



*July 1, 2008*

---

**Reciprocal License Requirements**

---

**Purpose of the rule:**

This rule clarifies the qualifying criteria for individuals applying for an electrical or plumbing license through reciprocity.

This rule is effective July 1, 2008.

**Citation:**

Adopt: OAR 918-030-0045

Repeal: Temporary rule OAR 918-030-0045

**Effect of the rule:**

This rule will ensure consistency in processing and administering reciprocal license applications. This rule does not amend the reciprocal agreements. It ensures consistency in administering the existing agreements.

In order to receive a plumbing or electrical license in Oregon, individuals must qualify for and pass a license examination. Oregon has entered into reciprocal licensing agreements with some states, which allow an individual to apply for particular licenses in Oregon without sitting for the Oregon examination.

*Electrical* - Oregon has reciprocal agreements for **journeyman electrical licenses** with: Arkansas, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming. Oregon has **master or supervising electrical license** agreements with: Arkansas and Utah.

*Plumbing* - Oregon has reciprocal agreements for **journeyman plumber licenses** with: Idaho and Montana.

**Contact:**

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Policy Analyst Aeron Teverbaugh at 503-373-1354, or [Aeron.Teverbaugh@state.or.us](mailto:Aeron.Teverbaugh@state.or.us).



## **OAR 918-030-0045**

### **Oregon Reciprocal License Requirements**

(1) The purpose of these rules is to assist the citizens of Oregon and reciprocating states with substantially similar electrical and plumbing licensing criteria to obtain a license without examination.

(2) For the purposes of this rule the following definitions apply:

(a) "Reciprocal Applicant" means a person applying for a reciprocal license.

(b) "Reciprocal License" means a license issued by Oregon to a person who qualifies under these rules.

(c) "Reciprocal State" means a state with a reciprocal licensing agreement with Oregon.

(d) "Work Experience" refers to work experience obtained through a registered apprenticeship program. Work experience may also refer to work experience verified in the manner established by OAR 918-030-0040 or OAR 918-030-0050.

(3) To qualify for a license under these rules, a reciprocal applicant must prove that they:

(a) Possess an equivalent or higher license from the reciprocal state that is current and active with no violations or conditions attached within the past three (3) years;

(b) Qualified for the equivalent or higher license from the reciprocal state through required work experience and by passing an examination in the reciprocal state with a score of 75 percent or better;

(c) Have worked a minimum of six (6) months (1,000 hours) under the license in the reciprocal state;

(d) Have not taken and failed the Oregon examination within the past two (2) years for the license type they are applying to reciprocate.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 455.110 & 455.117

Stats. Implemented: ORS 455.117 & 670.380

Hist.: BCD 1-2008, f. & cert. ef. 1-3-08; BCD 11-2008, f. 6-30-08, cert. ef. 7-1-08