

2025 Oregon Structural Specialty Code Adoption**Purpose of the rule:**

This rule adopts the 2025 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC). The 2025 OSSC is based on the 2024 International Building Code (IBC), the 2024 International Fire Code (IFC) new construction provisions, and the 2024 International Existing Building Code (IEBC), with Oregon specific amendments.

Citation:

Amends OAR 918-460-0010; 918-460-0015

This rule is effective Oct. 1, 2025.

Background:

ORS 455.610 requires that the division, with the approval of the Building Codes Structures Board (BCSB), adopt minimum standards for construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of buildings and other structures. These standards are adopted as the Oregon Structural Specialty Code. The OSSC is updated on a three year cycle. Each time the OSSC is updated, the division updates the applicable rules to align rule and code references. The current edition of the OSSC was adopted in 2022. The next edition of the OSSC, the 2025 OSSC, will be based on the 2024 IBC, the 2024 IFC new construction provisions, and the 2024 IEBC. The OSSC Review Committee completed an analysis of the 2024 IBC changes, 2024 International Existing Building Code changes, 2024 International Fire Code new construction provisions, existing Oregon code amendments, new proposed amendments, public amendment proposals, and alternate method rulings. The committee met five times beginning Aug. 8, 2024, and finalized their recommendations to the board. The BCSB approved the 2025 OSSC adoption at their Oct. 9, 2024, board meeting. At their May 7, 2025, board meeting, the BCSB reviewed and approved additional changes to rules and code standards related to the adoption of the 2025 OSSC. This includes new Appendix Q, which details a prospective local amendment path to allow certain residential occupancy buildings that are four stories or less above grade plane in height to be served by a single exit stairway.

The code adoption process and additional information is available on the 2025 OSSC adoption webpage: Oregon.gov/bcd/codes-stand/Pages/osscc-adoption.aspx.

Summary:

At the Building Codes Structures Board's meeting on Feb. 7, 2024, the board provided direction to the division on the adoption of the 2025 OSSC. The division solicited code amendment proposals from the public from March 4, 2024, to April 21, 2024. The Building Codes Structures Board appointed a code committee. That committee met five times, first on Aug. 8, 2024 and last on Sept. 17, 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 Building Codes Structures Board. At the board's meeting on Oct. 9, 2024, it voted to approve the committee's recommendations and proceed to rulemaking to adopt the 2025 OSSC 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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CHANGES TO RULE:

918-460-0010

Adopted Oregon Structural Specialty Code ¶

(1) The Oregon Structural Specialty Code is adopted pursuant to OAR chapter 918, division 8.¶

(2) Effective October 1, 2022~~5~~, the 2022~~5~~ Oregon Structural Specialty Code is:¶

(a) The 2024~~4~~ Edition of the International Building Code, the 2024~~4~~ International Fire Code (IFC) new construction provisions, and the 2024~~4~~ International Existing Building Code (IEBC), as published by the International Code Council, and amended by the Building Codes Division; and¶

(b) The energy provisions adopted pursuant to OAR 918-460-0500.¶

(3)(a) For the purposes of implementing a phase-in period for the 2022 Oregon Structural Specialty Code, t~~5~~
Oregon Structural Specialty Code:¶

(a) Chapter 1 of the 2025 Oregon Structural Specialty Code is effective October 1, 2025 with no phase-in period; and¶

(b) The 2019~~22~~ Oregon Structural Specialty Code, with the exception of Chapter 1, is adopted for the period beginning October 1, 2022~~5~~ and ending March 31, 2023~~-6~~.¶

(b) During the phase-in period established in subsection (3)(a), the use of the 2022~~5~~ Oregon Structural Specialty Code or the 2019~~22~~ Oregon Structural Specialty Code is permitted.¶

(4) Code requirements in effect at the time a plan review or permit application is filed controls the construction under the application unless the applicant agrees to be controlled by subsequent changes.¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 455.020, ORS 455.110, ORS 455.447
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 455.110

AMEND: 918-460-0015

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CHANGES TO RULE:

918-460-0015

Amendments to the Oregon Structural Specialty Code ¶¶

- (1) The Oregon Structural Specialty Code is amended pursuant to OAR chapter 918, division 8. Amendments adopted during the code cycle for inclusion into the Oregon Structural Specialty Code are placed in this rule, showing the section reference, a descriptive caption, and a short description of the amendment.¶¶
- (2) Effective October 1, 2023, Chapter 16 Section 1609.3 of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code is amended according to the following:¶¶
- (a) Amend Table 1609.3 to specify updated basic design wind speeds for special wind regions.¶¶
- (b) Amend Figure 1609.3 to align with the amended table values, and to further provide an illustrative representation of the special wind regions.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 447.231, ORS 455.030, ORS 455.110, ORS 455.496, ORS 455.477

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 455.110, ORS 455.477