

New Mexico Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Appropriate CID contractor classification

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The homeowner allowance is limited to the owner's personal residence under NMED's conditions. It does not permit rental-property installations or hiring an unlicensed person to do the work.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Match the proposed installation to a CID classification accepted for that work and obtain the corresponding contractor qualification. Submit the liquid-waste permit application and required design to NMED before construction.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

CID qualifications and examinations depend on the selected contractor classification. The NMED permit page is not a substitute for the classification-specific licensing application or examination instructions.

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 the actual CID contractor license current. Maintain any system-specific qualifications and satisfy the individual permit conditions; a liquid-waste permit application fee is not the contractor's renewal price.

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 the actual CID contractor license current. Maintain any system-specific qualifications and satisfy the individual permit conditions; a liquid-waste permit application fee is not the contractor's renewal price.

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

[New Mexico Environment Department / Construction Industries Division — Program: https://www.env.nm.gov/septic/apply-for-](https://www.env.nm.gov/septic/apply-for-)

[a-permit/](#)

NMED — homeowner and installer qualifications: <https://www.env.nm.gov/septic/information-for-homeowners/>

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