

North Dakota Septic Contractor License Roadmap

NDDEQ septic installer license

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

First District Health Unit requires a local system permit before work and completion documentation afterward. Its county process does not replace the current state installer license.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Apply for the installer license through NDDEQ's current septic-system page. The agency presently recommends training while developing administrative rules; do not turn that recommendation into an unsupported mandatory course or examination.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

The current DEQ guidance does not establish a mandatory installer examination in the described licensing process. Check the live instructions as rulemaking proceeds.

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

Confirm the state license's current term and maintenance requirements with NDDEQ. The program page does not establish a recurring renewal charge here. Local construction permits and completion documentation remain separate requirements.

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: No separate charge for this pathway

Examination: Confirm with authority

Examination fee: Not established; confirm with provider

Initial license: No separate charge for this pathway

Renewal: Not established; see fee guidance; confirm the applicable renewal cycle

Estimated total cost: NDDEQ explicitly states that its installer license is free. This does not make system permits, training, or business operations free.

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 state installer license is free under NDDEQ's current guidance. No separate state application charge is listed for that license; project and business charges are separate.

Renewal details: Confirm the state license's current term and maintenance requirements with NDDEQ. The program page does not establish a recurring renewal charge here. Local construction permits and completion documentation remain separate requirements.

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

NDDEQ — current septic installer licensing: https://deq.nd.gov/wq/2_NDPDES_Permits/7_SepticSystems/Septic.aspx

First District Health Unit — onsite wastewater requirements: <https://fdhu.org/environmental-health-division/septic-onsite-wastewater-systems/>

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