



October 1, 2008

Moisture content in construction materials

Purpose of the rule:

This rule clarifies the requirements for contractors or owner-builders documenting moisture content in construction materials and providing that information to the local jurisdiction.

This rule is effective October 1, 2008.

Citation:

Amend: OAR 918-480-0010

Repeal: Temporary rule OAR 918-480-0010

Effect of the rule:

The rule eliminates the confusion and disruption previously associated with the moisture content check requirement in the 2008 Oregon Residential Specialty Code. Contractors must provide written notification to the local jurisdiction that the moisture content of wood framing members does not exceed 19%. Contractors or owner-builders must acknowledge that they are aware of and have taken steps to meet the requirements of the moisture content check on a division-approved form. The rule also clarifies that moisture content of wood framing members is not subject to inspection by the local jurisdiction.

Contact:

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918-480-0010

Amendments to the Oregon Residential Specialty Code

(1) The **Oregon Residential Specialty Code** is adopted and amended pursuant to OAR chapter 918, division 8. Amendments adopted for inclusion into the **Oregon Residential Specialty Code** are placed in this rule, showing the section reference, a descriptive caption, and a short description of the amendment.

(2) Effective April 1, 2008:

(a) The 2006 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and amended by the division is adopted as the plumbing provisions of the **Oregon Residential Specialty Code**; and

(b) The 2008 Edition of the NFPA 70, National Electrical Code as amended by the division is adopted as the electrical provisions of the **Oregon Residential Specialty Code**. See OAR chapter 918, division 305 for Oregon amendments to NFPA 70, National Electrical Code.

(c) Effective April 1, 2007, Appendix N, Low-Rise Multiple-Family Dwelling Construction is moved from the 2005 Oregon Residential Specialty Code to the **2007 Oregon Structural Specialty Code**.

(3) During the phase-in period established in OAR 918-480-0005(3), plans designed to the **2005 Oregon Residential Specialty Code** must use the plumbing and electrical provisions included in that 2005 code; plans designed to the **2008 Oregon Residential Specialty Code** must use the plumbing and electrical provisions adopted in this rule.

(4) Effective October 1, 2008, the **2008 Oregon Residential Specialty Code** is amended as follows:

(a) Section R 109.1.4.1 is deleted and replaced with the following: The requirement in R318.2 that all moisture-sensitive wood framing members used in construction shall have a moisture content of not more than 19 percent of the weight of dry wood framing members is not subject to inspection by the authority having jurisdiction.

(b) Section R318.2 is amended to read: Moisture content. Prior to issuance of the insulation/vapor barrier approval required by R109.1.5.2 of this code:

(A) All moisture-sensitive wood framing members used in construction shall have a moisture content of not more than 19 percent of the weight of dry wood framing members.

(B) The general contractor or the owner who was issued the structural permit shall notify the building official, on a division-approved form, that the contractor or the owner who was issued the structural permit is aware of and has taken steps to meet the requirement in paragraph (A).

[Publications: Publications referenced are available for review at the agency.]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 455.020, 455.110, 455.525 & 455.610

Stats. Implemented: ORS 455.610

Hist.: BCA 18-1993, f. 8-24-93, cert. ef. 8-29-93; BCA 28-1993, f. 10-22-93, cert. ef. 1-1-94; BCA 29-1993, f. 11-24-93, cert. ef. 12-1-93; BCD 6-1995, f. 3-31-95, cert. ef. 4-1-95; BCD 3-1996, f. 2-2-96, cert. ef. 4-1-96; BCD 22-1996(Temp), f. 10-1-96, cert. ef. 10-4-96; BCD 5-1997, f. 3-21-97, cert. ef. 4-1-97; Administrative Reformatting 1-19-98; BCD 3-1998, f. 1-29-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98; BCD 19-1998, f. 9-30-98, cert. ef. 10-1-98; BCD 3-2000, f. 1-14-00 cert. ef. 4-1-00; BCD 19-2000(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 8-15-00 thru 2-10-01; BCD 32-2000, f. 12-27-00, cert. ef. 1-1-01; BCD 3-2001, f. 2-9-01, cert. ef. 3-1-01; BCD 2-2002, f. 3-5-02, cert. ef. 4-1-02; BCD 22-2002(Temp), f. 9-13-02 cert. ef. 10-1-02 thru 3-29-03; BCD 30-2002, f. 12-6-02, cert. ef. 1-1-03; BCD 1-2003(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 1-10-03 thru 3-31-03; BCD 33-2002, f. 12-20-02 cert. ef. 4-1-03; BCD 15-2004, f. 9-10-04, cert. ef. 10-1-04; BCD 5-2005, f. & cert. ef. 3-28-05; BCD 9-2006, f. 6-30-06, cert. ef. 7-1-06; BCD 1-2007, f. 2-15-07, cert. ef. 4-1-07; BCD 5-2008, f. 2-22-08, cert. ef. 4-1-08; BCD 21-2008, f. 9-30-08, cert. ef. 10-1-08

Moisture Content Acknowledgement Form

I, _____, am the general contractor or the owner-builder at the following address:

Street Address

City

Permit#

If applicable:

Subdivision/Lot

and/or

Map and Tax Lot

To conform with the 2008 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC), Section R318.2, I am notifying the building official that I am aware of the moisture content requirement of ORSC Section R318.2 and have taken steps to meet this code requirement. [Section R318.2 is provided for reference.]

Section R318.2 Moisture content. Prior to issuance of the insulation/vapor barrier approval required by R109.1.5.2 of this code:

(A) All moisture-sensitive wood framing members used in construction shall have a moisture content of not more than 19 percent of the weight of dry wood framing members.

(B) The general contractor or the owner who was issued the structural permit shall notify the building official on a division approved form that the contractor or the owner who was issued the structural permit is aware of and has taken steps to meet the requirement in paragraph (A).

Signature

Date