Information for New Certified Professionals

Examination
To become a certified individual in Pierce County, you must successfully pass an exam given by the Washington On-Site Sewage Association (WOSSA). Exams include Installer, Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Specialist (Level 2) and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Technician (Level 1).

Contact WOSSA at (253) 770-6594 or visit www.wossa.org.

Application for Certification
Once you successfully complete the exam requirements, you may become certified as an individual in Pierce County. You need to submit the following items to us for review:

Installer
✓ Complete certification application with fees.
✓ Certificate indicating you have passed the required exam.
✓ Provide signed business letter proving one-year experience working under the supervision of a certified installer in good standing.
✓ Proof of 8 hours continuing education or a one-day class.

O&M Specialist (Level 2)
✓ Complete certification application with fees.
✓ Certificate indicating you have passed the required exam.
✓ Proof of 24 hours of continuing education.
✓ Written description of experience.

O&M Technician (Level 1)
✓ Complete certification application with fees.
✓ Certificate indicating you have passed the required exam.
✓ Proof of 8 hours of continuing education.

Installation or O&M Firm Required
We release permits only to a state licensed company. The company must also certify annually with the Health Department. The company must be in active status with our department before we will release permits.

✓ Complete certification application with fees.
✓ Provide a copy of their current Labor and Industry Contractor license.
✓ Provide a copy of their current $1,000,000 liability insurance.
✓ Document indicating all certified individuals employed with the company (pumping firms require at least one specialist; exceptions are private or limited pumpers).
✓ A consultation with Health Department O&M supervisor.
✓ O&M Firms that provide pumping service also need truck and tank inspections.
✓ All O&M Firms need an active OnlineRME account.

Questions? Contact us at (253) 649-1860 or oscp@tpchd.org
Submit all required documents and appropriate fees by Feb. 15, 2023. Applications or incomplete applications received after Feb. 15, 2023 are subject to a $153 late fee.

Application for Certification
We must receive each item to consider the application complete:

Installer
✓ Complete certification application.
✓ Proof of continuing education of 8 hours or a one-day class.

O&M Specialist (Level 2)
✓ Complete certification application.
✓ Proof of continuing education of 8 hours or a one-day class.
✓ Documentation of any new training in proprietary devices.

O&M Technician (Level 1)
✓ Complete certification application.
✓ Proof of continuing education of four hours or a half-day class.

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✓ Provide a copy of their current $1,000,000 liability insurance.
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