

Michigan Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Local septic installer and construction requirements

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

An Oakland County installer license is a county credential, not evidence of statewide qualification or authorization to haul septage.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Obtain the local installer and construction-permit requirements. Oakland County's example requires its class and examination before licensing; other counties must be checked independently.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Oakland County requires at least 70% on its installer examination. Its published charges are \$50 for the class and \$100 for the license, a \$150 initial county total. Those amounts are not statewide fees.

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

Oakland County lists \$100 annual renewal. A lapse of more than a year requires repeating the class. Confirm the renewal and education requirements in any other county where the business works.

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: 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: Oakland County lists \$100 annual renewal. A lapse of more than a year requires repeating the class. Confirm the renewal and education requirements in any other county where the business works.

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

Michigan EGLE / local health departments — Program: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/public/learn/wastewater>
Oakland County — septic installer licensing: <https://apps.oakgov.com/EHLT0006/septicinstaller/>

