

Kentucky Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Certified onsite sewage disposal system installer

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

A master-plumber exemption and an installer's tier are specific qualifications; neither should be assumed for an ordinary first-time applicant.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Apply through the local health department, provide the required liability-insurance documentation, and follow the probationary or other applicable tier. The official tier table identifies a special examination and certification-fee exemption for licensed master plumbers.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

The local health department administers an open-book examination with a 70% passing score and \$25 examination charge, subject to the master-plumber exemption described by the Cabinet.

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 installer certification fee is \$45 annually. Complete 6 approved CE hours in the April 1–March 31 training year. Installers newly certified during April–December also need that training. Reinstatement after a training-related lapse has additional education requirements.

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: Depends on pathway

Examination fee: \$25.00

Initial license: \$45.00

Renewal: \$45.00; every 1 year(s)

Estimated total cost: Standard installer route: \$25 examination and \$45 annual certification. Master-plumber exemptions are described separately in the Cabinet's tier guidance.

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: Standard installer route: \$25 examination and \$45 annual certification. Master-plumber exemptions are described separately in the Cabinet's tier guidance.

Renewal details: The installer certification fee is \$45 annually. Complete 6 approved CE hours in the April 1–March 31 training year. Installers newly certified during April–December also need that training. Reinstatement after a training-related lapse has additional education requirements.

Continuing education: 6 approved CE hours per April 1–March 31 training year.

Primary sources

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services — Train: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/emb/Pages/training.aspx>

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services — Tier: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/emb/Documents/installercertificationtable.pdf>

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