

# **Facts on the New Oregon Builder and Subcontractor Registration Law**

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## 1972 Builders Registration Law

The 1971 Oregon State Legislature passed the state's first law requiring the registration of home builders, home remodelers, and subcontractors. Thus Oregon joins thirty-three other states, including Washington, in requiring builders to register. The act created a five-member Builders Board to administer the law.

### Who Must Register

Anyone who undertakes or offers to undertake or submits a bid to construct, alter, repair, improve, move, or demolish a structure, or to perform any work in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, moving, or demolition of a structure that is less than three stories high and covers a floor area of less than 4,000 square feet must register.

### When

The law became effective JULY 1, 1972. All builders and subcontractors should register immediately to comply with the law.

### Why

A home builder or subcontractor may not file suit or maintain an action in court for breach of contract or performance of work unless he is registered at the time he enters the contract. Local offices of permit-writing agencies will require evidence of registration or exemption before issuing building permits. The Builders Board can permanently deny registration or levy fines of up to \$1,000 for violation or failure to register.

### Requirements

Each home builder and subcontractor will be required to pay a fee, post bond, and file a certificate of insurance as follows:

	Home Builder	Subcontractor
1. <i>Annual Fee:</i>		
Registration filing fee	\$ 20	\$ 10
2. <i>Bond:</i>		
Surety bond or deposit	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000
3. <i>Certificate of Insurance:</i>		
Public Liability	\$50/100,000	\$50/100,000
Property Damage	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

### Information

For registration forms, application blank, or additional information—

Write:

BUILDERS BOARD  
State Department of Commerce  
204 Commerce Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310

or  
Call:

Salem 378-4621

Application forms and registration blanks also are available at the State Department of Commerce Field Offices in Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Pendleton, and Portland.

### Examples of Specialty Subcontractors Who Must Register:

Carpentry (framing)  
Plastering  
Masonry  
Roofing  
Painting and wall coverings  
Drywall  
Excavating  
Concrete work  
Linoleum, plastic laminates, soft tile, carpet, resilient flooring  
Ceramic tile  
Sheet metal, furnace work, gutters  
Equipment installing  
Steel erecting (includes ornamental metals)  
Demolition  
Plumbing  
Electrical wiring  
Glazing  
Insulation, weather stripping, storm window, acoustical  
Cabinet and millwork installer

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