

West Virginia Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Class I / Class II sewage system installer certification

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

West Virginia's well-driller and water-pump-installer fees and annual cycles are not the sewage installer certification rules.

2. Prepare the qualification records

Apply for Class I first and follow the state's examination instructions. An installer seeking Class II must already hold Class I and qualify for the additional examination. Obtain local permits for each installation.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

The program requires a passing score of at least 70% for each installer examination. Its offered classroom training is optional; do not describe attendance as an unconditional prerequisite.

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

Installer certification lasts five years. The program lists \$150 renewal and requires the local sanitarian's recommendation on the renewal application. A credential expired for six months or more requires the new-application route.

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: \$150.00

Renewal: \$150.00; every 5 year(s)

Estimated total cost: The public health fee rule lists \$150 for the standard initial and renewal septic installer license. Expedited processing is a different charge; project permits are separate.

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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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

West Virginia Bureau for Public Health — License: <https://oehs.wvdhhr.org/phs/on-site-wastewater-management/>

West Virginia Secretary of State — public health fee rule: <https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?>

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