



Implementation of the 2010 Editions of the Oregon Codes

BCD is pleased to announce that the 2010 editions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC), and the new Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code (OEESC) are progressing through the adoption and printing processes. The division continues to work with the publisher and anticipates the code books for the OSSC and the OMSC should be available in early spring. The code book for the OEESC should be available for purchase in late spring.

All three codes are planned for a July 1, 2010 effective date with a statewide grace period ending September 30, 2010. During the grace period, designers may choose to comply with either the 2007 or 2010 editions of the respective Oregon codes. Because these are integrated codes, designs should follow the codes from either 2007 or 2010, but not from both cycles. Projects submitted for plan review after September 30, 2010, must comply with the 2010 editions.

Additionally, the Oregon State Fire Marshal has delayed the effective date of the 2010 Oregon Fire Code to July 1, 2010, coinciding with the OSSC, OMSC, and the OEESC effective dates.

The 2010 OEESC is the first stand-alone energy code adopted in the State of Oregon. Based on the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), the OEESC replaces OSSC chapter 13 but continues to regulate all structures within the scope of the OSSC. In order to meet the enhanced energy efficiency expectations of Senate Bill 79 from the 2009 Oregon Legislature, the IECC was amended to achieve energy savings of 15 percent or greater in comparison to chapter 13 of the 2007 OSSC.

As education is a key component in the introduction of any new code, BCD is participating in the development of a variety of OEESC training opportunities for the design and enforcement communities. These include Web based training as well as live class options. Courses will be available in late spring, many with little or no cost to participants. Specific class information may be obtained by signing up for email notifications through BCD's Web page through the "Get Notified" link.

Code change courses covering the 2010 *OSSC* and *OMSC* are also being offered through a variety of providers. Persons conducting jurisdictional plan reviews and/or inspections for work within the scope of the *OSSC* and/or *OMSC* must attend a division approved code-change class in their particular discipline prior to July 1, 2013 (see OAR 918-098-1450[2]). In addition, persons conducting jurisdictional plan reviews and/or inspections for work within the scope of the *OSSC* must also attend a division approved *OEESC* code change within the timeframe noted above.

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