

Illinois Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Private sewage disposal system installation contractor

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

A licensed plumber's annual fee exemption is not an exemption from the private-sewage examination or other program requirements.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Apply for the installation-contractor examination using IDPH's form and required documentation. After passing, apply for the installation license. A current Illinois plumbing license changes the annual fee treatment but does not remove the sewage installer examination requirement.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

The code requires the installation examination and a \$100 examination application fee. Submit the examination application at least 30 days before the scheduled examination.

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

The installation license renews annually for \$100, subject to the code's fee exemption for current Illinois plumbing licensees. Complete 3 hours of approved continuing education before renewal.

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: \$100.00

Initial license: \$100.00

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

Estimated total cost: Standard non-plumber route: \$100 examination application and \$100 annual license.

Current Illinois plumbing licensees are exempt from the annual license fee, not the examination requirements.

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: The installation license renews annually for \$100, subject to the code's fee exemption for current Illinois plumbing licensees. Complete 3 hours of approved continuing education before renewal.

Continuing education: 3 hours of approved continuing education before annual renewal.

Primary sources

Illinois Department of Public Health — Program: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/private-sewage-disposal.html>

Illinois JCAR — current Private Sewage Disposal Code: <https://www.ilga.gov/agencies/JCAR/EntirePart?titlepart=07700905>

