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**CCB adopts permanent rules exempting electrical and plumbing contractors from some residential continuing education**

Senate Bill 155 (2011) paved the way in July for the Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) to adopt temporary rules exempting electrical and plumbing contractors from some of the residential continuing education requirements.

At the September 27, 2011 meeting, Board members adopted rules to permanently provide those exemptions to electrical and plumbing contractors licensed through the Department of Consumer and Business Services, Building Codes Division.

These contractors are exempt from the three hours in Building Exterior Shell Training (BEST) and the two hour requirement in building codes. They must substitute the five exempted hours with five elective hours.

For most electrical and plumbing contractors their total CCB residential continuing education requirement is 3 CORE hours in CCB's Laws, Regulations and Business Practices (LRB) and 13 hours of electives.

Electives may be completed by applying courses taken to maintain electrical and plumbing licenses, as well as another construction or construction business related training, including trainings on safety, manufacturers product installation and best practices and first aid/CPR..

Residential contractors began demonstrating compliance with continuing education with license renewals beginning October 1, 2011.

Also included in the permanent rule was the limited exemption from the BEST and building codes requirement for contractors who have an owner or officer licensed as an architect or a professional engineer. Those contractors must fulfill the additional five hours of electives.

For more information on continuing education visit the CCB website at:  
[www.oregon.gov/CCB](http://www.oregon.gov/CCB) or call 503-378-4621.

The CCB is a state agency licensing more than 39,000 contractors. Anyone who is paid to repair, improve or build a home must be licensed by the CCB.

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