

Idaho Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Basic or complex septic installer registration

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The limited allowance for an owner to install a basic system without paid assistance is not a commercial installer exemption.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Apply through a public health district for the appropriate basic or complex category and pass its examination. DEQ identifies a \$10,000 bond for basic installers and \$30,000 for complex installers. Complex-system work requires the corresponding authority.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Pass the installer examination for the category sought. Obtain the current test arrangements and application charges from the district.

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

Confirm the annual registration process, current fee, and bond documentation with the issuing health district. Do not use a system construction-permit fee as the installer's registration charge.

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: Not established; see fee guidance

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

Estimated total cost: The reviewed sources do not establish a complete current fee schedule for this pathway.

Obtain the current application and renewal amounts from the issuing authority. Local project charges, training, insurance, and business costs are separate; unspecified amounts are not zero-cost exemptions.

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: The reviewed sources do not establish a complete current fee schedule for this pathway. Obtain the current application and renewal amounts from the issuing authority. Local project charges, training, insurance, and business costs are separate; unspecified amounts are not zero-cost exemptions.

Renewal details: Confirm the annual registration process, current fee, and bond documentation with the issuing health district. Do not use a system construction-permit fee as the installer's registration charge.

Continuing education: Confirm the education requirements for the actual credential or local authorization. No unverified number of continuing-education hours is quoted here.

Primary sources

Idaho DEQ / public health districts — Program: <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/wastewater/septic-and-septage/>

Idaho — subsurface sewage disposal rules: <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/58/580103.pdf>

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