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BUILDING CODES DIVISION ELECTRICAL LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

INSTALLATION TYPE	PERMIT REQUIRED?		LICENSE REQUIRED?		APPLICABLE LAW/RULE
	RESDT'L	COMM'C'L	RESDT'L	COMM'C'L	
Residential power	Yes	N/A	Yes ¹	N/A	ORS 479.550 ORS 479.620
Commercial power	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes ¹	ORS 479.550 ORS 479.620
Fire Alarms ³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	ORS 479.620
Security systems ³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	ORS 479.620
Cable TV	No	No	No	No	ORS 479.540(17) See 479.540(18)
Telephone ²	No	No	No	No	ORS 479.540(9)
Speakers/audio stereo intercom ²	Yes	Yes	No 918-282-0110(7)	Yes	ORS 479.940 ORS 479.620
Computers ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	ORS 479.620
HVAC Thermostat or control	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	OAR 981-282-0040
HVAC Replacement only	Yes	Yes	No	No	OAR 981-282-0040
Protective signal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	ORS 479.620
Medical	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	ORS 479.620
Boiler controls	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	ORS 479.620
Nurse calls	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	ORS 479.620
Intercom/paging	Yes	Yes	No	Yes ⁴	ORS 479.620
Clock systems	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	ORS 479.620
Data telecommunications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁴	ORS 479.620
Instrumentation endorsement	N/A	Yes ¹	N/A	Yes ¹	ORS 479.870(4) ORS 479.620
Vacuum systems (Ltd energy)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	ORS 479.940 ORS 479.620
Garage door opener	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	ORS 479.940 ORS 479.620
Landscape sprinkler systems ³	Yes/No ³	Yes/No ³	No	No ⁵	OAR 918-309-0000
Landscape lights ³	Yes/No ³	Yes/No ³	No	No ⁵	ORS 479.940(3)
Optical fibers ³	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	ORS 479.620
Street lighting on public streets or utility right of ways	No	No	Utility Installed or Contractor Only	Utility installed or Contractor Only	ORS 479.540(4)(b)(B)
Outdoor transmission or distribution lines	No	No	Utility Installed or Contractor Only	Utility Installed or Contractor Only	ORS 479.540(4)(b)(C)

1. Shall be employed by an industrial plant.
2. FCC-approved devices that connect to the outside telephone network.
3. Cord and plug connected, limited to 100VA for Class 2 controls and 300VA for landscape lighting.
4. Does not apply to telephone, TV, or termination on FCC devices.
5. Those working for other than registered landscape contractors require a license.
6. Employees of telecommunication utilities as defined in ORS 759.005 or telecommunication companies providing interstate telecommunication services as defined in ORS 479.540 are not required to be licensed as Restricted Energy Technicians.
7. No person is required to obtain a license to make an electrical installation on property that is owned by the person or a member of the person's immediate family if the property is not intended for sale, exchange, lease or rent (ORS 479.540 exemptions).