

(8) The Water Resources Commission shall adopt rules to implement, administer and enforce subsections (5) to (7) of this section. [1955 c.708 §5; 1983 c.372 §1; 1983 c.698 §1; 1985 c.673 §48; 1989 c.99 §1; 1989 c.833 §57; 1997 c.244 §3; 2001 c.248 §12; 2003 c.594 §2; 2009 c.819 §1]

**537.550** [Repealed by 1955 c.708 §38]

**537.560** [Repealed by 1955 c.708 §38]

**537.570** [Repealed by 1955 c.708 §38]

**537.575 Permits granted, approved or pending under former law.** Any permit granted or application for a permit approved under ORS 537.510, 537.520, 537.530, 537.540, 537.550, 537.560, 537.570, 537.580, 537.590 and 537.600 prior to and still valid and in effect on August 3, 1955, is considered to be a permit issued under ORS 537.625. Any application for a permit under ORS 537.510, 537.520, 537.530, 537.540, 537.550, 537.560, 537.570, 537.580, 537.590 and 537.600 prior to, pending and not yet approved on August 3, 1955, shall be governed as an application for a permit under ORS 537.615, 537.620, 537.621, 537.622 and 537.625. [1955 c.708 §6(1); 1999 c.59 §171]

**537.580** [Repealed by 1955 c.708 §38]

**537.585 Beneficial use of ground water prior to August 3, 1955, recognized as right to appropriate water when registered.** Except as otherwise provided in ORS 537.545 or 537.575 or 537.595 and subject to determination under ORS 537.670 to 537.695, actual and lawful application of ground water to beneficial use prior to August 3, 1955, by or under the authority of any person or public agency or by or under the authority of a predecessor in interest of such person or public agency, when registered under ORS 537.605 and 537.610, is recognized as a right to appropriate ground water to the extent of the maximum beneficial use thereof at any time within two years prior to August 3, 1955. [1955 c.708 §6(2)]

**537.590** [Repealed by 1955 c.708 §38]

**537.595 Construction or alteration of well commenced prior to August 3, 1955, recognized as right to appropriate water when registered.** Except as otherwise provided in ORS 537.545 or 537.575 or 537.585 and subject to determination under ORS 537.670 to 537.695, when any person or public agency on August 3, 1955, is lawfully engaged in good faith in such construction, alteration or extension of a well for the application of ground water to beneficial use, the right to appropriate such ground water, upon completion of such construction, alteration or extension and application of the ground water to beneficial use within a reasonable time fixed by the Water Resources Commission, when registered under ORS 537.605 and 537.610, is recognized to the extent of the beneficial use of the ground water. [1955 c.708 §6(3); 1985 c.673 §49]

**537.597** [1989 c.939 §4; repealed by 1991 c.200 §3]

**537.599** [1989 c.939 §5; repealed by 1991 c.200 §3]

**537.600** [Repealed by 1955 c.708 §38]

**537.605 Registration of right to appropriate ground water claimed under ORS 537.585 or 537.595; registration statement.**

(1) Any person or public agency claiming any right to appropriate ground water under ORS 537.585 or 537.595, except for any purpose exempt under ORS 537.545, is entitled to receive from the Water Resources Commission within three years after August 3, 1955, a certificate of registration as evidence of a right to appropriate ground water as provided in ORS 537.585 or 537.595. Failure of such person or public agency to file a registration statement within such period creates a presumption that any such claim has been abandoned.

(2) Upon receipt of a request for registration by any person or public agency referred to in subsection (1) of this section within the period specified, the commission shall provide such person or public agency with a separate registration statement for each well, which shall be completed and returned to the commission.

(3) Each registration statement shall be in a form prescribed by the commission, shall be under oath and shall contain:

(a) The name and post-office address of the registrant.

(b) The nature of the use by the registrant of the ground water upon which the claim of the registrant is based.

(c) The dates when the ground water was or will be first applied to beneficial use and the dates when construction of the well was begun and completed.

(d) The amount of ground water claimed.

(e) If the ground water is used or is to be used for irrigation purposes, a description of the lands irrigated or to be irrigated, giving the number of acres irrigated or to be irrigated in each 40-acre legal subdivision, the dates of reclamation of each such legal subdivision and the date when the ground water was or will be completely applied.

(f) The depth to the water table.

(g) The location of the well with reference to government survey corners or monuments or corners of recorded plats.

(h) The depth, diameter and type of the well, and the kind and amount of the casing.

(i) The capacity of the well and well pump in gallons per minute, and the horsepower of the well pump motor.

(j) If the ground water is artesian or other ground water not requiring pumping,