

Rhode Island Septic Contractor License Roadmap

OWTS installer license

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The September 2024 examination application documents that examination event. Its \$175 fee is not reused here as a confirmed September 2026 application price.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Submit the current installer application and required affidavit, including the tax-compliance information. Use DEM's current examination schedule; an archived examination date is not a future booking opportunity.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Pass the written installer examination and demonstrate the required level/transit skills. The optional examination-preparation course is not described as mandatory licensing training.

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

DEM's 2026 notice identifies December 31 expiration for the current installer licenses and a planned mid-October renewal-system opening. Follow the live renewal notice and the license's actual expiration; do not assume a promised portal launch or extension has already occurred.

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; 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: DEM's 2026 notice identifies December 31 expiration for the current installer licenses and a planned mid-October renewal-system opening. Follow the live renewal notice and the license's actual expiration; do not assume a promised portal launch or extension has already occurred.

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

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management — License: <https://dem.ri.gov/environmental-protection-bureau/water-resources/professional-licensing/owts-professional-licensing>
RIDEM — installer examination application and affidavit: <https://dem.ri.gov/media/27376/download>

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