

# Summary of inspector regulation in Oregon

Activities/trades	CCB requirements	Other agencies
1. Contractors who do <b>inspections of one component</b> as part of their business (electrical, furnace, roof, etc.)	CCB business license required	No
2. <b>Home inspectors</b> (those who inspect <u>two or more</u> components of a house—see A below)	CCB business license required, certification also required for individuals	No
3. <b>Home inspectors</b> exempt from CCB certification (registered General Contractor from 1991-97)	CCB business license required	No
4. <b>WDO inspectors doing normal activities</b> to kill pests and prevent them from returning (see D below)	No	No (unless applying pesticides)
5. Businesses doing <b>WDO inspections involving repairs, structural modifications or the transfer of real estate</b> (See B and C below)	CCB business license required	No
6. Businesses <b>applying WDO pesticides</b>	No	Oregon Dept. of Agriculture license required
7. Building inspectors inspecting for <b>code compliance</b>	No	Oregon Building Codes Division license required
8. Building inspectors for <b>government agencies</b> (FHA, HUD, etc.)	No	Check with appropriate agency
9. <b>Lead-based paint</b> inspectors	CCB business license with endorsement required, LBP license also required for individuals	Individuals must also be certified with Oregon Health Division
10. <b>Cross connection</b> (backflow) testers (see E below)	CCB (or Landscape Contractors Board) license required	Oregon Health Division certification also required

**If a business or individual does more than one kind of inspection, they need the license, certifications and/or endorsements for ALL inspections they do.**

**A:** A component is one system of a house (foundation, electrical, plumbing, heating, etc.). Home inspectors may do, but are not required to do, WDO inspections.

**B:** Also known as wood destroying organisms or pest and dry rot (P/D) inspections.

**C:** Some lenders also require WDO inspectors to be licensed with the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture before accepting a WDO inspection.

**D:** These are considered normal activities to kill pests and prevent them from returning: Installation of soil vapor barriers; sealing of holes, cracks, construction junctures or other small openings that allow the ingress of pests with mortar, plaster, caulking, or similar materials; installation of screens, bird netting and bird repellent devices; installation of rodent shields around utility entrances, doorways and other points of rodent ingress; and drilling of holes equal to or smaller than 3/8 inch in diameter for the purpose of injecting insecticides into small voids, removal and replacement of floor tiles for the purpose of drilling a slab floor for the control of subterranean termites; and the drilling of slab floors for control of termites (OAR 812-002-0760(9)).

**E:** License requirement does not apply to employees of government agencies, water co-ops, water districts, etc. who inspect for their customers; requirement applies to employees who moonlight as cross-connection inspectors on their own.

