



This schedule is published pursuant to 38 M.R.S. 344-B(1) and provides processing times, in calendar days unless otherwise specified, grouped by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) program. The processing times apply to license<sup>1</sup> applications accepted as complete for processing by the DEP on or after November 1, 2025, that are under the DEP Commissioner’s jurisdiction, including applications for new licenses, license amendments, minor revisions, condition compliance applications, renewals, transfers and surrenders. Processing times do not apply to after-the-fact license applications or applications over which the Board of Environmental Protection has jurisdiction pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 341-D(2).

The “Processing Time” column is calculated from the date the application is accepted by the DEP as complete for processing<sup>2</sup> and is the maximum period of time the DEP has to process an application before the forfeiture provisions in 38 M.R.S. § 344-B(5) apply.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344-B(4), for projects that require more than one license from the DEP, the Commissioner and the applicant will determine the timetable or timetables applicable to all permit or license applications required for that project at a pre-submission meeting. By default, the DEP will apply the longest applicable processing time when multiple licenses are required for a single project. The DEP may issue a single combined order that provides the Commissioner’s decision on all applications.

## Air Quality

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>70</b>	initial part 70 air license (DEP rule Chapter 140)	548 days
<b>71</b>	new minor source license (DEP rule Chapter 115)	270 days
<b>71</b>	minor modification at a minor source (DEP rule Chapter 115)	270 days
<b>77</b>	minor modification at a major source (DEP rule Chapter 115)	270 days
<b>77</b>	new major source license & major modifications (DEP rule Chapter 115)	365 days
	general permit (DEP rule Chapters 149, 164, & 165)	60 days
<b>75</b>	property or sales & use tax exemption certification	180 days

## Land Resources – Dams and Hydropower

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>32</b>	FERC water quality certification for storage	365 days
<b>33</b>	FERC water quality certification, no increase in capacity	365 days
<b>34</b>	MWDCA maintenance/repair only	180 days
<b>35</b>	MWDCA new construction/expanded generating capacity	365 days
<b>36</b>	water level petitions	-

<sup>1</sup> The terms “license” and “permit” are used interchangeably in some DEP decision documents and Maine statutes administered by the DEP.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344(1), if a written notice of acceptance or nonacceptance is not sent to the applicant within 15 working days of receipt of the application, the application is deemed to be accepted as complete for processing on the 15th working day after receipt by the DEP.

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344-B(5), if the DEP does not approve or deny an application prior to the applicable processing time and the deadline has not been extended in accordance with 38 M.R.S. § 344-B(3), the Commissioner will refund the applicant an amount equal to 50% of the permit or license processing fee. The remainder of the processing fee is payable to the applicant by the Commissioner if the application is not approved or denied within 120 calendar days after that deadline.

<b>3D</b>	dams, release of impoundment	570 days
<b>3E</b>	non-hydropower dams	120 days
<b>3A</b>	FERC hydropower licensing, first consultation	-
<b>3B</b>	FERC hydropower licensing, second consultation	-

## Land Resources – Mining and Excavations

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>80</b>	notice of intent to comply w/borrow pit or quarry standards	45 days
	notice of borrow pit or quarry expansion	45 days
	variance from excavation standards; general	90 days
	variance from excavation standards excavation below the water table or externally drained	120 days
	variance from excavation standards: topsoil salvage	90 days
	variance from quarry standards: general	90 days
	variance from quarry standards: excavation below the water table or externally drained	120 days
	variance from quarry standards: topsoil salvage or air blasts & ground	90 days

## Land Resources – Natural Resources Protection Act<sup>4</sup>

Code	Description	Processing Time	Over capacity <sup>5</sup>
-	NRPA permit by rule notification	20 working days	-
<b>08</b>	water quality certification other than hydropower	120 days	150 days
<b>2A</b>	shoreline stabilization in and/or adjacent to a great pond	120 days	150 days
<b>2B</b>	other activity in, on or over a great pond	120 days	150 days
<b>2C</b>	fragile mountains areas	120 days	150 days
<b>2D</b>	irrigation ponds	150 days	180 days
<b>AP</b>	agricultural irrigation pond	30 days	-
<b>2E</b>	cranberry bogs	150 days	180 days
<b>CW</b>	cranberry cultivation	45 days	-
-	community public water system primary protection area	120 days	150 days
<b>2F</b>	activity adjacent to a protected natural resource	120 days	150 days
<b>DW</b>	significant wildlife habitat: deer wintering area	120 days	150 days
<b>IW</b>	significant wildlife habitat: inland waterfowl area	120 days	150 days
<b>TW</b>	significant wildlife habitat: tidal waterfowl area	120 days	150 days
<b>BN</b>	significant wildlife habitat: seabird nesting island	120 days	150 days
<b>FS</b>	significant wildlife habitat: shorebird feeding & staging areas	120 days	150 days
<b>VP</b>	significant wildlife habitat: significant vernal pools	150 days	180 days
<b>3E</b>	non-hydropower dams	120 days	150 days
<b>GW</b>	significant groundwater extraction well	180 days	210 days
<b>OS</b>	offshore wind energy demonstration project	60 days	-
<b>OT</b>	offshore energy development	150 days	180 days
<b>4C</b>	coastal wetland, fill or structure >1,000 sq. ft. and below highest annual tide or over wetland vegetation	120 days	150 days

<sup>4</sup> All processing times for new NRPA applications are subject to winter deferral provisions in 38 M.R.S. § 480-E(4).

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344-B, when the DEP is processing more than 30 applications per Licensing Specialist, the processing time for a newly received NRPA application is longer to account for the availability of staff resources.

<b>4D</b>	shoreline stabilization in and/or adjacent to a coastal wetland	120 days	150 days
<b>4E</b>	other activity in, on or over a coastal wetland	150 days	180 days
<b>4P</b>	coastal: docks, piers & wharves	120 days	150 days
<b>4F</b>	sand dune: commercial structure >2,500 sq. ft.; single or multi-family residence >5000 sq. ft.; or any structure >35 ft. tall unless height related to posts	150 days	180 days
<b>4G</b>	sand dune: beach nourishment or restoration on a sand dune	120 days	150 days
<b>4H</b>	other activity on a sand dune	120 days	150 days
<b>4I</b>	sand dune: residential building >2,500 sq. ft. & <5000 sq. ft., and <35 ft. tall	150 days	180 days
<b>4J</b>	sand dune: front dune building	150 days	180 days
<b>4K</b>	sand dune: back dune building	120 days	150 days
<b>4L</b>	sand dune: front dune, new house variance	150 days	180 days
<b>4M</b>	sand dune: post or piling variance	150 days	180 days
<b>L4</b>	stream alteration, fill in floodway	120 days	150 days
<b>L5</b>	stream alteration, shoreline stabilization	120 days	150 days
<b>L6</b>	stream alteration, other	120 days	150 days
<b>MB</b>	mitigation bank	150 days	180 days
<b>MC</b>	mitigation credit	150 days	180 days
<b>TA</b>	freshwater wetland alteration Tier 1 / 0 - 4,999 sq. ft.	45 days	-
<b>TB</b>	freshwater wetland alteration Tier 1 / 5,000 - 9,999 sq. ft.	45 days	-
<b>TC</b>	freshwater wetland alteration Tier 1 / 10,000 - 14,999 sq. ft.	45 days	-
<b>TE/</b>	freshwater wetland alteration, Tier 2 / 15,000 - 43,560 sq. ft.	60 days	-
<b>TG/</b>	freshwater wetland alteration, Tier 3, > 43,560 sq. ft.	150 days	180 days
<b>2G</b>	Freshwater wetland of special significance alteration up to 43,560 sq. ft. and not eligible for Tier 1 or Tier 2	120 days	150 days

## Land Resources – Small-Scale Wind Energy Developments

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>ES</b>	certification of small-scale wind development	215 days

## Land Resources – Site Location of Development

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>06</b>	delegation of authority to a municipality	195 days
<b>18</b>	airport development	195 days
<b>19</b>	medical facility development	195 days
<b>20</b>	paper mill development	195 days
<b>21</b>	lumber products sawmill development	195 days
<b>22</b>	school development	165 days
<b>23</b>	shopping center development	195 days
<b>24<sup>6</sup></b>	non-hydro utility development	150 days
<b>25</b>	warehouse development	195 days
<b>26</b>	other non-residential structure development	230 days
<b>27</b>	pipeline development	230 days

<sup>6</sup> This type code does not include solar projects; they have the code PS. Additionally, pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344(2-A)(A), processing time for an expedited wind energy project is 185 days.

<b>28</b>	recreational site development	230 days
<b>39</b>	industrial park/commercial development	195 days
<b>85</b>	transient lodging development	195 days
<b>87</b>	multi-family or condominium development	195 days
<b>L0</b>	great american neighborhood	165 days
<b>L1</b>	residential subdivision development of affordable housing	195 days
<b>L2</b>	residential subdivision development with public water & sewer	195 days
<b>L3</b>	all other residential subdivision development	195 days
<b>MX</b>	mixed use:	
	residential/condo	195 days
	residential/non-residential	195 days
<b>L7<sup>7</sup></b>	metallic mining - baseline process	230 days
<b>PS</b>	solar projects	195 days
<b>TP</b>	MDOT/MTA	30 days
-	planning permit (pertains to any Site Law project except subdivisions)	230 days
-	notice of intent to comply, roundwood	90 days

## Land Resources – Solar Decommissioning

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>DP</b>	review of solar energy development decommissioning plan	90 days

## Land Resources – Maine Construction General Permit

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>E1/E2/E3</b>	Notice of Intent to Comply (NOI)	14 days

## Land Resources – Stormwater Management Law

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>NA</b>	stormwater (sw) at risk - solely vegetative	45 days
<b>NB</b>	sw at risk – structural	90 days
<b>NI</b>	sw, all other - solely vegetative	45 days
<b>NJ</b>	sw, all other – structural	90 days
-	sw permit by rule (all)	14 days

## Water Quality – Industrial Stormwater

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>MN</b>	NOI – multi-sector general permit – industrial facilities	30 days

## Water Quality – Wastewater Discharge

<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344-B(3)(A)(2), when the Board assumes jurisdiction over an application, the Board will set a new timetable for the processing of the application.

Code	Description	Processing Time
5A	residential OBD up to 600 GPD	90 days
5B	residential OBD over 600 GPD	90 days
5C	commercial OBD	180 days
5D	publicly owned OBD up to 6,000 GPD	180 days
5J	sanitary wastewater, commercial (non-OBD)	180 days
6A	POTW, <10K GPD, no sig. industrial waste	180 days
6B	POTW, 10K to 100K GPD, no sig. industrial waste	180 days
6C	POTW, 100K to 1M GPD, no sig. industrial waste	180 days
6D	POTW, 1M to 5M GPD, no sig. industrial waste	180 days
5M	POTW over 5 MGD or with significant industrial waste	270 days
5N	major industrial facility/process wastewater	270 days
5O	minor industrial facility/process wastewater	210 days
5P	food handling or packaging wastewater	210 days
6E	terrestrial fish rearing facility <100K GPD	180 days
6F	terrestrial fish rearing facility >100K GPD	270 days
5R	non-contact cooling water	180 days
5S	ind. or comm. sources/misc. or incidental non-process	180 days
5T	municipal combined sewer overflow	180 days
5U	aquatic pesticide application	180 days
5V	snow dumps	90 days
5W	salt and sand storage pile	180 days
5X	log storage permit	90 days
5Y	general permit coverage	270 days
5Z	experimental discharge license	270 days
51	creation of mixing zone	210 days
54	formation of sanitary district	120 days
6G	marine aquaculture facility	270 days
6H	marine aquaculture - general permit	31 days
6I	marine finfish aquaculture facility	270 days
6J	general permit for municipal separate storm sewer (MS4)	270 days
63	property tax exemption certification	120 days
64	sales & use tax exemption certification	120 days
68	water quality certification--NPDES permit	180 days

## Remediation & Waste Management – Oil

Code	Description	Processing Time
90	vessels at anchorage	240 days
91	oil terminal - existing fixed facility	180 days
91	oil terminal - new fixed facility	365 days
92	oil terminal – vessel	180 days
93	underground petroleum tank removal waiver	90 days
94	underground petroleum tank siting variance	90 days

## Remediation & Waste Management - Biomedical Waste

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>BA</b>	biomedical waste transfer facility	270 days
<b>BB</b>	biomedical waste transfer facility/lbr	180 days
<b>BC</b>	biomedical waste treatment facility	450 days
<b>BD</b>	biomedical waste treatment facility - site law	540 days
<b>BG</b>	petition to use alternate treatment	365 days
<b>BWGS</b>	biomedical waste generator registration – very small (<10 lb./mo.)	
<b>BWGM</b>	biomedical waste generator registration – small (10-50 lb./mo.)	

## Remediation & Waste Management - Hazardous Waste

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>HK</b>	hw - interim license	120 days
<b>HL</b>	abbreviated license ("al") for beneficial reuse on-site	180 days
<b>HM</b>	al - beneficial reuse off-site	180 days
<b>HN</b>	al - Elementary Neutralization	180 days
<b>HO</b>	al - thermal treatment	180 days
<b>HP</b>	al - discharge to POTWS	180 days
<b>HQ</b>	al - reuse in wastewater treatment	180 days
<b>HR</b>	al - transfer facility	180 days
<b>HS</b>	al - PCB storage	180 days
<b>HT</b>	al - precious metal recovery	180 days
<b>HU</b>	al - volume reduction unit	180 days
<b>HV</b>	al - other facility treatment in tank	180 days
<b>RA</b>	al - reuse of hazardous waste in solid form	180 days
<b>RB</b>	al - electronics demanufacturing facility	180 days

## Remediation & Waste Management - Solid Waste

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>WB</b>	existing non-secure municipal landfill <15,000 people	540 days
<b>WC</b>	existing non-secure municipal landfill >15,000 people	540 days
<b>WD<sup>8</sup></b>	secure landfill	540 days
<b>WE<sup>8</sup></b>	secure landfill for woodwaste, land clearing, and demolition debris	540 days
<b>WF<sup>8</sup></b>	non-secure woodwaste, land clearing, and demolition debris <u>≤</u> 6 acres	270 days
<b>WN</b>	landfill - closing plan for secure	365 days
<b>WO</b>	landfill - closing plan for non-secure	365 days
<b>W1</b>	landfill - alternative approval of a municipal closing plan	90 days
<b>WP</b>	application for an approval of a closure modification	90 days
<b>WQ</b>	landfill - preliminary information reports	60 days
<b>WR</b>	landfill - license transfer	120 days
<b>W5</b>	public benefit determination	60 days
<b>WG<sup>8</sup></b>	incineration - MSW/special waste	540 days

<sup>8</sup> Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344-B(3)(A)(2), when the Board assumes jurisdiction over an application, the Board will set a new timetable for the processing of the application.

<b>WW</b>	incineration – license transfers	120 days
<b>WH</b>	reduced and full procedure for transfer stations & storage facilities	180 days
<b>WH</b>	permit-by-rule <2-acre wood waste storage area	24 days
<b>WI</b>	tire storage facility	180 days
<b>WI</b>	permit-by-rule tire storage	24 days
<b>WK</b>	processing facility other than composting	365 days
<b>WK</b>	permit-by-rule processing soils contaminated with virgin oil	18 working days
<b>WK</b>	permit-by-rule manufacture of flowable fill	18 working days
<b>WK</b>	permit-by-rule processing wood wastes	18 working days
<b>WV</b>	beneficial use - fuel substitution	180 days
<b>WL</b>	on-going beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	180 days
<b>WM</b>	on-going beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	180 days
<b>W2</b>	authorization through notification for beneficial use of encapsulated petroleum contaminated soil when certified by a P.E.	5 working days
<b>W3</b>	one-time beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	180 days
<b>W3</b>	permit-by-rule beneficial use of tire chips as construction fill	24 days
<b>W3</b>	permit-by-rule beneficial use of tires in structures	24 days
<b>W3</b>	permit-by-rule beneficial use of 6,400 tons or less of encapsulated petroleum contaminated soil as construction fill	24 days
<b>W4</b>	one-time beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	180 days
<b>W7</b>	Beneficial use - reduced procedure - on going	90 days
<b>W8</b>	Beneficial use - reduced procedure – one time	90 days
<b>WS</b>	special waste disposal - one time ≤6 cubic yards	30 days
<b>WT</b>	special waste disposal - one time >6 cubic yards	60 days
<b>WT</b>	permit-by-rule cull potato disposal	5 working days
<b>WU</b>	special waste disposal – routine	90 days
<b>WX</b>	transfer - all other than landfill or incineration facility	90 days
<b>WZ</b>	pilot project	180 days
<b>88</b>	experimental license	180 days

## Remediation & Waste Management – Asbestos Abatement and Licensing

Code	Description	Processing Time
--	projects involving more than 100 sq. ft. or 100 linear ft. of ACM or any combination thereof, but less than 500 sq. ft. or 2,500 linear ft. of ACM	45 days
--	projects involving more than 500 sq. ft. or 2,500 linear feet of ACM, but less than 1,000 sq. ft. or 5,000 linear feet of ACM	45 days
--	projects involving more than 1,000 sq. ft. or 5,000 linear ft. of ACM or any combination thereof of ACM	45 days
--	asbestos abatement contractor	-
--	asbestos consultant	-
--	asbestos analytical laboratory	-
--	in-house asbestos abatement unit	-
--	asbestos training provider	-
--	asbestos abatement worker	-
--	asbestos abatement project supervisor	-
--	asbestos air monitor	-
--	asbestos inspector	-
--	asbestos abatement design consultant	-
--	asbestos air analyst	-

--	asbestos bulk analyst	-
--	asbestos management planner	-
--	reissuance of a certificate or photo ID card	-

## Remediation & Waste Management – Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification

Code	Description	Processing Time
--	lead abatement worker	-
--	lead abatement project supervisor	-
--	lead inspector	-
--	lead design consultant	-
--	lead risk assessor	-
--	lead abatement contractor	-
--	lead consulting firm	-
--	lead training provider	-

## Remediation & Waste Management - Septage Facilities

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>S1</b>	municipal septage management compliance (septage designation)	60 days
<b>S2</b>	septage non-utilization site (disposal)	365 days
<b>S3</b>	septage utilization site	365 days
<b>S4</b>	septage storage site	90 days
<b>S7</b>	septage license transfer	90 days

## Remediation & Waste Management - Sludge & Residuals

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>SB</b>	industrial sludge utilization program approval	270 days
<b>SH</b>	industrial sludge utilization with program approval	180 days
<b>SC</b>	municipal sludge utilization program approval	270 days
<b>SI</b>	municipal sludge utilization with program approval	180 days
<b>SD</b>	bioash utilization program approval	270 days
<b>SJ</b>	bioash utilization with program approval	180 days
<b>SE</b>	wood ash utilization program approval	270 days
<b>SK</b>	wood ash utilization with program approval	180 days
<b>SF</b>	food waste utilization program approval	270 days
<b>SL</b>	food waste utilization with program approval	180 days
<b>SG</b>	other waste utilization program approval	270 days
<b>SM</b>	other waste utilization with program approval	180 days
<b>ST</b>	utilization storage <3,500 cubic yards	180 days
<b>SU</b>	utilization storage ≥3,500 cubic yards	180 days
<b>SV</b>	utilization – other	270 days
<b>SX</b>	utilization - license transfer	90 days
<b>SY</b>	utilization - one-time	180 days
<b>SZ</b>	utilization - pilot project	90 days

## Remediation & Waste Management - Composting & Residual Processing

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>CB</b>	type IA leaf and yard waste	180 days
<b>CF</b>	type 1B & 1C residual <750 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	365 days
<b>CG</b>	type 1B & 1C residual >750 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	365 days
<b>CH</b>	type II <3500 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	365 days
<b>CI</b>	type II >3500 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	365 days
<b>CJ</b>	type III <3500 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	365 days
<b>CK</b>	type III >3500 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	365 days
<b>CL</b>	septage processing <750 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	365 days
<b>CM</b>	septage processing >750 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	365 days
<b>CX</b>	C&R license transfer	365 days
<b>CB</b>	permit-by-rule composting wood, leaf and yard wastes	15 working days
<b>CZ</b>	C&R processing pilot project	180 days

## Remediation & Waste Management – Bottle Bill

Code	Description	Processing Time
<b>K3</b>	initiator of deposit license fee for brewer/vintner and small beverage manufacturers producing less than 50,000 gallons annually	-
<b>K4</b>	initiator of deposit license fee for water bottlers producing less than 250,000 containers annually	-
<b>K5</b>	initiator of deposit license fee for all others	-
<b>K6</b>	contracted agent licensing fee	-
<b>K7</b>	redemption center licensing fee	-