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**Health Department**

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**Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department**

Environmental Health Programs/Professional  
Certification

3629 South D Street, MS 303 Tacoma, WA 98418-6813

## **INSTALLER CERTIFICATION INFORMATION**

### **EXAMINATION**

To become a certified installer, you must successfully pass the installer exam, which is given quarterly at the Health Department Auditorium, 3629 South D Street, Tacoma, WA 98418.

The exam consists of two parts.

- The written portion of the exam is technical and covers all aspects of installation.
- Following successful completion of the written exam, you will be scheduled to spend one half-day in the field with an Environmental Health Specialist from the Health Department. This field visit will acquaint you with a variety of installed systems and with local processes and expectations.

You may purchase study materials from the Health Department at the Environmental Health front counter for a nominal fee of \$45. Or, the study materials are available online:

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Land Use Regulation: <https://www.tpchd.org/files/library/133ed6909d91e8bb.pdf>

WAC 246-272A: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/WW/pubs-ww-regs.htm>

Recommended Standards & Guidance documents: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/WW/pubs-ww-rsg.htm> (go to Table of Contents, then RS&G's)

To register, go to [www.tpchd.org](http://www.tpchd.org) and complete a Request for Exam form, mail it to the Health Department, and note the Exam Schedule for dates offered. The exam is held here at the Health Department in the auditorium.

### **APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION**

Once you have successfully completed the examination requirements, you may become certified as an individual installer. Your certification application must be accompanied by (1) documentation of at least a year of experience working under the supervision and direction of a Certified Installer and provide documentation describing the work experience, (2) documentation of 8 hours or one day of classes related to septic system installation.

### **INSTALLATION FIRM REQUIRED**

Installation permits are released only to a state licensed company. The company must also certify annually with the Health Department and provide a copy of their CURRENT Labor and Industry Contractor license and indicate all certified installers employed with the company. The company must be in active status with our department prior to permits being released.

If you have any questions, please call Paula Marush at 253 798-2889.