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Residential Continuing Education: Changes in Green and Sustainable Building Practices

At the September 27, 2011 meeting, Board members adopted rules that sunset the option for contractors to fulfill the CCB Core Residential Continuing Education in Building Codes by substituting an approved Green and Sustainable Building Practices course.

Contractors that took an approved Green and Sustainable Building Practices course on or before September 30, 2011 can use the credit obtained to apply towards the Building Codes subject area.

“Our records show approximately 200 contractors have taken approved Green and Sustainable Building Practice courses,” says Gina Fox, CCB Education Manager. “These contractors can list them on the Residential Continuing Education page of their renewal form in the Building Codes section.

The 2007 Task Force on Construction Claims Report to the Legislature recommends construction contractors have continuing education in building codes.

Green and Sustainable courses were an alternative for contractors that didn't have specific building codes that matched the work they did. But recent exemptions to the Building Codes (and Building Exterior Shell Training) requirements negated the need for Green and Sustainable Building Practices to be a substitute for Building Codes course.

Courses in Green and Sustainable Building Practices, as well as other construction and construction related business courses can be used as electives.

The CCB is a state agency licensing more than 39,000 contractors. Anyone who is paid to repair, improve or build a home must be licensed by the CCB. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/CCB . Information is also available by calling 503-378-4621.

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