

## Sanitary sewer licensing

**Reference:** Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 447.095  
Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 918-690-0410

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**Subject:** Sanitary sewer installation licensing and scope of work

### Questions:

1. What licenses are required to install sanitary sewers outside the building?
2. OAR 918-690-0410 cross references ORS 701.348 for the definition of a building sewer, in that definition it states that a building sewer is a part of a drainage system that conveys sewage into a septic tank, cesspool, or other treatment unit. Can a sewer installer, do additional equipment installations if they are part of the sewer system?

### Answers:

1. A Plumbing Business (PB) license and a Construction Contractors Board (CCB) license is required to install sanitary sewers starting 5 feet outside of a structure.  
Plumbing is defined under 447.020, sanitary sewers are plumbing as defined. All plumbing contractors advertising or purporting to do plumbing installations under 447.020 are required to have a plumbing contractors licenses under 447.040, the PB allows the contractor to purchase plumbing permits required under 447.095.
2. Yes, with the appropriate licenses a sewer installer can install equipment that is part of the sewer system starting 5 feet outside the structure. ORS 701.348 defines a sewer as a part of a drainage system conveying sewage to a septic tank, cesspool or other treatment unit starting 5 feet outside the structure, other treatment unit can be, grease interceptor, sewage ejector pump or any other device between the structure and point of disposal to the city utility or septic tank regulated by DEQ.

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