

Wisconsin Septic Contractor License Roadmap

Master Plumber or Master Plumber Restricted Service authority

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Step-by-step roadmap

1. Identify the applicable installer pathway

POWTS maintainer, inspector, and soil-evaluator credentials do not grant installation or repair authority according to DSPS's scope fact sheet.

2. Prepare the qualification records

For the standard Master Plumber Restricted Service examination route, DSPS requires at least 1,000 hours per year for two years as a licensed Journeyman Plumber or Journeyman Plumber Restricted Service. Document the correct licensed experience; two years of unspecified excavation work is not the same qualification.

3. Complete the applicable assessment and filing

Apply for the restricted-service master examination after documenting eligibility, or use another applicable DSPS plumbing pathway. Follow the current application for examination and credential charges.

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

Maintain the actual DSPS plumbing credential and its education requirements. A maintainer's renewal fee or education schedule should not be copied into a master-plumber installer guide. Confirm the current master credential renewal instructions.

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: Maintain the actual DSPS plumbing credential and its education requirements. A maintainer's renewal fee or education schedule should not be copied into a master-plumber installer guide. Confirm the current master credential renewal instructions.

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

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services — Scope: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/Programs/POWTS/FactsheetPOWTSLicenses.pdf>

DSPS — restricted-service master examination pathway: <https://dsps.wi.gov/a-z-professions-list/master-plumber-restricted-service/licensure-by-examination/>

DSPS — restricted-service plumbing credential application: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Credentialing/Trades/fm3131.pdf>

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