

MASTER ELECTRICAL PERMITS

About master electrical permits

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 479.560(3) allows the Building Codes Division, or jurisdiction operating an electrical inspection program, to issue master electrical permits for their respective programs. The holder of a master electrical permit is not required to obtain individual permits for certain installations, or the repair, alteration, or replacement of existing electrical products in certain qualified facilities. Electrical installations within qualified facilities may be done by employees holding the appropriate electrical licenses, or by State of Oregon licensed electrical contractors.

Any electrical installation not covered by the program requires a separate electrical permit. An owner, electrical contractor or operating manager of a covered facility can obtain a master permit only if appropriately licensed electricians are to do the work. If the applicant is an owner or operating manager, a roster of workers under the permit must be filed with the issuing jurisdiction.

Issuance, inspections, and responsibility

Jurisdictions operating delegated electrical inspection programs are responsible for issuing master electrical permits for their jurisdiction.

Inspections of permit holding facilities will be done periodically by the jurisdiction issuing the master permit for electrical installations. The jurisdiction may also undertake a cover inspection, which shall be made before electrical installations are covered. The periodic inspection under the permit shall be done at least once a year or more frequently based on the needs of the particular plant, building or facility.

When a jurisdiction is delegated a building inspection program, Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 918-020-0090(2)(e) requires the jurisdiction to establish policies and procedure for issuing permits not requiring plan review, including master permits. Therefore, any jurisdiction operating an electrical inspection program would also be responsible for the receipt of applications for master permits, issuance of master permits, and the periodic inspection of permit-holding facilities.

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