

Missouri Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Basic / Advanced onsite wastewater installer registration

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

Do not charge the \$90 processing amount twice: DHSS includes it in the published \$300 Basic course price.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Applicants must be at least 18. Attend the three-day Basic course and pass the examination. The published \$300 course charge includes the \$90 registration-processing amount. The Advanced course follows Basic and costs an additional \$200.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Complete the installer course examination for the route sought. Advanced applicants must first complete Basic; booking both courses does not waive that sequence.

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

Registration renews every three years with a \$90 processing fee. DHSS identifies 20 CE hours, including 8 meeting selected criteria, for the first renewal. Consult the current CE instructions for later renewals. Renewal more than 45 days after expiration requires repeating the initial process.

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: \$90.00

Examination: Required

Examination fee: Not established; confirm with provider

Initial license: No separate charge for this pathway

Renewal: \$90.00; every 3 year(s)

Estimated total cost: \$300 Basic course and registration package; another \$200 for the Advanced course. Other business and project costs are separate.

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 \$90 registration-processing component is included in the \$300 Basic course price. Budget \$300 for that package, not \$390. Advanced training adds \$200.

Renewal details: Registration renews every three years with a \$90 processing fee. DHSS identifies 20 CE hours, including 8 meeting selected criteria, for the first renewal. Consult the current CE instructions for later renewals.

Renewal more than 45 days after expiration requires repeating the initial process.

Continuing education: First renewal: 20 approved CE hours, including 8 meeting selected criteria. Check DHSS for later-renewal requirements.

Primary sources

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services — Register: <https://health.mo.gov/business-professionals/onsite-wastewater-treatment/become-registeredlicensed>

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services — Courses: <https://health.mo.gov/business-professionals/onsite-wastewater-treatment/professional-registration-courses>

DHSS — continuing education and renewal: <https://health.mo.gov/business-professionals/onsite-wastewater-treatment/ceu-information>

Missouri Secretary of State — current onsite wastewater rules: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/19csr/19c20-3.pdf>

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