

Certification Type		Liquid Waste Pumper/Hauler	On-site System Maintainer	Associate Installer	Master Installer
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Examination	Exam process	<p><b>For OSS Pumpers:</b>  <a href="#">Washington On-site Sewage System Association (WOSSA)</a> Pumper exam (O&amp;M Level 1) and Specialist exam (O&amp;M Level 2) are accepted for Pumper Owner and Pumper Employee certifications. Those seeking Pumper Owner or Pumper Employee certifications in King County should contact WOSSA directly by phone at (253) 770-6594 to schedule the exam.</p> <p><b>For all other liquid waste pumper/haulers:</b>                      Proof of successful completion of a course that includes pathogen awareness is accepted in lieu of pumper exam.</p>	<p>The King County Onsite Sewage System (OSS) Maintainer exam is administered by the <a href="#">Washington On-site Sewage System Association (WOSSA)</a>. Those seeking OSS Maintainer certification in King County should refer to the WOSSA <a href="#">Study Guide</a> page for application instructions and study materials. Those taking the exam will also need to study materials located on the <a href="#">King County Certified Professionals</a> page.</p>	<p><b>Exams will be proctored during the first week of the month October – June. APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH.</b> Apply for exam at <a href="#">SkipThePaper.com</a>. Follow <a href="#">these instructions</a> to submit the OSS COMPETENCY EXAM application. Exams will be held at the <a href="#">Eastgate Public Health office</a>. OSS Program staff will contact you to schedule the exam start time.</p>	
	Requirements for exam application	N/A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of successful completion (within the previous 12 months) of a health officer recognized course about operation, monitoring and maintenance of septic systems.</li> <li>2. Proof of two years of relevant septic system experience as a licensed designer, installer, or pumper, or written proof of employment on company letterhead explaining experience and competency.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of successful completion (within the previous 12 months) of a health officer recognized course of instruction in the basics of septic systems and installation of septic systems.</li> <li>2. Proof that applicant is working under a Master Installer (e.g. letter on company letterhead)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of successful completion (within the previous 12 months) of a health officer recognized course of instruction in the basics of septic systems and installation of septic systems.</li> </ol>

	Exam content		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-site wastewater treatment basics</li> <li>• Techniques for monitoring and maintaining OSS</li> <li>• Troubleshooting problems with OSS</li> <li>• Wastewater quality testing</li> <li>• Comprehension of the principles of on-site sewage treatment system design and maintenance requirements</li> <li>• Familiarity with the content and application of state and local Onsite Sewage System codes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The installation permit process</li> <li>• Requirements for backfill procedure(s)</li> <li>• Setback requirements</li> <li>• Specifications for septic tanks, pump chambers</li> <li>• Various drainfield configurations</li> <li>• Distribution boxes and sewage piping</li> <li>• Soil depth requirements</li> <li>• Recommended standards and required procedures for installation and repair of on-site sewage systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong comprehension of soil treatment of pathogens, total suspended solids, fats, oils, and grease, and nutrients</li> <li>• Strong comprehension of the principles of on-site sewage treatment system design, installation, and maintenance</li> <li>• Tank sizing requirements and construction specifications</li> <li>• Setback requirements</li> <li>• Soil types, nomenclature, and site implications</li> <li>• Roles and responsibilities of Master and Associate Installers and designers specified in codes</li> <li>• Permitting processes for repairs and new development</li> <li>• Trouble shooting failing systems</li> <li>• Repair of septic systems</li> <li>• Specifications of system sizing, including design of septic systems for gravity, pressure, and public domain systems</li> <li>• Installation permit process</li> </ul>
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Initial certification	Certification application	Submit PUMPER OWNER CERTIFICATION (NEW) or PUMPER EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION (NEW) application on SkipThePaper.com. Each company must also submit one VEHICLE INSPECTION APPLICATION with information about all company pump vehicles.	Submit OSS MAINTAINER CERTIFICATION (NEW) application on SkipThePaper.com.	Submit ASSOCIATE INSTALLER CERTIFICATION (OSS) application on SkipThePaper.com.	Submit MASTER INSTALLER CERTIFICATION (OSS) application on SkipThePaper.com.
	Requirements for certification application	<p>1. Proof of successful completion of exam or course including pathogen awareness. For Onsite Sewage System pumpers, Proof of successful completion of course on basics of Onsite Sewage Systems</p> <p>Business owner only:</p> <p>1. Proof of <a href="#">State of Washington minimum bonding requirements and contractor's liability</a></p> <p>2. Disposal site authorization letter for each disposal site, signed by the disposal site operator. The letter blank can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>1. Proof of successful completion of exam</p> <p>2. Proof of <a href="#">State of Washington minimum bonding requirements and contractor's liability</a> for specialty or general contractor's license</p>	N/A	1. Proof of <a href="#">State of Washington minimum bonding requirements and contractor's liability</a> for specialty or general contractor's license
Certification renewal	Certification application - submit by December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Submit PUMPER OWNER CERTIFICATION (RENEW) or PUMPER EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION (RENEW) application on SkipThePaper.com. Each company must also submit one VEHICLE INSPECTION APPLICATION with	Submit OSS MAINTAINER CERTIFICATION (RENEW) application on SkipThePaper.com	Submit ASSOCIATE INSTALLER CERTIFICATION (RENEW) application on SkipThePaper.com	Submit MASTER INSTALLER CERTIFICATION (RENEW) application on SkipThePaper.com

		information about all company pump vehicles.			
Requirements for certification application	Business owner only: 1. Proof of <a href="#">State of Washington minimum bonding requirements and contractor's liability</a>  2. Disposal site authorization letter for each disposal site, signed by the disposal site operator. The letter blank can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of successful completion (within the previous 12 months) of a health officer recognized course about operation, monitoring and maintenance of septic systems.</li> <li>2. Proof of two years of relevant septic system experience as a licensed designer, installer, or pumper, or written proof of employment on company letterhead explaining experience and competency.</li> <li>3. Proof of successful completion of at least one continuing education credit (CEU) during the previous calendar year. 1 CEU = 8 contact hours</li> <li>4. Proof of <a href="#">State of Washington minimum bonding requirements and contractor's liability</a> for specialty or general contractor's license</li> </ol>	1. Proof of successful completion of at least one continuing education credit (CEU) during the previous calendar year. 1 CEU = 8 contact hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of successful completion of at least one continuing education credit (CEU) during the previous calendar year. 1 CEU = 8 contact hours</li> <li>2. Proof of <a href="#">State of Washington minimum bonding requirements and contractor's liability</a> for specialty or general contractor's license</li> </ol>	