



**Georgia Department of Public Health**  
**Environmental Health Section**  
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## **Septic Tank Installer, Pumper and Portable Sanitation Certification Requirements**

### **Company Certification Requirements:**

- All company certifications will expire on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 and will be renewed every 2 years on even numbered years (2/28/24, 2/28/26).
- The company certification fee is required *at the time of application (online payments are faster and preferred)*.
  - \$400 for installing and \$400 for pumping (\$800 for both).
  - \$300 for portable sanitation only companies.
  - If registering as a new company in an odd numbered year, the certification fees are pro-rated by 50%.
  - Renewing companies' fees will not be pro-rated and will be subjected to a late fee.
  - The registration fee is not dependent on the number of contractors a company employs.
  - Companies must pay the registration renewal fee every two years; late fees apply.
- Companies must employ at least one certified contractor in order to remain certified.
- **Pumper companies must have a current County Septage Removal Permit in order to become certified and maintain state certification.**
- Companies must notify the Department upon change of address, ownership and employees' work status.
- Companies must abide by the Department's Rules and Regulations for Onsite Sewage Management Systems Chapter 511-3-1.

### **Contractor Certification Requirements:**

- Contractors must be at least 18 years of age or older in order to be certified.
- A \$50.00 fee per exam is required (made payable to the local or district health department).
- Contractors must receive at least 70 points on the residential and/or pumper exam in order to be certified.
- Contractors must be employed by a certified company in good standing in order for an individual's certification to remain valid.
- All Contractor certifications will expire on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022, and will be renewed every 2 years on even numbered years (2/28/24, 2/28/26).
- Installers registering anytime must receive 8 CEUs prior to the renewal period; pumpers must receive 6 CEUs.
- **Individuals who have been non-certified for 2 or more years from the last renewal period must re-take and pass any applicable exams.**
- **Pumpers must be employed by a company that has a current County Septage Removal Permit in order to obtain state certification as a pumper.**

A numbered certificate and card will be mailed to companies and contractors within 2 weeks after all of the following have been received:

- Completed and signed application(s)
- Verification of Residency Form (notarized)
- Copy of verifiable identity document
- Copy of graded answer sheet(s)
- Company registration fee (and application, if new company)
- **County Septage and Removal Permit for all Pumper companies**

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