

South Dakota Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Individual and Small On-Site Wastewater System Installer

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The one-year and two-year experience statements under sewer-and-water licensing are for those named occupations, not automatically the septic installer application.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Submit the current onsite wastewater installer application and \$50 application fee to the Plumbing Commission. Complete the identity, business, and disclosure fields. The application warns that it expires 45 days after receipt if the process is not completed as required.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

The Commission administers installer examinations and lists a \$100 installer examination/reexamination fee. Obtain application approval and pay the examination fee before scheduling.

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

Use the renewal instructions for the onsite wastewater installer credential and the expiration on the license. The Commission's 2026 specialty-renewal notice does not by itself establish one renewal charge for every listed occupation.

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: \$50.00

Examination: Required

Examination fee: \$100.00

Initial license: Not established; see fee guidance

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

Estimated total cost: \$50 application plus the Commission's \$100 installer examination charge. Initial license issuance and renewal charges are not established here; confirm the amounts requested after approval.

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: \$50 application plus the Commission's \$100 installer examination charge. Initial license issuance and renewal charges are not established here; confirm the amounts requested after approval.

Renewal details: Use the renewal instructions for the onsite wastewater installer credential and the expiration on the license. The Commission's 2026 specialty-renewal notice does not by itself establish one renewal charge for every listed occupation.

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

[South Dakota Plumbing Commission / DANR — Program: https://danr.sd.gov/Agriculture/Livestock/FeedlotPermit/Septic/](https://danr.sd.gov/Agriculture/Livestock/FeedlotPermit/Septic/)

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[Plumbing Commission — current licensing requirements: https://dlr.sd.gov/plumbing/licensing.aspx](#)

[Plumbing Commission — February 2026 installer application: https://dlr.sd.gov/plumbing/forms/](#)

[On_Site_Wastewater_System_Installer_Application.pdf](#)

[Plumbing Commission — examinations: https://dlr.sd.gov/plumbing/exams.aspx](#)

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