



The Basic Oregon Workers' Compensation Certification Course

FACT SHEET

Thank you for your interest in our Basic Workers' Compensation course for Oregon claims examiners. This sheet provides answers to the most frequent asked questions, including this year's course schedule.

INSTRUCTORS: The course is presented live by Reinisch Wilson Weier attorneys with decades of experience specializing in workers' compensation litigation defense. Associates of the firm conduct study question lab sessions following the principal lectures to provide special mentoring and to go over study questions that are specifically designed to prepare students for information covered in the certification examination, as well as one-on-one mentoring outside of class.

This course was previously led by Jerry Keene, founder of the Oregon Workers' Compensation Institute. Jerry taught the course from 1991, when Oregon first began to require examiner certification, until his teaching retirement at the end of 2017.

COURSE DATES: Each course consists of 10, three-hour sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM, unless otherwise noted; check the online webpage for current session dates: <https://rwwcomplaw.com/2019-oregon-certification>.

ONLINE OPTION: Students may choose to watch the live lectures remotely and participate via a live chat. Prior to the start of each session, links to the presentations will be emailed. Online participants will need to take the Final Exam at our Training Center or be proctored by an employer and provide certification that he or she took the test.

ATTENDANCE: Students may not miss **more than one of the first 8** class sessions to remain eligible to take the certification exam. Replays of recorded lectures will be available for course participants to make up missed classes.

CERTIFICATION: Oregon law requires prospective examiners to score 80% or more on an examination that tests familiarity with and ability to "navigate" workers' compensation administrative rules and statutes; the ability to perform basic processing functions, and familiarity with the rules governing IME interactions. The Basic Workers' Compensation course and exam are designed to satisfy these requirements. Approximately 85% of students historically have passed on the first try, but we cannot and do not guarantee passage. Those participants who pass will receive all documentation necessary to satisfy Oregon law governing certification. Course participation will also satisfy all 24 hours of continuing education credits (including "rules update" and IME interaction credits) necessary to renew certification for Oregon examiners.

TUITION: The course tuition is \$525 per person, which includes: Ten 3-hour live classes led by our attorneys – online or in our classroom; the comprehensive Claims Manual plus a hard copy of ORS 656; study questions and discussions with our attorneys after each class lecture; mentoring during the study questions as well as one-on-one mentoring outside of classes; a pre-test study session and practice exam; the certification examination; all necessary documentation upon passage. The fee is due in advance and is nonrefundable. We accept payment online as well as checks in advance of the first class.

MATERIALS: Tuition includes the textbook, a printed copy of Oregon's workers' compensation statutes (ORS Chapter 656) and a set of study questions to assist with exam preparation. Students must obtain their own copy of the current version of Oregon's workers' compensation administrative rules (OAR Chapter 436), which may be downloaded at <http://wcd.oregon.gov/laws/Pages/index.aspx>. Download the option marked "complete set.") Participants must also bring a three-ring binder (two-inch size) to hold the printed materials. Both the classes and final exam are open book; students may choose to refer to the ORS Chapter 656 and OAR 436 on a laptop or tablet.

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COURSE METHODOLOGY AND STUDENT TIME COMMITMENT: The course consists of 9 lectures based upon reading assignments in the 13 textbook chapters, including a post- class discussion of study questions that students complete in advance for each class. Students should plan to devote at least 4 hours a week to outside study in addition to attending classes. Approximately a half-hour of each class will be devoted to a discussion of study questions designed to help prepare for the examination. At the end of Class No. 8, a Practice Examination is distributed to be completed for discussion in Class No. 9. The actual three-hour certification exam is administered during Class No. 10.

DIRECTIONS TO THE REINISCH WILSON WEIER TRAINING CENTER: Our Training Center is located near Washington Square Mall at 10260 SW Greenburg Road, Suite 1250, Portland OR 97223.

Directions from Hwy 217 Northbound or Southbound. Take the Greenburg Road exit and turn east (towards Washington Square). Just past the overpass, turn right onto Oak Street. Take the second driveway on the left. Park free in the parking structure on any floor. Each floor has a stairway or entrance directly into the Lincoln Tower lobby. Enter the lobby from the parking structure and proceed to the first set of (four) elevators. Come to the 12th floor and look for the sign.

REGISTRATION: To register for a course, please complete a registration form online. You may pay online with a credit card or indicate you are sending a check (made out to Reinisch Wilson Weier PC. and mailed in advance to the training center address above.) Our tax I.D. number is available upon request.

Check www.rwwcomplaw.com/2019-oregon-certification for the most current information and schedule.