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.

Regulatory Agency
Subsurface Systems Bureau
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Water Division
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

Phone (603) 271-3501
Fax (603) 271-6683
Web <des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/ssb/>
Contact Robert Tardif, Administrator
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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

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