

Ohio Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Local sewage treatment system contractor registration

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The standard commercial installer bond covering multiple household or small-flow systems is \$40,000. The rule has different amounts for single-system and other contractor categories; do not apply a pumper's bond to an installer.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Register in each applicable health district and provide the required competency, insurance, and bond documentation. Employees under the registered employer's direct supervision are addressed separately by the rule.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Provide the competency-test evidence or qualifying alternative accepted under rule 3701-29-03. Obtain the local registration checklist before assuming a credential from another district satisfies the filing requirement.

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 expires December 31 each year. The rule generally requires 6 approved CE hours annually, with specified certification alternatives. Renew separately with each board of health and maintain required insurance and bond coverage.

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: Depends on pathway

Examination fee: Not established; confirm with provider

Initial license: Not established; see fee guidance

Renewal: Not established; see fee guidance; every 1 year(s)

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: Registration expires December 31 each year. The rule generally requires 6 approved CE hours annually, with specified certification alternatives. Renew separately with each board of health and maintain required insurance and bond coverage.

Continuing education: Generally 6 approved CE hours annually, subject to the certification alternatives in 3701-29-03.

Primary sources

[Ohio Department of Health / local boards of health — Rule: https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3701-29-03](https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3701-29-03)
[Ohio — sewage system permit requirements, 3701-29-09: https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3701-29-09](https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3701-29-09)

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