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TDLR Releases New List Of Revoked Licenses

Complete TDLR list available online

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) has released the newest list of people who are no longer authorized to perform or offer to perform licensed services in Texas. This latest list includes actions TDLR has taken since April 2022 to safeguard consumers and protect public health and safety.

TDLR obtained lifetime revocations for three people who had been licensed as massage therapists:

- Jimmy Simerskey of Spring had his massage therapist and massage instructor licenses permanently revoked and was assessed an administrative penalty of \$15,000. Simerskey engaged in sexual contact during a session with a client at least four times. He also failed to provide an initial consultation document to each client and failed to obtain an updated client consultation document after the client’s reason for seeking massage therapy changed. He also made a misleading statement about the practice of massage therapy.
- Emmanuel Ponce of Houston is banned from offering or performing massage therapy services or owning a massage establishment for the remainder of his lifetime. Ponce engaged in sexual contact during a massage therapy session with a client.
- Defu Lu’s massage student permit was revoked and he is permanently restricted from practicing massage therapy or owning a massage establishment. He was also assessed an administrative penalty of \$2,500. Lu engaged in sexual contact during a session with a client.

Anyone listed on the Safeguarding Texans page is not authorized to perform, or offer to perform, licensed services in Texas. Please see <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/safeguardingconsumers.htm> for additional details on each action.

Licenses Revoked Since April 2022

License Type	City
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	Austin

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Electricians	Balch Springs, Greenville, Harker Heights, Mission
Elimination of Architectural Barriers (Registered Accessibility Specialist)	Richmond
Massage Establishment	El Paso (2), Round Rock, Spring
Massage Therapist	Houston, Kingwood, Round Rock

Cease and Desist Orders Issued Since April 2022

License Type	City
Electricians	Livingston
Massage Establishment	Houston (2)

TDLR maintains a database so that consumers can protect themselves against using unlicensed service providers. To see ALL violations by licensees – including license revocations, suspensions, and fines – search TDLR’s Administrative Orders database (<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cimsfo/fosearch.asp>).

To report unlicensed activity, or if you have a complaint against a TDLR licensee, file a complaint online: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/complaints/>.

About TDLR

TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 37 business and occupational licensing programs with almost 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR’s [website](#) for more information and resources. You can search the [TDLR licensee database](#), and also find [past violations](#) in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR’s Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Mandarin.

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