



**2015 OBPVSC
Effective April 1, 2015**

**2015 Oregon Boiler and Pressure Vessel Specialty Code
Summary of Changes**

Purpose of this notice:

This notice provides a summary of changes to the OBPVSC during the most recent code cycle. These changes were effective April 1, 2015.

Background:

National model code standards may change significantly between code cycles. During each new code cycle, the Building Codes Division (BCD) has attempted to maintain the goal of consistent application of the statewide building code and has also worked to align the scope of each code with the division's statutory authority. Each code provision adopted must relate to the "... construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of buildings..." (ORS 455.020). BCD has analyzed each code provision in the OBPVSC through these filters.

Changes:

OAR 918-225-0345: Removed definition of domestic tankless water heater.

Tankless water heaters are regulated in the plumbing code so including a definition in the OBPVSC is unnecessary.

OAR 918-225-0390: Removed inspections of hobby miniature steam boilers.

After further review, it was determined that these inspections were unrelated to the scope of the building code and did not align with the division's statutory authority, which includes the "construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of buildings" (ORS 455.020). While no operating permit is required, individuals may still request and receive inspections from licensed BCD staff at the hourly inspection rate.

OAR 918-225-0400: Removed inspections of traction boilers.

After further review, it was determined that these inspections were unrelated to the scope of the building code and did not align with the division's statutory authority, which includes the "construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of buildings" (ORS 455.020). While no operating permit is required, individuals may still request and receive inspections from licensed BCD staff at the hourly inspection rate.



OAR 918-225-0430: Clarified what is and is not included in the OBPVSC.

Updated the effective date of the OBPVSC and the adopted edition of the related codes and tables.

Added boilerplate language to explain that when there are conflicts between the OBPVSC and the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) or Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), the ORS and OAR take priority over the OBPVSC.

OAR 918-225-0435: Updated the effective date of the OBPVSC and the adopted edition of the related inspection code and tables.

OAR 918-225-0570: Removed inspection requirements for portable pressure vessels mounted on motorized vehicles.

It was determined that these inspections were unrelated to the scope of the building code which includes the “construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of buildings” (ORS 455.020). While no operating permit is required, individuals may still request and receive inspections from licensed BCD staff at the hourly inspection rate.

OAR 918-225-0600: Changed language about inspections and added an investigative fee for work on a boiler or pressure vessel without permits.

This change clarified the relationship between installation permits and inspections and added an investigative fee to cover expenses incurred by BCD when investigating a person working on a boiler or pressure vessel without permits.

OAR 918-225-0606: Removed outdated language regarding minor repair permits.

This change removed an unnecessary effective date relating to the minor repair program.

Citation:

Amended: OAR 918-225-0430, 918-225-0435, 918-225-0570, 918-225-0600, and 918-225-0606.

Repealed: OAR 918-225-0345, 918-225-0390, 918-225-0400.

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