

Vermont Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Wastewater permits and applicable residential contractor registration

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

The absence of a DEC installer license does not remove wastewater permits or applicable residential contractor registration. A designer license should not be presented as mandatory installer certification.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Obtain the required wastewater permit and approved design before construction. Check residential contractor registration if contracting directly with a homeowner for work reaching the \$10,000 threshold. OPR distinguishes employees, subcontractors, and specified licensed professionals.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

DEC's installer guidance does not create a state installer examination. Any examination for a wastewater designer belongs to that separate credential, not ordinary installation authority.

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

There is no DEC septic-installer license to renew under the reviewed guidance. Maintain any applicable residential contractor registration and separate professional credentials, and comply with system permit conditions.

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: No statewide exam

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: There is no DEC septic-installer license to renew under the reviewed guidance. Maintain any applicable residential contractor registration and separate professional credentials, and comply with system permit conditions.

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

Vermont DEC / Office of Professional Regulation — Program: <https://dec.vermont.gov/drinking-water-and-groundwater-protection/wastewater-system-and-potable-water-supply-program>

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Vermont OPR — residential contractor scope and exemptions: <https://sos.vermont.gov/residential-contractors/residential-contractor-faqs>

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