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To: All Active Oregon Commercial Level Inspector Certification holders

Important information regarding your Oregon Commercial Inspector Certifications:

CODE CHANGE CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

As an active OIC holder, you are receiving this notice regarding your 2022 code change continuing education requirements. All persons holding any commercial level certifications as an inspector and/or plans examiner are required to take a code change class provided by Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD) to maintain their active certification(s). 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.

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 as determined by the BCD Administrator in each area that you perform inspections or plan reviews in order to remain certified.

For the 2022 code cycle, code change is required for Oregon commercial level certification holders, which include structural, mechanical and plans examiners related to the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) and Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC) adopted on October 1, 2022.

Code change training will be offered on-line, in an electronic format, and individuals holding code certifications issued **prior to October 1, 2022** (see table below), are required to view the relevant code change classes provided by BCD and must timely self-certify to BCD that they have completed the online training no later than **June 1, 2023**.

On-line continuing education courses and supplemental materials related to the adoption of the above codes will be available on the BCD website no later than **January 16, 2023**.

- In order to maintain your Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC), you are required to self-certify to BCD that you have in fact viewed the training no later than **June 1, 2023**.
- Training materials will remain available for viewing for your reference after the June 1, 2023 deadline.

Certifications That Require 2022 Code Change	Required Class - Video Recording
Commercial Structural Inspectors and Plans Examiners (SIA, SIB, PEA, PEB and PEF)	Significant changes to the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC)
Commercial Mechanical Inspectors (MIA, and MIB)	Significant change to the Oregon Mechanical Code (OMSC)

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

Which certifications do NOT require code change training at this time? Commercial and Residential Electrical (EI, CAE, and SEI) and Plumbing (PI, MGI, CAP, SPI, and PIS), Residential Structural (CAS, CAX, SFI, and SSI) and Mechanical (CAM).

How are the classes accessed? Each code change training will be delivered on-line and provides an overview of the changes in the 2022 Commercial Structural and Mechanical specialty codes. Video classes have been developed for both specialty codes. The number of classes that you will need to complete depends on which active certification(s) you hold. Video classes and supplemental materials will be available on the BCD website at <https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/inspector-training/Pages/code-change-req.aspx>.

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 June 1, 2023. ***If you fail to complete and self-certify the required code change training by June 1, 2023 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 that 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 by viewing the online video and materials, review and execute the self-attestation below, and return the form to BCD at the address or fax number below, **no later than June 1, 2023.**

In regard to the mandated training modules that I have initialed below, I,

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

hereby attest that I have completed the following courses on or before June 1, 2023, and understand the course contents. **Please clearly mark all that apply to you:**

_____ BCD Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) Code Change Video

_____ BCD Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC) Code Change Video

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please complete and return the self-certification by June 1, 2023, 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 June 1, 2023 are considered late and will not be accepted.