

Texas Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Texas OSSF Installer I / Installer II

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Choose the installer level

Match your intended systems to Installer I or II and keep site evaluation and maintenance licensing separate.

2. Complete the prerequisites

Finish the approved basic course; an Installer II applicant also submits the appropriate experience verification.

3. Apply to TCEQ

Use OLEA, pay \$111, complete criminal-history reporting, and resolve agency compliance issues.

4. Schedule after approval

Bring your approval documentation to a TCEQ-approved CBT center and pay its testing charge.

5. Check the site's permitting route

Use TCEQ's OSSF resources to locate the responsible permitting authority before beginning a project.

6. Maintain the credential

Track the three-year expiration date, 24 CE hours, and renewal filing requirements.

Pre-application checklist

- Installer level selected
- Approved basic training completed
- Upgrade experience documented if applicable
- OLEA application, fee, and criminal-history information submitted
- Examination approval and test-center booking obtained
- Site permitting authority identified
- Renewal date and CE tracked

Key figures

Application fee: \$111.00

Examination: Required

Examination fee: Not established; confirm with provider

Initial license: No separate charge for this pathway

Renewal: \$111.00; every 3 year(s)

Estimated total cost: \$111 TCEQ application fee, plus approved training, the CBT center's charge, and any applicable criminal-history processing. Project permits and other credentials are separate. This is not a complete startup budget.

Time to license: Depends on training, application review, and examination scheduling; no fixed end-to-end timeframe is established here.

Fee scope: Figures cover one individual installer application and timely renewal. The \$111 application charge is recorded once; no additional issuance amount is established in the cited installer instructions.

Renewal details: Installer licenses renew every three years with a \$111 timely fee. Renew with the required CE and criminal-history attestation. Under TCEQ's rule effective September 1, 2025, a person who applies and pays within 90 days after expiration may continue licensed activities pending a renewal decision. Do not assume this applies without timely filing. After 180 days, the renewal route closes and new-application requirements apply.

Continuing education: Installer I and Installer II require 24 hours of TCEQ-approved continuing education during the three-year license cycle.

Primary sources

[TCEQ — OSSF licensing and installer pathways: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/licenses/ossflic](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/licenses/ossflic)

[TCEQ — occupational examinations: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/exams](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/exams)

[TCEQ — computer-based testing instructions: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/exams/cbt_occ_lic.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/exams/cbt_occ_lic.html)

[TCEQ — renewal requirements and late applications: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/renewal-online-folder/renewalreq](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/renewal-online-folder/renewalreq)

[TCEQ — criminal-history reporting options: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/criminal-conviction-notification/index](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/criminal-conviction-notification/index)
[TCEQ — case-by-case reciprocity: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/NewLicReg/Reciprocity](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/NewLicReg/Reciprocity)
[TCEQ — occupational license compliance requirements: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/licenses/requirements](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/licenses/requirements)
[TCEQ — OSSF permits and construction resources: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ossf/on-site.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ossf/on-site.html)

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