

Montana Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Local septic installer registration

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

Gallatin County's requirement that a registered installer be physically present is separate from having a qualified person prepare the evaluation or design.

2. Prepare the qualification records

For Gallatin County work, obtain installer registration through the health department and arrange the required on-site supervision. Use the local authority's instructions in other counties. Confirm any separate business or construction-contractor requirements for the enterprise.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Obtain the installer qualification and examination instructions from the county. Do not confuse a registered site evaluator or licensed engineer with the installer registration.

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

Keep each required county registration current and track its renewal terms. Request current local fees and training requirements; the reviewed county pages do not establish one statewide installer renewal charge.

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: Keep each required county registration current and track its renewal terms. Request current local fees and training requirements; the reviewed county pages do not establish one statewide installer renewal charge.

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

Gallatin City-County Health Department — septic systems: <https://www.healthygallatin.org/environmental-health/water-quality/wastewater-septic-treatment/>
Cascade County — septic systems: <https://cascadecountymt.gov/320/Septic-Systems>

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