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To: All Active Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC) holders

Important information regarding your Oregon inspector certification

CODE CHANGE CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION – ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED

As an active OIC holder, you are receiving this notice regarding the 2021 code change continuing education requirements. All persons holding any certifications as an inspector and/or plans examiner must take a code change class provided by Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD) to maintain their active certification. The division determines whether code change education is needed for each code during a code change cycle and the educational content to be delivered after the code change.

For the 2021 code cycle, all code change training will be offered on-line, in an electronic format, and individuals holding code certifications issued **before February 28, 2021** (see table below) are required to view the relevant code change classes provided by BCD for *each* category of certification (plumbing, electrical, structural, and energy) that will be adopted on April 1, 2021 and must timely self-certify to BCD they have completed the online training.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 918-098-1450 explains the continuing education requirements for Oregon inspectors. The rule requires that continuing education must be taken in a timely manner in each area that you perform inspections or plan reviews to remain certified.

Online continuing education courses and supplemental materials related to the adoption of the 2021 Oregon Electrical, Plumbing, and Residential Specialty codes will be available on the BCD website no later than **April 1, 2021**. Code change is also required for mid-cycle amendments to the 2019 OSSC including energy for ASHRAE 90.1-2019. Mid-cycle amendments will be available on the BCD website in mid-April 2021.

- You are required to view the on-line training no later than **September 30, 2021**.
- To maintain your Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC), you are required to self-certify to BCD that you have viewed the training no later than **October 31, 2021**.
- Training materials will remain available for viewing for your reference after the September 30, 2021 deadline.

Certifications	Required Class
Commercial and Residential Electrical Inspectors (EI, SEI, and CAE)	BCD Oregon Electrical Specialty Code (OESC) Change Video
Commercial and Residential Plumbing Inspectors (PI, MGI, SPI, CAP, and PIS)	BCD Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (OPSC) Change Videos
Residential Structural Inspectors and Plans Examiners (CAS, CAX, CAM, SFI, and SSI)	BCD Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) and Energy Code Change Videos
Commercial Structural Inspectors and Plans Examiners (SIA, SIB, PEA, PEB and PEF)	BCD Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC-Chapter 1) and Energy Code (Chapter 13) Change Videos

If you have multiple certifications, this applies to all of your certifications. For example, if you have both a residential structural and residential electrical inspector certification, you need to complete two code change classes; one for the residential structural code and one for the electrical code.

Which certifications do NOT require code change training at this time? Commercial Mechanical (MIA, MIB).

How are the classes accessed? Due to COVID protocols, there will be no in person classes. Each code change training will be delivered on-line and provides an overview of the changes in the 2021 specialty codes. Video classes have been developed for each code – electrical, plumbing, structural, and energy provisions. The number of classes you will need to complete depends on which active certification(s) you hold. Classes and supplemental materials will be available on the BCD website at www.oregon.gov/bcd.

What is the class fee? There is no fee for viewing the virtual classes.

What credit is given for completing a BCD code change class? Completing required code change instruction satisfies the continuing education requirement for certified building inspectors in Oregon. Completion of the class(es) does not generate credits for continuing education for trade license holders. *Only on-line code change classes offered by BCD will satisfy the code change requirement for inspectors and plans examiners for this code change cycle - no other classes qualify.* Active certifications will expire at the end of this renewal cycle on November 1, 2022. ***If you fail to complete and self-certify the required code change training by October 31, 2021 your certification will expire.***

How can I confirm my active certifications? View your current state specialty code inspector certifications at <http://www.oregon.gov/bcd/licensing/Pages/search.aspx>.

Additional updates will be posted on BCD's website and sent via the email address you have on file with BCD.

Questions? If you have any difficulty accessing these materials, or have questions please contact Dana Fischer Inspector Training Program Support Coordinator by phone at 503-373-7974, or by email at codechange.bcd@oregon.gov.

SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM

You must complete your code change education **no later than September 30, 2021**, by viewing the online materials applicable to your certification. After you have completed this education, please review and execute the self-attestation below and return the form to BCD at the address or fax number below, **no later than October 31, 2021**.

Regarding the mandated training modules selected below, I,

Print name: _____ **OIC #:** _____,

hereby attest that I have completed the following courses on or before September 30, 2021, and understand the course contents. **Please clearly mark all that apply to you:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BCD Oregon Electrical Specialty Code Change Video | <input type="checkbox"/> BCD Oregon Structural Specialty Code Change Video |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BCD Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code Change Video | <input type="checkbox"/> BCD ORSC Energy Provisions Code Change Video |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BCD Oregon Residential Specialty Code Change Video | <input type="checkbox"/> BCD OSSC Energy Provisions Code Change Video |

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing electronically, I agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. I agree that the electronic signature on this certification is the same as a handwritten signature for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

Please complete and return the self-certification by October 31, 2021, to BCD TRAINING:

Fax (503) 378-2322, Email codechange.bcd@oregon.gov or PO BOX 14470, Salem OR 97309

Incomplete self-certification forms received will not be accepted and will be required to be submitted again.

Self-certification forms postmarked on or after October 31, 2021 will not be accepted.