



REGISTERED ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST AT A GLANCE

Statutes: Chapter 469, Government Code

Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 68

Practice Act? No

Title Act? No

Number of licensees: 594 (FY 25)

Webpage: www.tdlr.texas.gov/ab

RAS Registration	Fee
Application for Certificate of Registration	\$300
Registration Renewal	\$250

Texas Accessibility Academy

The Texas Accessibility Academy is a two-day comprehensive study of the Elimination of Architectural Barriers Act, program administrative Rules and the 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). Presented by staff from TLDR's Architectural Barriers Program, the course includes information about how the Act and TAS relate to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The Act and TAS are relevant to public and commercial buildings and facilities, but do not apply to private residences.

The class offers 16 hours of continuing education for registered accessibility specialists (RAS) and for design professionals who may self-report continuing education credits.

Check out the Texas Accessibility Academy at:

<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/ab/taa.htm>

Registered Accessibility Specialist

A person seeking TDLR certification as a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- any one of the following:
 - a degree in architecture, engineering, interior design, landscape architecture, or equivalent, and a minimum of one year of experience related to building inspection, building planning, accessibility design or review, accessibility inspection, or equivalent; or
 - eight years of experience related to building inspection, building planning, accessibility design or review, accessibility inspection, or equivalent; or
 - four years of experience related to building inspection, building planning, accessibility design or review, accessibility inspection, or equivalent, and certification as an accessibility inspector/ plans examiner granted by a model building code organization;
 - complete the application and pay all required fees; and
- pass an examination approved by the department.

A RAS will be hired by an owner to perform plan reviews or inspection services to verify compliance with the Texas Accessibility Standards and Administration Code Rule 68. They will then issue reports of their findings to the owner and TDLR.