

From Skagit County On Site Sewage Code,  
Chapter 12.05 Rules and Regulations,  
Section 230 Certification

12.05.230 Certification of installers, pumpers, and operations and maintenance specialists.

(1) See WAC [246-272A-0340](#).

(2) Except as authorized under SCC [12.05.120](#) and SCC [12.05.140](#), any person engaged in the practice of sewage system installation, pumping, operation, monitoring or maintenance shall be certified by the Health Department.

(3) A certificate shall:

- (a) Be issued for the calendar year;
- (b) Not be transferable;
- (c) Be renewed yearly by December 31st; and
- (d) Not be issued or renewed if the applicant is found by the Health Officer to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter.

(4) On-Site Sewage System Installer. An installer applicant shall:

- (a) Submit an approved application form provided by the Health Department;
- (b) Pass a written examination approved by the Health Officer;
- (c) Demonstrate any combination of training that is determined by the Health Officer to be equivalent to:
  - (i) Two years of full-time equivalent employment within the preceding five years as an approved installer in any other Washington state health jurisdiction; or
  - (ii) Eight CEUs of Health Officer-approved classes applicable to OSS installation;
- (d) Provide written verification of education or experience;
- (e) Provide evidence of compliance with the State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries requirements for the registration of contractors as found in RCW Chapter [18.27](#);
- (f) Document one CEU of Health Officer-approved training within the previous 12 months when applying to renew a certificate; and
- (g) Pay all fees applicable to installer certification.

(5) Applicants for certification as an OSS pumper to pump septage from an on-site sewage system, holding tank, or portable toilet shall:

- (a) Submit an approved application on a form provided by the Health Department;
- (b) Pass a written or field examination approved by the Health Officer;
- (c) Demonstrate any combination of training that is determined by the Health Officer to be equivalent to:

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(i) Six months of full-time employment within the preceding three years as a certified septic system pumper in any other Washington state health jurisdiction.

(ii) One CEU of Health Officer-approved training applicable to septage pumping, transportation and disposal;

(d) Provide a performance bond executed by a surety company that meets the following requirements:

(i) Be in a sum of \$20,000;

(ii) Be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Washington;

(iii) Be conditioned that the holder of the pumper's certificate, in performing work governed by these rules and regulations, shall exercise all reasonable care and skill and shall comply with all the terms and conditions of all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations and cover the cost of clean-up of accidental or improper discharges of septage;

(iv) Be kept in effect during the period of time for which the pumper's certificate is issued;

(v) Remain in force for one year following cancellation of or termination of a pumper's certificate; and

(vi) Be in a form satisfactory to the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney;

(e) Provide written verification of pumper applicant requirements listed in this Subsection; and

(f) Pay all fees applicable to pumper certification.

(6) Applicants for certification as an operations and maintenance specialist shall:

(a) Apply for certification on a form provided by the Health Department;

(b) Pass a written examination approved by the Health Officer;

(c) Demonstrate any combination of training that is determined by the Health Officer to be equivalent to:

(i) Four CEUs of Health Officer-approved classroom training;

(ii) Thirty-two hours of training related to the operation, monitoring or maintenance of OSS within the preceding five years;

(iii) Two years' experience providing OSS operation, monitoring and maintenance services within the preceding five years; or

(iv) Provide written verification of the operations and maintenance specialist's application requirements listed in this Subsection.

(d) Document one CEU of Health Officer-approved classroom or field training instruction within the previous 12 months when applying to renew a certificate.

(7) The Health Officer may deny, suspend or revoke a certificate for an installer, pumper, or operations and maintenance specialist for any one or more of the following reasons:

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- (a) Failure to possess the necessary qualifications or to meet the requirements for the issuance or holding of a certificate;
  - (b) Misrepresentation or concealment of material fact in applications and documentation submitted to the Health Officer;
  - (c) Willful and repeated disregard or violation of any applicable ordinance, law, or regulation;
  - (d) Willfully aiding or abetting another person in violation of any applicable ordinance, law or regulation;
  - (e) Conviction of any crime related to the practice of on-site sewage system pumping, installation, design or operations and maintenance;
  - (f) Making false promises or misrepresentations through written or verbal advertising, salespeople, agents, or otherwise in connection with the practice of being an on-site sewage system installer, pumper, or operations and maintenance specialist;
  - (g) Having two or more unpaid final judgments against them relating to OSS practice; or
  - (h) Failure to maintain or cancellation or termination of any required performance bond.
- (8) If the Health Officer finds that the immediate suspension or revocation of a certificate for an installer, pumper, or operations and maintenance specialist is required to protect public health and safety, the Health Officer may order the suspension or revocation to take effect immediately upon personal service of the order or three days after mailing by certified mail, return receipt requested. In other cases, the suspension or revocation shall take place 10 business days after service or, should there be a request for reconsideration or an appeal, after administrative appeals have been exhausted. (Ord. O20160001 (Att. A); Ord. O20070010 (part); Ord. 17443 (part), 1999: Ord. 16438 (part), 1997)