



Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

Board for Contractors

Guidance Document: Master Installer License Requirement for Qualified Individual of Contractor's License with Sewage Disposal System (SDS) Specialty

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I. Background

Currently, the Board for Contractors requires the Qualified Individual (QI) of a Contractor's License with the Sewage Disposal System (SDS) specialty to hold a Conventional or Alternative Installer License issued by the WWWOSSP Board. On April 1, 2017, the WWWOSSP Board Regulations were amended, in part, to create a journeyman and master license structure for all onsite sewage system professions, to include installer licenses.

II. Issue

The WWWOSSP Board's new regulations require that a master licensee provide direct supervision of any regulated work performed by a journeyman licensee, and that there be an employment or contractual relationship between the master licensee and any journeyman licensees under the master's direct supervision.¹ Thus, a journeyman installer cannot be the individual primarily responsible for the provision of onsite sewage system installation services by a licensed contractor with the SDS specialty.

III. Request for Guidance

As a result of the above changes to the WWWOSSP Board regulations, the Board for Contractors adopts the following policy, to be fully implemented by January 1, 2018:

The Qualified Individual of a Contractor's License with (or applying for) the SDS specialty must hold a current Master Conventional or Alternative Installer License issued by the WWWOSSP Board.

¹ 18VAC160-40-510 of the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations