

2025 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code Adoption

Purpose of the rule:

This rule adopts the 2025 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC), which is based on the 2024 International Mechanical Code (IMC) and the 2024 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) with Oregon-specific amendments.

Citation:

Amends OAR 918-440-0010

This rule is effective Oct. 1, 2025.

Background:

ORS 455.030 and 455.110 require the division to adopt a state building code to govern the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other structures. The law further requires the building code to contain uniform performance standards providing reasonable safeguards for health, safety, welfare, comfort, and security of the residents of Oregon who are occupants and users of buildings and to provide for the use of modern methods, materials, and maximum energy conservation. The division, with the approval of the appropriate board, may amend such codes provided it conforms, insofar as it is practicable, to model building codes generally accepted and in use throughout the United States. ORS 455.020 and 455.110 require the division, with the approval of the Mechanical Board, and the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board in relation to low-rise dwellings, to adopt standards for the installation of mechanical, heating, and ventilation devices and equipment. Those standards are adopted in the OMSC. The OMSC is updated periodically to ensure the code reflects current technology, standards, and practices. The current OMSC was adopted in 2022.

The code adoption process and additional information is available on the 2025 OMSC adoption webpage: [Oregon.gov/bcd/codes-stand/Pages/omsc-adoption.aspx](https://oregon.gov/bcd/codes-stand/Pages/omsc-adoption.aspx).

Summary:

At the Mechanical Board's meeting on March 6, 2024, the board provided direction to the division on the adoption of the 2025 OMSC. The board elected to base the 2025 OMSC on the 2024 IMC and the 2024 IFGC, with Oregon specific amendments. The division solicited code amendment proposals from the public from April 11, 2024 to May 26, 2024. The Mechanical Board appointed a code committee and that committee met twice, first on Aug. 29, 2024, and second on Sept. 12, 2024. The committee reviewed the changes in the model codes that were selected by the board, existing Oregon amendments, and the public code amendment proposals. The committee then prepared a list of recommendations for the Mechanical Board. At the board's meeting on Oct. 22, 2024, it voted to approve the committee's recommendations and proceed to rulemaking to adopt the 2025 OMSC with the finding that the added costs, if any, are necessary for the health and safety of the occupants or the public or necessary to preserve scarce resources. The Residential and Manufactured Structures Board, at its meeting on Jan. 8, 2025, voted to approve the committee's recommendations for the mechanical provisions of the low rise residential code with the finding that the added costs, if any, are necessary for the health and safety of the occupants or the public or necessary to preserve scarce resources.

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule adopts the 2025 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC). The 2025 OMSC is based on the following model codes with Oregon specific amendments: the 2024 Edition of the International Mechanical Code, and the 2024 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code.

CHANGES TO RULE:

918-440-0010

Adopted Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code ¶

- (1) The Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code is adopted pursuant to OAR chapter 918, division 8.¶
- (2) Effective October 1, 2022~~5~~, the 2022~~5~~ Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code is the 2024~~4~~ Editions of the International Mechanical Code and International Fuel Gas Code as published by the International Code Council and amended by the Building Codes Division.¶
- (3) For the purposes of implementing a phase-in period for the 2022~~5~~ Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code, the 2019~~22~~ Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code is adopted for the period beginning October 1, 2022~~5~~, and ending March 31, 2023~~6~~.¶
- (4) During the phase-in period established in subsection (3), the use of the 2019~~22~~ Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code or the 2022~~5~~ Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code is permitted.¶
- [Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]
- Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 455.020, ORS 455.030, ORS 455.110
- Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 455.110