

Individuals proposing to install an on-site sewage system in Snohomish County must first be certified by the Snohomish Health District (Health District). Installers who possess a certification from a county other than Snohomish must also be certified by the Health District prior to conducting business here.

Certification requires installers to undergo an examination process. This process consists of two parts; the written exam and the field review.

Call 425.339.5250 to schedule an appointment for the exam.

The written exam is comprised of a combination of true and false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank and essay questions. The exam is worth 100 points with a total of 70 points needed to pass. The exam will take approximately 3 hours to complete. Resource materials, cell phones or other electronic devices are not allowed during the exam. The use of a small calculator is permissible.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to review the study material available on the website links listed below prior to sitting for the exam.

The field review follows the successful completion of the written exam. The field review consists of a site meeting with a Land Use sanitarian to discuss the results of the exam and to review an installed on-site sewage system ready for final inspection. This allows for a more hands-on discussion of installation principles and practices, and also provides an opportunity to answer further questions.

After successful completion of the field review, an application and appropriate fee must be submitted with a copy of a valid Department of Labor & Industries State Contractor's License prior to issuance of the operating certificate.

Certificates are valid for the calendar year in which they are applied for and are renewed annually.

Study Resources:

1. Snohomish Health District Code, see Chapter 5.05, 5.40, 5.45.
<https://snohd.district.codes/SHDC/5.05>
<https://snohd.district.codes/SHDC/5.40>
<https://snohd.district.codes/SHDC/5.45>
2. Wastewater Management Rules and Regulations.
See Chapter 246-272A WAC, On-Site Sewage Systems. See all items listed in Specifics Requirements section.
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WastewaterManagement/RulesandRegulations>
3. Recommended Standards and Guidance (RS&G) Documents. Review all PDF's in this section.
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WastewaterManagement/FormsPublications>