



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & REGULATION



TDLR AT A GLANCE

Statutes: Chapter 51, Occupations Code

Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 55; Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 60

Programs Regulated: 41

Number of Licensees: 1,020,822 (FY 25)

Full-time Equivalents: 937.20 authorized

Overview:

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) licenses and regulates a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. Chapter 51 of the Texas Occupations Code establishes TDLR and its responsibilities.

TDLR's philosophy is that smaller, smarter government—that is efficient, innovative, and minimizes interference with the business affairs of licensees—best serves the citizens of Texas.

The agency's employees strive to protect the health and safety of all Texans and ensure they are served by qualified and competent

professionals. Employees conduct inspections, enforce regulations, develop examinations, provide specialized technical expertise, and deliver outstanding customer service, in addition to performing countless other tasks and modeling "next best practices" that keep the agency operating efficiently.

TDLR's responsibilities continue to expand, with the addition of the Texas Lottery, Charitable Bingo, Residential Solar Retailers and Delivery Network Companies programs as of Sept. 1, 2025.

Programs Regulated

Licensees

Air Conditioning/Refrigeration	60,552
Athletic Trainers	4,591
Auctioneers	2,121
Barbering & Cosmetology	418,635
Behavior Analysts	6,638
Boiler Safety	51,847
Code Enforcement Officers	2,980
Combative Sports	1,267
Court-Ordered Programs	1,991
Dietitians	10,332
Driver Education & Safety	3,427
Dyslexia Therapists & Practitioners	1,406
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	86
Electricians	227,117
Elevator / Escalator Safety	44,217
Elimination of Architectural Barriers	25,450
Hearing Instrument Fitters & Dispensers	1,038
Industrialized Housing & Buildings	924
Laser Hair Removal	6,171
Licensed Breeders	168
Lottery & Charitable Bingo	21,424

Programs Regulated

Licensees

Massage Therapists	48,797
Midwives	413
Mold Assessors & Remediators	5,646
Motor Fuel Metering & Quality	13,787
Motorcycle and ATV Operator Safety	394
Orthotists & Prosthetists	894
Podiatric Medicine	1,610
Professional Employer Organizations	462
Property Tax Consultants	2,318
Property Tax Professionals	4,010
Residential Solar Retailer	n/a
Sanitarians	1,416
Service Contract Providers	533
Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists	27,597
Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	14,232
Towing & Vehicle Storage Facilities	31,755
Transportation & Delivery Network Companies	16
Used Automotive Parts Recyclers	664
Water Well Drillers & Pump Installers	2,381
Weather Modification	12

The **Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation** has seven volunteer members appointed by the Governor of Texas, each serving staggered six-year terms.

Each member of the commission is a member of the general public. A person is not eligible for appointment as a member of the commission if the person or their spouse: is regulated by the department; is employed by or manages a business entity or other organization regulated by or receiving funds from the department; owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than a 10-percent interest in a business entity or other organization regulated by or receiving funds from the department; uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible goods, services, or funds from the department, other than compensation or reimbursement authorized by law for commission membership, attendance, or expenses; or is an employee of the department.

Advisory Boards

TDLR's advisory boards consist of licensees, representatives from regulated businesses and industries, members of the public, and other professionals. Advisory board members provide important technical knowledge and industry expertise and give the Commission and TDLR staff real-world insight. Input from each advisory board is critical in helping TDLR effectively carry out our mission and achieve our vision. Commission members also attend and participate in advisory board meetings to better understand our regulated occupations and industries, increase knowledge-sharing, and ensure open lines of communication.



DOG & CAT BREEDING IS REGULATED IN TEXAS

