



1% Training Program

Fast Facts

- BCD licenses over 42,000 inspectors and tradespersons, most of whom require annual continuing education.
- The majority of training in the state is provided through recognized apprenticeship programs, associations, and other third-party providers.
- BCD collects a surcharge of 1% on permits to promote consistency in training throughout the state.

Guiding Principles

The division manages the training funds according to these principles:

- Funds are allocated for code-related education
- Contracts are intended to encourage competition so as to maximize the use of public monies
- Contracts should encourage multiple channels for delivering instruction (live, correspondence, online) to best serve customers statewide
- Training must be available state wide

E-Learning Initiative

E-Learning is technology-enabled training designed to increase workers' knowledge and skills. The E-Learning universe runs the gamut from computer-based instruction on CD-ROM's to interactive lectures via IP-video to self-paced study via the Internet. The division intends to implement Web-based training during the 2007-2009 biennium.

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ORS 455.220 authorizes the division to impose a 1% surcharge on building permit fees to defray the costs of training and other educational programs. Training should promote safe, effective, and consistent implementation, interpretation, and administration of the code among inspectors, designers, contractors, and licensees across the state. The division funds the following training needs:

- Code-change and code-update courses
- Continuing education and licensing requirements related to code
- Other changes in law, rule, or policy that require training to maintain state license or certification or to continue to do inspection work
- Code consistency and clarification

To receive 1% Training funds, vendors bid on contracts issued for specific courses. 1% Training funds are allocated to contractors on a per student basis. To make 1% Training available throughout the state, contractors are required to make courses available in the following regions:

- Tri-County (Multnomah, Washington or Clackamas county)
- Mid-Willamette Valley (Marion or Polk county)
- Southern Willamette Valley (Benton, Linn or Lane county)
- Central Coast (Tillamook, Lincoln, or Coos county)
- Southern Oregon (Jackson or Klamath county)
- Central Oregon (Deschutes, Jefferson or Crook county)
- Eastern Oregon (Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker or Malheur county)

BCD's Role

The division manages the 1%-training program in such a way as to ensure wise use of public money and effective training on code-related issues. Specifically, the division:

- Identifies training needs in partnership with industry and stakeholders
- Requests experts in the field to submit training proposals
- Evaluates proposals and awards contracts
- Administers training contracts and evaluates training outcomes
- Promotes consistent application of the code through training
- Provides outreach and public education

