

Plumbing Minor Labels

ORS 918-780-0140

The scope of work allowed with a Minor Label is regulated by license type. This does **not** allow any business/person to make an installation or perform any work that is not authorized by the scope of the contractor's and individual's license. Any Minor Label purchased under the Plumbing Business (PB) license is limited to this scope of work. **Any work done outside of this scope is in violation of the minor label program.** The license number is printed on each label.

Scope of work allowed under a minor label	Individual installer license requirement
Residential (One- and two-family dwellings) Installation	
Repair, replacement, or maintenance of a water heater, including water heater conversions, not exceeding three water heaters. <i>OAR 918-780-0140(2)(a)</i> Must specify gas or electric water heater.	Journeyman Plumber (JP) - OR - **Water Heater Installer (WHI) For electric water heaters contractors are required to have the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB license AND a Limited Maintenance Specialty Contractor (LMS) license; OR • PB license AND a Limited Maintenance Specialty Contractor HVAC/R (LHR) license to install.
Alteration of parts of an existing plumbing system not exceeding three fixtures. Provided the work is accessible to an inspector. <i>OAR 918-780-0140(2)(b)</i>	Journeyman Plumber (JP)
Repair or replacement of concealed freeze-damaged or leaking parts of an existing plumbing system not exceeding three fixtures. <i>OAR 918-780-0140(2)(c)</i>	Journeyman Plumber (JP)
Replacement of up to 20 feet of plumbing piping. Provided the work is accessible to an inspector. <i>OAR 918-780-0140(2)(c)</i>	Journeyman Plumber (JP)
Commercial / Industrial Installations (includes apartment complexes)	
Plumbing repair and maintenance, provided the work is accessible to an inspector. <i>OAR 918-780-0140(1)(a)</i>	Journeyman Plumber (JP)
Replacement of up to three (3) plumbing fixtures, provided the work is accessible to an inspector. <i>OAR 918-780-0140(1)(b)</i>	Journeyman Plumber (JP)
Replacement of up to 20 feet of plumbing piping. <i>OAR 918-780-0140(1)(c)</i>	Journeyman Plumber (JP)

You must have both an **LMS & PB license to use **WHI** installers. Water Heater Installers (WHI) are limited to working on One- and two-family dwellings under the Minor Label Program. One- and two-family dwelling is a single family residence or duplex; anything larger is considered commercial. WHI's cannot perform work on commercial building, including apartment complexes.

Did You Know...

Exclusions: Contractors are not permitted to use a Minor Label for any of the following:

- New construction.
- ADA accessibility retrofit.
- Underground installations.
- Installations that require a cover inspection.
- Any installation where plan review is required.
- Work on fire-extinguishing or smoke evacuation systems.
- Chemical or industrial liquid waste and vent piping.
- Cross-connection control devices.
- Combination waste and vent systems.

The rule allows one Minor Label per project per jobsite. If the work exceeds the scope of a single Minor Label, then you need to purchase a full permit from the local building department. No exceptions.

Plumbing apprentices **cannot** work under a Minor Label. They can observe, but cannot perform any of the work. Only licensed installers (JP or WHI) may use the plumbing minor labels.