

Nebraska Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Journeyman / Master onsite installer certification

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The system registration fee and construction-permit fee in Title 124 are not professional certification fees.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Apply for the installer category and submit the certification and examination fees. Title 124 restricts the employment arrangements under which a Journeyman Installer may perform the work; do not treat a journeyman certificate as unrestricted independent authority.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

The Department administers an open-book examination, with an 80% passing score and \$50 charge for each examination. Separate certification categories can require separate examinations.

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

Certificates expire December 31 of odd-numbered years. The normal two-year period requires 12 professional development hours; initial certificates issued in the odd-numbered year have an education exception until the next cycle. Renewal costs \$100 for Journeyman or \$300 for Master Installer.

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: Required

Examination fee: \$50.00

Initial license: \$100.00

Renewal: \$100.00; every 2 year(s)

Estimated total cost: Journeyman: \$100 certification plus \$50 examination, then \$100 renewal. Master: \$300 certification plus \$50 examination, then \$300 renewal. Project fees 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.

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Continuing education: 12 PDH per two-year cycle; an initial certificate issued in an odd-numbered year has the rule's first-cycle exception.

Primary sources

Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment — Book: https://dee.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/publications/23-017%20-%20Title%20124%20Onsite%20Wastewater%20Treatment%20Systems%20Booklet_0.pdf

DWEE — onsite certification application: <https://dee.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/publications/12-016%20Application%20for%20Onsite%20Certification.pdf>

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