



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT A GLANCE

Statutes: Chapter 1952, Occupations Code

Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 62

Practice Act? No

Title Act? Yes

TDLR Inspections? No

Number of Licensees: 2,980 (FY 25)

CEO: 2,770

CEO In Training: 210

Webpage: www.tdlr.texas.gov/ceo

Overview:

A person cannot claim to be a code enforcement officer or use the title "code enforcement officer" in Texas unless the person holds a certificate of registration from TDLR, except under certain circumstances.

TDLR rules establish registration requirements, training courses, and standards of conduct for engaging in code enforcement. TDLR rules also establish the responsibilities of code enforcement supervisors and supervisees.

History

The Code Enforcement Officers (CEO) program was moved to TDLR by Senate Bill 202 (84R), which transferred thirteen programs to TDLR from the Department of State Health Services.

TDLR assumed all activities relating to the Code Enforcement Officers program, including registration and renewals, customer service, and enforcement on November 1, 2017.

Registration:

To be registered as a code enforcement officer, an applicant must:

- submit a completed application on a department-approved form;
- have at least one year of full-time experience in the field of code enforcement on the date they apply;
- successfully pass a criminal history background check;
- pass the required examination;
- submit the required fee;
- successfully complete the training program; and
- complete all requirements within one year of the date the application is filed.

To be registered as a code enforcement officer in training, an applicant must:

- submit a completed application on a department-approved form;
- successfully pass a criminal history background check;
- submit a completed verification of supervision form that shows the name of the applicant and each supervisor, the registration number of each supervisor (if applicable), primary location and address from which code enforcement services will be provided, and a description of code enforcement duties to be rendered;

- pass the required examination;
- submit the required fee;
- successfully complete the training program; and
- complete all requirements within one year of the date the application is filed.

Training:

An applicant must complete a training program in code enforcement from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). The training program consists of 36 classroom or laboratory hours covering the following subjects:

- zoning and zoning ordinance enforcement;
- sign regulations;
- home occupations;
- housing codes and ordinances;
- building abatement;
- nuisance violations;
- abandoned vehicles;
- junk vehicles;
- health ordinances;
- basic processes of law related to code enforcement; and
- principles and procedures to be followed when possessing or carrying a bite stick.

Continuing Education:

Each registered code enforcement officer must complete at least 12 continuing education hours, within the 24 months preceding renewal of a registration, at least one hour of which must be in legal or legislative issues.

Each registered code enforcement officer in training must complete at least 6 continuing education hours, within the 12 months preceding renewal of a registration, at least one hour of which must be in legal or legislative issues.



Registration	Fees
Code Enforcement Officer Initial Application (2 years)	\$100
Code Enforcement Officer Renewal (2 years)	\$75
Code Enforcement Officer In Training Initial Application (1 year)	\$50
Code Enforcement Officer In Training Renewal (1 year)	\$50
Upgrade registration from Code Enforcement Officer In Training to Code Enforcement Officer (2 years)	\$100

The **Code Enforcement Officers Advisory Board** has nine members serving staggered six-year terms, which includes:

- five registered code enforcement officers;
- one structural engineer or licensed architect;
- two consumers, one of which must be a certified building official; and
- one person involved in the education and training of code enforcement officers.