

Alabama Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Basic / Advanced Level I / Advanced Level II installer

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

Basic authority does not cover every engineered or advanced system. Do not use a pumper credential as permission to install.

2. Prepare the qualification records

The Basic eligibility application calls for 12 months of experience. It identifies an experience waiver for applicants who have held a qualifying pumper, portable-restroom, or manufacturer license for 12 months. Advanced licensing has additional prerequisites; use the application for the grade sought.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Complete the Board's training and examination process for the requested grade. Confirm the current examination booking and charges with AOWB.

4. Obtain the project approvals

Identify the permitting authority for the property, secure the required approved plans and construction authorization, and arrange inspections before covering the work. Keep the occupational credential separate from the site approval.

5. Track the applicable renewal requirements

Renew annually by January 1. Complete continuing education by December 31: Basic installers need 6 hours, Advanced Level I 8 hours, and Advanced Level II 10 hours. The Board opens renewal in October and identifies a \$100 late charge per license.

Pre-application checklist

- Work scope and responsible authority identified
- Applicable qualification records prepared
- Required examination, training, and application completed
- Current fee and insurance requirements checked
- Site approval and inspection arrangements obtained
- Actual credential expiration and renewal requirements recorded

Key figures

Application fee: \$100.00

Examination: Required

Examination fee: Not established; confirm with provider

Initial license: Not established; see fee guidance

Renewal: Not established; see fee guidance; every 1 year(s)

Estimated total cost: The 2026 license application lists a \$100 application-processing fee in addition to the license fee. Examination, training, and grade-specific license charges must be confirmed with AOWB; older fee schedules are not used as current prices.

Time to license: Depends on the selected pathway, qualification review, and local project approvals. No complete end-to-end timeframe is established here.

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Renewal details: Renew annually by January 1. Complete continuing education by December 31: Basic installers need 6 hours, Advanced Level I 8 hours, and Advanced Level II 10 hours. The Board opens renewal in October and identifies a \$100 late charge per license.

Continuing education: 6 annual CE hours for Basic; 8 for Advanced Level I; 10 for Advanced Level II.

Primary sources

[Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board — Faq: https://aowb.alabama.gov/faq.aspx](https://aowb.alabama.gov/faq.aspx)
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