

Pennsylvania Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Local sewage approvals and applicable HIC registration

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The current HIC registration fee is \$100, not the older \$50 amount. HIC registration still does not approve the septic system's design or installation.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Obtain the local sewage permit and installer instructions. Contractors performing at least \$5,000 in covered home improvements annually generally must register with the Attorney General, subject to statutory exemptions; the Act's home-improvement definition includes septic work.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

The cited sources do not establish a single statewide septic-installer examination. Do not apply the Sewage Enforcement Officer examination to an installation contractor. Confirm any local installer assessment.

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

Where HIC registration applies, it renews every two years for \$100 under the current Attorney General notice. Local installer authorizations and project permits have their own requirements and are not included in that fee.

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

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Initial license: \$100.00

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

Estimated total cost: \$100 for applicable HIC business registration, renewable every two years. This is not a septic-installer license fee or a complete statewide project budget.

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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Renewal details: Where HIC registration applies, it renews every two years for \$100 under the current Attorney General notice. Local installer authorizations and project permits have their own requirements and are not included in that fee.

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

Pennsylvania DEP / local sewage authorities / Attorney General — Program: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/programs-and-services/water/clean-water/wastewater-management/act-537-sewage-facilities-program/act-537-sewage-facilities>

[Pennsylvania Attorney General — contractor registration: https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/businesses-and-organizations/home-improvement-contractor-registration/](https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/businesses-and-organizations/home-improvement-contractor-registration/)
[Pennsylvania Attorney General — HICPA scope and exemptions: https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/businesses-and-organizations/home-improvement-contractor-registration/frequently-asked-questions/](https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/businesses-and-organizations/home-improvement-contractor-registration/frequently-asked-questions/)

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