

# Individual Sewage Disposal System Designer / Installer

Individual sewage disposal system installers and designers design, install, and repair septic systems, which are required for any structure to which a water supply is connected and that is not connected to a municipal sewage collection system. Septic systems must be designed and installed by individuals holding a valid permit issued by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Subsurface Systems Bureau. Additionally, repair or replacement of an existing septic system must be conducted by a permit holder as well. Exception: A homeowner may design and/or install a septic system for his/her primary domicile.

## Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 485-A:35-36  
Administrative Rules: Chapter Env-Wq 1000

## Permit Requirements

- Designers must pass a written examination and a field test for soil interpretation
- Installers must pass a written examination

## Examination

Required. Installers must pass a written exam, held twice each year. Designers must pass a written exam, plus a field exam, held twice each year.

## Continuing Education

Three hours of DES-approved continuing education must be completed annually, for a total of six hours for renewal. Three of the six hours must be attained at educational seminars offered by Subsurface Systems Bureau staff, or pre-approved by the Bureau.

## Reciprocity

Not permitted

## Active Licenses

Not provided

## Related Training

None

## Regulatory Agency

### Subsurface Systems Bureau

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
Water Division  
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95  
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

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## Fees

Exam . . . . . \$80.00

Biennial renewal . . . . . \$80.00

*Licenses expire on December 31 of every other year*

## O\*Net Codes

17.2081.01 Water/Wastewater Engineers

47.4071.00 Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners

## Additional Information Sources

Not provided