



# Oregon

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## **Oregon Specific 4-Hour Land Surveying Examination Syllabus**

The PLS examinations consist of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Principles and Practices of Land Surveying (6-hour) examination (multiple-choice questions) and the Oregon Specific 4-Hour Land Surveying examination. **Successfully passing both examinations is required for registration.** Study materials and details concerning the NCEES examination are available on the NCEES Web site at [www.ncees.org](http://www.ncees.org).

### **Oregon Specific Land Surveying:**

1. The Oregon specific land surveying examination covers laws and rules pertaining to survey practice in the State of Oregon. The topics covered include:
  - a. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS);
  - b. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR);
  - c. Standards of professional conduct;
  - d. The principles and practice of land surveying in Oregon.

Oregon Specific examinations are administered by the Board. If approval to take the Oregon Specific Land Surveying examination is received from the OSBEELS office, further details regarding the examination administration will be sent approximately three weeks prior to the examination date from the OSBEELS office. Information pertaining to the laws, rules and survey practice in Oregon may be obtained from this Board and:

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## Oregon Specific Professional Land Surveyor Examination Syllabus

The Oregon Specific Land Surveying Examination contains five items covering laws, rules and survey practice in Oregon. Each item contains questions about the listed subject and relative Oregon laws and rules.

Major emphasis is on the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) covering filed surveys, resurvey plats, subdivisions and partitions, rules for constructing deed descriptions, deed forms, Oregon coordinate systems, standards of professional conduct, and laws and rules pertaining to the practice of land surveying.

Minor emphasis is on the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) which pertain to land surveying in the state covering limitations on professional liability, line and partition fences, cemeteries, condominiums, adverse possessions, submersible lands (tidelands), submerged lands, and ocean shores.

### **Major Emphasis:**

ORS 92, ORS 93, ORS 209, ORS 368, ORS 672, & OAR 820

### **Minor Emphasis:**

ORS 12, ORS 94, ORS 96, ORS 97, ORS 100, ORS 105, ORS 191, ORS 271, ORS 274, & ORS 390

**Item 1.** The U.S. Public Land Survey system including Donation Land Claims. (20%)

**Item 2.** Statutes and Rules Specific to Oregon. (20%)

**Item 3.** Property description writing and interpretation. (20%)

**Item 4.** Unwritten transfers of land by unwritten agreement, adverse relationships, and acts of nature and prescription, and County Roads (20%)

**Item 5.** Horizontal and Vertical Datum's, Geodesy, Map Projections, Oregon Coordinates Systems, and general knowledge of GPS techniques used in land surveying. (20%)