

Georgia Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Georgia Septic Installer Certification and Installer Company Certification

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Choose residential or additional installation scope

Review DPH's onsite manual topics; commercial, drip, and mound installation require extra examinations.

2. Arrange the residential exam

Contact the county Environmental Health Office and pay the \$50 exam fee.

3. Submit the individual application

Bring the contractor application to the scheduled exam and complete the identity affidavit and supporting documents.

4. Join or certify a company

After passing, join an existing certified company or file the company application and pay the applicable installer-company fee.

5. Add pumping only through its own route

Pumping requires its examination, company category, and current county permit; installation certification alone does not supply those permissions.

6. Track both renewal schedules

Maintain the biennial company/individual certification and CE; pumping companies also track annual county permits.

Pre-application checklist

- Age and identity affidavit completed
- Residential exam scheduled and passed
- Specialized exams selected if needed
- Certified employer confirmed or company approved
- Separate pumping permissions obtained if offered
- Eight installer CE hours and biennial renewal tracked

Key figures

Application fee: No separate charge for this pathway

Examination: Required

Examination fee: \$50.00

Initial license: \$400.00

Renewal: \$400.00; every 2 year(s)

Estimated total cost: \$450 in listed exam and installer-company charges for that route (\$50 + \$400), before additional examinations, permits, or other business costs. An applicant joining an existing certified company does not pay a new-company fee. DPH prorates new company fees by 50% in odd-numbered years. A company offering both installation and pumping pays \$800 before exam and county permit costs.

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

Fee scope: The table models one person taking the residential exam and starting an installer-only company in an even-numbered year. The \$400 is a company charge, not a charge for each employee.

Renewal details: Individual and company certifications expire February 28 in even-numbered years. The next regular expiration after the 2026 renewal is February 28, 2028. The timely installer-company renewal is \$400, not a fee per individual. County pumping permits renew annually. A new installer certified in 2026 first needs renewal CE for February 2028 under the posted FAQ.

Continuing education: Installers need 8 hours per certification cycle. Pumpers need 6; an individual doing both needs 8 total. Excess CE does not roll into the next cycle.

Primary sources

[Georgia DPH — new installer and company certification: https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage/how-become-certified-installerpumper](https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage/how-become-certified-installerpumper)

[Georgia DPH — individual contractor application and identity affidavit: https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/contractor-application/download](https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/contractor-application/download)

[Georgia DPH — company application: https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/company-application-0/download](https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/company-application-0/download)

[Georgia DPH — installer and pumper certification FAQs: https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage/faqs-installer-and-pumper-certifications](https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage/faqs-installer-and-pumper-certifications)

[Georgia DPH — renewal, continuing education and current late fees: https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage/renew-installerpumper-certification](https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage/renew-installerpumper-certification)

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