



# DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

## BUREAU OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS

### FACT SHEET

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## BECOMING A CERTIFIED TANK INSTALLER

Since January 7, 1990, Section 3737.881 of the Ohio Revised Code has required that an installer certified by the State Fire Marshal supervise the installation, closure, removal or repair of underground storage tanks (USTs). The number of certified individuals has remained relatively steady at approximately 650 for the last several years.

First-time applicants for certification must meet requirements set by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 1301:7-9-11. Individuals must:

- Complete an application by the State Fire Marshals Office and pay an application fee of \$150 and an examination fee of \$25, for a total of \$175;
- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Be in good standing with all authorities requiring licensing;
- Supply three business references; and
- Demonstrate knowledge of UST systems in one of three designated ways:

**OPTION ONE:** Satisfactorily complete a 36-hour Installer Training Program approved by the State Fire Marshal and within two years immediately prior to making application, **participate** in the installation or, performance of major repairs on site to, closure-in-place, or removal of three UST systems.

**OPTION TWO:** Be a registered professional engineer and within two years immediately prior to making application, **participate** in the installation or, performance of major repairs on site to, closure-in-place, or removal of six UST systems.

**OPTION THREE:** Within two years immediately prior to making application, **participate** in the installation of, performance of major repairs on site to, closure-in-place, or removal of 12 UST systems, of which six shall have involved installation of UST systems.

The Bureau of Testing and Registration administer the Certified UST Installers Examination. Applications to take the examination must be obtained and submitted to the Bureau of Testing and Registration. If application is accepted, the candidate must take a two-part written examination and receive a score of a least 75% on each part. Part I of the examination is a test covering Ohio's rules governing certified UST installers (OAC rule 1301:7-9-01 through 1301:7-9-17). Part II is a testing covering industry UST standard. Each part consists of 75 questions.

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A photo ID must be presented to be seated for the examination. Candidates for the certified installer examination will be permitted to bring a copy of Ohio's UST rules with them to the test to use as reference material. (A set of these rules is available for \$10 from the State Fire Marshals office). Candidates may reschedule to take the exam without paying another \$25. Candidates who fail either portion of the exam will be charged another \$25 fee if they wish to retake the exam.

Anyone who is currently certified does not have to take the examination, but does have to meet continuing education requirements set forth in OAC rule 1301:7-9-11(L) (1) (b) prior to the expiration of current certification. Also, each currently certified installer will be required to submit two passport-size photos to The Bureau of Testing and Registration with renewal paperwork in order to receive a photo ID card. The Bureau of Testing and Registration processes all renewal paperwork for installers who need to renew their certification.

The Bureau of Testing and Registration complies with the American with Disabilities Act and requires three weeks advance notice for special arrangements. If a visual, physical or other special need prevents you from taking the examination under normal circumstances, you may request special accommodation. A special accommodations request form can be obtained from the Bureau of Testing and Registration. All special requests must be submitted with the examination application. Testing application packets, dates and locations for becoming a certified tank installer may be obtained from the Bureau of Testing and Registration by telephoning (614) 752-7126.

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