed for an Oregon municipality (city, county or state building department) or a registered plan review and inspection business.
- Applicants who perform inspections without proper approval or certification may be subject to state enforcement fines, suspension of certification, revocation of certification or disqualification.

### Expired certifications

- All certifications are subject to renewal and state continuing education requirements to remain active after issuance.
- Failure to comply with BCD's continuing education requirements will result in affected certification(s) being expired.
- Expired certifications. Require applicant to test for a new certification. Application and \$80 fee required.
- Failed exam requires a 30-day wait period before re-testing is approved.

### Contact information

Applicants are responsible to keep their contact information up-to-date. Has your contact information changed? Contact information includes:

- Personal address, personal phone number, and personal email address.
- Work address, phone number, and email address <u>should not</u> be used as the applicant's certification contact information.

To ensure you receive all notifications regarding training and maintaining certification such as required code change classes or fee renewal notices, we suggest you check your record on the state's license holder search webpage. Questions? Please email training.bcd@dcbs.oregon.gov.

Keep your personal information updated to ensure you do not miss important certification updates. May include personal address, phone number and email address. <u>Update contact information</u> Questions regarding certification and enrollment policies can be sent to <u>training.bcd@dcbs.oregon.gov</u>.

# **CERTIFICATION QUALIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK**

#### **Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC) 918-098-1025**

Every person who performs building official duties, building code inspections, or plan reviews must possess a valid Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC) **and** a valid appropriate Oregon Code Certification (OCC) for the work being performed and the minimum level of experience.

Before y	ou may be approved for any O	regon Code Certification, you must have an active OIC number.

Certification type and rule reference	What this certification authorizes you to do	The qualifications for this certification
Electrical Specialty Code Inspector (EI)	Inspects electrical installations regulated by the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code;	<ol> <li>Four years of employment and experience as a licensed Oregon general journeyman electrician; -OR-</li> </ol>
	Inspects electrical installations regulated by the Oregon Residential Specialty Code; and May do electrical plan reviews as	2. A certificate of completion from an apprenticeship program meeting the equivalency requirements of OAR 918-282-0170, plus four years' experience as a journeyman electrician working on commercial, industrial, or multifamily structures;
	provided in OAR 918-311-0040.	-OR-
		<ol> <li>10 years of work experience in the inspection of electrical installations of which at least five years is of commercial, industrial, or multi-family structures as a certified inspector possessing a nationally recognized certification or its equivalent;</li> </ol>
		-OR-
		<ol> <li>A four-year Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, plus two years' approved experience in design, inspection, or supervision of installations covered by the National Electrical Code or Oregon Electrical Specialty Code;</li> </ol>
		-OR-
		5. A certified professional electrical engineer.
		-AND-
		Pass a board-approved examination.
Residential	Residential electrical inspectors may conduct inspections for	1. An Oregon general journeyman electrician;
Electrical Inspector (CAE)	electrical work regulated by the Oregon Residential Specialty Code;	-OR- 2. Have two years' experience as an Oregon limited residential journeyman electrician;
	Electrical work on manufactured	-OR-
	dwellings, manufactured structure accessory buildings and structures under the Oregon Manufactured Dwelling Installation Specialty	<ol> <li>A certificate of completion from an apprenticeship program meeting the equivalency requirements of OAR 918-282-0170, plus two years' experience as a licensed journeyman electrician;</li> </ol>
	Code;	-OR-
	The provisions of OAR chapter 918, division 500;	<ol> <li>A licensed journeyman electrician and have four years' experience as a licensed journeyman electrician;</li> </ol>
	The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards	-OR-
	located in 24 CFR 3280 and 3282; and	<ol> <li>Have six years experience as a certified residential or commercial electrical inspector possessing a nationally recognized certification or its equivalent;</li> </ol>
	Any portion of a solar PV installation up to 25 Kw.	
	-	-AND- Pass a hoard-approved examination
		Pass a board-approved examination.

CERT	FICATION QUALIFICAT	IONS AND SCOPE OF WORK (Continued)
Certification type and rule reference	What this certification authorizes you to do	The qualifications for this certification
Plumbing Specialty Code Inspector (PI)	Inspects plumbing installations regulated by the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code;	<ol> <li>Four years of employment and experience as an Oregon journeyman plumber;</li> <li>-OR-</li> </ol>
	Inspects plumbing installations regulated by the Oregon Residential Specialty Code; and May do plumbing plan reviews as	<ol> <li>A certificate of completion from an apprenticeship program meeting the equivalency requirements of OAR 918-695-0030, plus four years' experience as a journeyman plumber working on commercial, industrial, or multi-family structures;</li> </ol>
	provided in OAR 918-780-0040.	-OR-
		<ol> <li>10 years of work experience in the inspection of plumbing installations of which at least five years is of commercial, industrial, or multi-family structures as a certified inspector possessing a nationally recognized certification or its equivalent;</li> </ol>
		-OR-
		<ol> <li>A degree in mechanical engineering with two years of work experience in plumbing design, installation, or inspection;</li> </ol>
		-OR-
		5. A certified professional mechanical engineer;
		<b>-OR-</b> 6. Certification as an Oregon one- and two-family dwelling plumbing
		<ol> <li>Certification as an Oregon one- and two-family dwelling plumbing inspector as of April 1, 1998, and completion of five years of plumbing inspection experience.</li> </ol>
		-AND-
		Pass a board-approved examination.
Residential	Conducts inspections for:	1. An Oregon journeyman plumber;
Plumbing Inspector	-	-OR-
(CAP)	Plumbing work regulated by the Oregon Residential Specialty Code, where connection to the building is not a separate plumbing system;	<ol> <li>A certificate of completion from an apprenticeship program meeting the equivalency requirements of OAR 918-695-0030, plus two years' experience as a licensed journeyman plumber;</li> </ol>
	Plumbing work on manufactured	-OR-
	dwellings, manufactured structure accessory buildings and structures under the Oregon Manufactured Dwelling Installation Specialty Code;	<ol> <li>A licensed journeyman plumber and have four years' experience as a licensed journeyman plumber; -OR-</li> </ol>
	The provisions of OAR chapter 918, division 500;	<ol> <li>Six years' experience as a residential or commercial plumbing inspector possessing a nationally recognized certification or its equivalent;</li> </ol>
	The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards located in 24 CFR	-AND-
	3280 and 3282; and Any portion of a solar water heating system installation up to 180 gallons of storage tank capacity.	Pass a board-approved examination.
Limited Plumbing Inspector-Building	May inspect building sewers from five feet outside the building to the disposal	1. An Oregon general journeyman plumber;
Sewers (PIS)	terminal or connection with a main sewer line.	<b>-OR-</b> 2. Two years' experience in sewer design, installation, or inspection.
		-AND-
		Pass a board-approved examination.

### PRACTICUM QUALIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK

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#### Before you may be approved for any Oregon Code Certification, you must have an active OIC number.

Certification type and rule reference	What this certification authorizes you to do	The qualifications for this certification
Electrical Specialty Code Inspector (EI)	Inspects electrical installations regulated by the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code; Inspects electrical installations regulated by the Oregon Residential Specialty Code; and May do electrical plan reviews as provided in OAR 918-311-0040.	<ol> <li>Two years of employment and experience as a licensed Oregon general journeyman electrician, plus successful completion of the division's board-approved commercial electrical inspector practicum;</li></ol>
		-AND- Pass a board-approved examination.
Plumbing Specialty Code Inspector (PI)	Inspects plumbing installations regulated by the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code; Inspects plumbing installations regulated by the Oregon Residential Specialty Code; and May do plumbing plan reviews as provided in OAR 918-780-0040.	<ul> <li>1. Two years of employment and experience as an Oregon journeyman plumber, plus successful completion of the division's board-approved commercial plumbing inspector practicum;</li> <li>-OR-</li> <li>2. A licensed journeyman plumber, plus eight years' experience as a licensed journeyman plumber working on commercial, industrial, or multi-family structures, plus successful completion of the division's board-approved commercial plumbing inspector practicum;</li> <li>-OR-</li> <li>3. Eight years of work experience in the inspection of plumbing installations of which at least four years is of commercial, industrial, or multi-family structures as a certified inspector possessing a nationally recognized certification or its equivalent plus successful completion of the division's board-approved commercial plumbing inspector practicum;</li> <li>-AND-</li> <li>Pass a board-approved examination.</li> </ul>