

Oregon Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Sewage Disposal Service business license and installer certification

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

Pumper-only authority uses a different scope and bond. A combined installer/pumper also has vehicle and disposal-site requirements.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Complete the approved installer training and examination leading to individual certification, then identify the certified supervisor in the SDS business application. Apply through Your DEQ Online and submit the required original bond documentation.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

DEQ directs installer certification applicants to the approved course and examination process. Obtain the certification before relying on it to qualify the SDS business.

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

SDS licenses run for up to three years and expire on the third June 30 after application; the first year can be shorter than twelve months. DEQ asks for complete renewal submissions by June 1 to avoid a lapse. Maintain the certified supervisor and required security.

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: Not established; confirm with provider

Initial license: Not established; see fee guidance

Renewal: Not established; see fee guidance; every 3 year(s)

Estimated total cost: DEQ's online application calculates the three-year license charge and applicable surcharges, technology charges, and payment fees. A complete current total is not established here.

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: DEQ's online application calculates the three-year license charge and applicable surcharges, technology charges, and payment fees. A complete current total is not established here.

Renewal details: SDS licenses run for up to three years and expire on the third June 30 after application; the first year can be shorter than twelve months. DEQ asks for complete renewal submissions by June 1 to avoid a lapse. Maintain the certified supervisor and required security.

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

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality — License: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Residential/Pages/Onsite->

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