



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & REGULATION

TEXAS NEEDS YOU TO BECOME A **REGISTERED ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST** **ARE YOU READY?**

Registered Accessibility Specialists (RAS) are licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to inspect commercial construction projects statewide to ensure compliance with the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). The TAS is a construction law built upon the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Approximately 11.5% of the Texas population are persons with a disability.

HOW DO I BECOME A **RAS?**

You can become a RAS through a combination of education and experience. The TDLR RAS application spells it out:

Option 1: Degree (architecture, engineering, interior design, landscape architecture, or equivalent) and one year of experience related to building planning, accessibility design, or review, or equivalent.

Option 2: Eight years' experience related to building planning, accessibility design, or review, or equivalent.

Option 3: Certification as an accessibility specialist granted by a model building code organization and four years' experience related to building planning, accessibility design, or review, or equivalent.

Once you have passed the exam and obtained your RAS license, you can work as a consultant in an architecture firm, work for an inspection company, or work for yourself as an independent contractor.

Currently, there are fewer than 600 RASs working to serve the entire State of Texas.



WHAT'S THE CAREER OUTLOOK FOR A **RAS?**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook says there's a bright future for construction and building inspectors.

Employment of construction and building inspectors is projected to grow 10 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. Public interest in safety, the elimination of architectural barriers, and the desire to improve the quality of construction should continue to create demand for inspectors. Certified construction and building inspectors who can perform a variety of inspections should have the best job opportunities.

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or visit our website for more information about becoming a **RAS**.

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