

What are the requirements to obtain a WCO permit?

Submit an [application](#) (pdf) to ODFW for review of criteria in Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 635, Division 435.

If the application is approved, applicant will submit a \$64.50 non-refundable permit fee valid for up to two calendar years. However, not following regulations (including record-keeping, reporting requirements and humane transportation and euthanasia standards) are grounds for revoking or non-renewal of the WCO permit.

How do I take the WCO test?

A fee of \$25 will be charged each time a person takes the WCO test. A minimum test score of 80 percent is required to pass. Information and study materials for the test can be found in the [WCO Training Manual](#) (pdf) and in the Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 635, Division 435.

Please call a [local ODFW office](#) to schedule an appointment to take the test.

Who must take the WCO test?

Anyone who is conducting wildlife control activities is required to take and pass the test with a minimum score of 80%. A business owner who does not conduct any type of wildlife control activities is not required to take and pass the test but must have a designee of the business that has successfully passed the WCO test.

How much does a WCO permit cost and how often is it renewed?

Upon application approval, applicant must submit a \$64.50 non-refundable WCO application fee. WCO Permit is valid for up to two calendar years. To renew, a person must submit a renewal application and pay a \$64.50 non-refundable application fee. They also must either retake the WCO test (\$25 fee per test) or provide documentation that they have taken 12 hours of Department approved continuing education during the two previous calendar years.

- [Renewal Link](#)
- [WCO Continuing Education](#) (pdf)

Remember not following regulations including bi-annual reporting requirements can lead to a permit being revoked or not renewed.

What animals can I relocate with a WCO permit?

A WCO can relocate snakes listed in OAR 635-435-0010 (2), Western Gray Squirrel, Marten, Ringtail, Fisher, Badger and Beaver with prior approval from the Department. All other animals must be euthanized or released on-site.

Prohibited species listed in OAR 635-056-0050 such as Nutria, Eastern Gray Squirrels, Eastern Fox Squirrels, and Virginia Opossum must be euthanized and cannot be released onsite.

Where can I find more information?

More information can be found in the [Oregon Administrative Rules for WCO's](#) (pdf), ODFW's [Wildlife Control Operator Training Manual](#) (pdf), or the [Living with Wildlife Web page](#). Please contact Wildlife Division at 503-947-6301 or [email](#).