

Maryland Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Onsite wastewater installer registration

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The Board's \$150 property-transfer inspector application charge is not established as the installer registration fee. The two credentials should not be priced or described interchangeably.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Use the Board's installer registration process and identify the services performed. MDE explains that one registration can cover multiple listed services; separate registrations should not be purchased for each service. Obtain any technology-specific qualifications for the proposed system.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Do not apply the property-transfer inspector examination to an installer merely because both professions appear on the Board's website. Verify training or testing for the installer's actual technology and local requirements.

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 published 2024–2026 registration roster identifies December 31, 2026 expiration. Follow the Board's renewal instructions for the next registration period and maintain any separate technology credentials.

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: Confirm with authority

Examination fee: Not established; confirm with provider

Initial license: Not established; see fee guidance

Renewal: Not established; see fee guidance; confirm the applicable renewal cycle

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: The published 2024–2026 registration roster identifies December 31, 2026 expiration. Follow the Board's renewal instructions for the next registration period and maintain any separate technology credentials.

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

Maryland Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals — Board: <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/www/Pages/State-Board-of-On-Site-Wastewater-Professionals.aspx>

Maryland Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals — Program: <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/BayRestorationFund/OnsiteDisposalSystems/Pages/WastewaterServiceProfessionals.aspx>

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