

Delaware Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Class E onsite wastewater system contractor

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

Class F hauling, Class H inspection, and designer licenses do not substitute for Class E installation authority.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Submit the Class E application through Digital DNREC for licensing-board review. DNREC requests complete applications at least ten business days before the scheduled board meeting. Confirm the Class E qualification documentation before filing.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

After approval, take the scheduled examination and earn at least 70%. DNREC describes multiple-choice and true/false questions. An unsuccessful applicant must complete an approved preparation course before applying again.

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 each year before December 31 and complete 10 hours of approved training annually. DNREC recommends submitting education documentation at least 60 days before expiration.

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: Not established; see fee guidance

Examination: Required

Examination fee: Not established; confirm with provider

Initial license: \$100.00

Renewal: \$100.00; every 1 year(s)

Estimated total cost: DNREC lists \$100 annually for the onsite license classes, including Class E. Training and any examination charges are not included in that amount.

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

Fee scope: DNREC lists \$100 annually for the onsite license classes, including Class E. Training and any examination charges are not included in that amount.

Renewal details: Renew each year before December 31 and complete 10 hours of approved training annually. DNREC recommends submitting education documentation at least 60 days before expiration.

Continuing education: 10 hours of DNREC-approved training each year.

Primary sources

Delaware DNREC — License: <https://dnrec.delaware.gov/water/commercial-government/groundwater-discharge-licenses/>

Delaware DNREC — Fees: <https://dnrec.delaware.gov/admin-law/permit-fees/>

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