

Florida Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Florida Registered Septic Tank Contractor and Business Authorization

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Select the proper route

Determine whether you seek registered contractor status, already qualify under the state-plumber exemption, or meet the separate master requirements.

2. Use the current examination application

Submit June 2026 Form 4074 with the requested identity information, photo, and applicable account/exam charges.

3. Document registration eligibility

Prepare the three-year experience record or permitted substitutions and the moral-character/FDLE documentation.

4. File for registration after passing

Use June 2026 Form 4075, its current checklist, and the \$100 registration fee; this form is explicitly not an exam application.

5. Obtain business authorization when required

Use Form 4077 for the applicable business. DEP describes a legal-name sole proprietor exemption; fictitious-name and entity businesses need their own review.

6. Check project and service permissions

The individual credential does not remove septic permits and inspections. Pumping also needs the appropriate active service permit.

7. Track both renewal dates

Maintain the annual individual registration and CE separately from the business authorization cycle.

Pre-application checklist

- Applicable contractor/plumber/master route confirmed
- Current Form 4074 and exam charges submitted
- Experience verified on Form 4075
- FDLE record and conduct disclosures completed
- Exam passed and \$100 registration filing completed
- Business authorization or legal-name exemption documented
- Project and pumping permissions checked
- Individual and business renewal dates tracked

Key figures

Application fee: \$25.00

Examination: Required

Examination fee: \$75.00

Initial license: \$100.00

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

Estimated total cost: \$200 in listed account-creation, exam, and individual-registration charges (\$25 + \$75 + \$100), before FDLE processing, training, business authorization, permits, or other expenses. Form 4077 lists \$250 for business authorization; confirm any applicable cycle proration with DEP. Do not treat the \$100 registration fee as the whole application process.

Time to license: Depends on training, application review, and examination scheduling; no fixed end-to-end timeframe is established here.

Fee scope: The application row represents the \$25 account-creation charge on current Form 4074; the \$75 examination and \$100 individual registration are separate. These are the new-account registered-contractor route's charges. Business authorization is additional when required.

Renewal details: Individual registrations expire September 30 annually and renew for \$100. The business certificate of authorization follows a different cycle: March 31 of odd-numbered years, with a listed \$250 renewal. Timely filing, education, and active business status matter; an inactive registration does not authorize continued septic contracting.

Continuing education: Registered contractors need 12 approved hours per annual cycle. Masters need 18 hours, including at least 6 master-level hours. DEP allows up to 6 excess hours to carry into the next renewal.

Primary sources

Florida DEP — current examination form 4074, June 2026: https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/DEP%204074_1.pdf

Florida DEP — current registration form 4075, June 2026: https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/DEP%204075_1.pdf

Florida DEP — current business authorization form 4077, June 2026: https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/DEP%204077_1.pdf

Florida DEP — registration, experience and renewal guidance: <https://floridadep.gov/water/onsite-sewage/content/septic-tank-contractor-registration>

Florida Statutes 489.553 — registration qualifications: [https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0400-0499/0489/Sections/0489.553.html)

[App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0400-0499/0489/Sections/0489.553.html](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0400-0499/0489/Sections/0489.553.html)

Florida DEP — scope, plumbers, pumping and business FAQs: <https://floridadep.gov/water/onsite-sewage/content/septic-contracting-frequently-asked-questions>

Florida DEP — current onsite sewage forms directory: <https://floridadep.gov/water/onsite-sewage/content/onsite-sewage-forms-and-publications>

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