

HOW TO BECOME A CERTIFIED SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLER

- 1. Fill out the **application** to take the Installer’s Test at your Local Health Department
- 2. Pay the **\$25.00** test fee (unless you are a Master Plumber whom are exempt the test fee)
- 3. Provide a copy of your **liability insurance** to the LHD Environmentalist for your file
- 4. Take the test and pass with a **70% or better**
- 5. You will receive a card from your local health department showing that you are now **Provisionally Certified** (This may take a couple of weeks to obtain)
- 6. The card will have your Certification Number listed – this is your number, no one else’s
- 7. The card will reflect that you are “Provisionally Certified”
- 8. You can now seek out and bid septic system jobs—No pump type systems, only gravity fed, conventional systems (leaching chamber and pipe&gravel systems).

You have a great responsibility to yourself to ensure you perform your job to the best of your ability. If you cut corners the system could reveal your short cuts through a surfacing failure – ough. Your reputation as an installer is at stake; people talk, both good and bad. You have the power to prevent contamination of our groundwater. You can educate homeowners on the importance of caring for their septic systems and why

As a Provisionally Certified Installer you will work with the LHD to come up with options for septic systems. You will gain more knowledge with every permit you take out or “pull” and every system you work on.

How to become “Fully Certified”:

Once you have received 5 successfully inspected/approved septic system installations, just submit the paperwork to the LHD Environmentalist to obtain your Fully Certified status – so keep copies of your final inspections

Your new Installer Card will then reflect Fully Certified status.

Maintenance of Certification

All persons holding valid certification under KRS 211.357 shall be required to attend training workshops offered by the cabinet to maintain certification and improve competency.

- Attendance at workshops, seminars, or conferences not sponsored by the cabinet may be substituted on a one (1) for one (1) basis to meet certification maintenance requirements at the discretion of the cabinet.
- 6 hours of CEU's is the requirement to maintain certification per year

Other accepted training:

- Kentucky Onsite and Wastewater Association (KOWA) sessions
- Various other Conferences
 - Kentucky Association of Master Contractors or KAMC (formerly KY Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors or KAPHCC)
 - Water and Wastewater Equipment, Treatment and Transport or WWETT (formerly Pumper Show)
 - Kentucky Environmental Health Association or KYEHA (formerly KY Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians or KAMFES)
 - National Association of Wastewater Technicians or NAWT
- Some system/technology demonstrations
- Soils II Participation
- All have to be preapproved by Environmental Management Branch prior to conference or sessions being conducted for consideration

******Any person failing to meet certification maintenance requirements shall be subject to administration action under Section 6 of this regulation and KRS 211.357 (4).**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This means the certification will be expired until the installer has made up the required classes

The present certification year began on April 1, 2020 and will end on March 31, 2021

During this time period installers are required to attend two training courses or the equivalent in order to remain certified for the certification year that begins on April 1, 2020

Installers who are newly certified during the first nine months of the certification year (April 1 through December 31), are also required to attend two training courses or the equivalent by March 31, 2021 to remain certified for the next certification year

Newly certified installers that are initially certified after December 31st, do not have to attend training courses to remain certified during the next certification year

Any installer who does not attend training will be expired effective April 1, 2020

Card is grey and will reflect Expiration Date: 3/31/2021

Installers who are presently expired for lack of maintenance training must obtain the makeup training (two courses or 6 hour approved equivalent)—12 total hours

After reinstatement, they are then required to obtain training for the next certification year (by March 31, 2021) in order to be in good standing for the following certification year

**INSTALLERS ARE NOT TO RETAKE THE INITIAL
INSTALLER TEST FOR RECERTIFICATION!!!**