



BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS AT A GLANCE

Statute: Texas Occupations Code, Chapters 506, 51, and 111

Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 55, 60, 100, and Chapter 121

Inspections? No

Number of Licensees: 6,638 (FY 25)

Behavior Analysts: 6,410

Assistant Behavior Analysts: 228

Webpage: www.tdlr.texas.gov/bhv

Overview:

Behavior analysts provide a therapeutic environment for individuals struggling to control their behavior. They also train parents, teachers, and other professionals on how to implement support plans for challenging behavior.

Applied behavior analysis interventions are based on scientific research and the direct observation and measurement of behavior and environment. Using contextual factors, motivating operations, antecedent stimuli, positive reinforcement and other procedures, behavior analysts help individuals develop new behaviors, increase or decrease existing behaviors, and elicit or evoke behaviors under specific environmental conditions.

During the international COVID-19 pandemic, the use of telehealth as a delivery method for behavior analysis services increased dramatically. Telehealth allows for more flexible treatment, reduced need to travel long distances especially for rural clients, and convenience for disabled or elderly clients or family members who would otherwise accompany or transport the client for services. TDLR rules have expanded to address in detail standards of care and practice requirements for the provision of behavior analysis by telehealth.

Licensing

The behavior analysts program was established at TDLR in 2017 with the enactment of Senate Bill 589 (85th Legislature). Licensing of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts began in June 2018. As of September 1, 2018, only those who have obtained a TDLR license may use the title "Licensed Behavior Analyst" or "Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst." Several professional groups and individuals specifically listed in the law may practice behavior analysis if they fall under an exemption.

Those who may use the title "Behavior Analyst" in Texas include:

- Behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts licensed by TDLR
- Unlicensed persons who do not provide any direct services to individuals, including:
 - Animal trainers
 - Instructors or researchers
 - Professionals providing general services to organizations

License Type	Fee
Behavior Analyst initial license	\$165
Behavior Analyst license renewal	\$165
Assistant Behavior Analyst initial license	\$110
Assistant Behavior Analyst license renewal	\$110

Certification Requirements

The Department recognizes the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) and the Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board (QABA) as certifying entities for behavior analyst for a behavior analyst license.

Human Trafficking Prevention Training Course

House Bill 2059, passed in the 86th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, requires all Behavior Analysts to complete an HHSC approved one-hour Human Trafficking Prevention Training Course as a requirement for license renewal.

Advisory Board

The **Behavior Analyst Advisory Board** has nine members serving staggered six-year terms, which includes:

- four licensed behavior analysts, at least one of whom must have been certified as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst—Doctoral™ for at least five years or hold an equivalent certification issued by the certifying entity;
- one licensed assistant behavior analyst;
- one physician who has experience providing mental health or behavioral health services; and,
- three members who represent the public and who are either former recipients of applied behavior analysis services or the parent or guardian of a current or former recipient of applied behavior analysis services.