



Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation 4th Quarter Update October 4, 2012

- Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Executive Director Bill Kuntz presented the agency's legislative appropriations request on 2 October to a joint budget hearing that included staff from the Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Office of the Speaker, Senate Finance Committee, House Committee on Appropriations, and Legislative Budget Board.
- The Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation met on 26 September. Senate Business and Commerce Committee Director Steven Polunsky attended the meeting and presented to the Commission during public comment concerns Chairman John Carona has regarding implementation of the Licensed Breeders program. The Commission took the following actions during the meeting:
 - Approved new criminal conviction guidelines for the Licensed Breeders program.
 - Approved revised penalty matrices for the Towing, Vehicle Storage Facility, and Booting program.
 - Approved the following advisory board member appointments:
 - Stacey Mighty Malcolm of Katy (public member) to the Electrical Safety and Licensing Advisory Committee.
 - Stephanie Palmer of Wills Point (licensed breeder) to the Licensed Breeders Advisory Committee.
 - Philip G. Pearce of College Station (consumer); Andrew I. Combs, P.E., of Carrollton (building professional); Jim Durham of Waco (consumer); and B. Todd Gritch of Dallas (building professional) to the Architectural Barriers Advisory Committee.
 - John Pyburn of Manvel (representative of the Gulf Coast) and David C. Vasquez of Sugar Land (public member) to the Water Well Drillers Advisory Council.Video of the Commission meeting is at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/meetings.htm#prevtclr>.
- The Barber and Cosmetology schools performance and refund study report required by Senate Bill 1170 by Carona was issued on 31 August. The report, entitled *Barber and Cosmetology Schools: Performance and Refund Study*, is available at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/cosmet/RefundStudy.pdf>.
- As of 1 October, TDLR has received 136 Licensed Breeders program applications and has issued 75 licenses. Eleven licensees hold a Class A U.S. Department of Agriculture breeder license. The Licensed Breeders program was enacted through House Bill 1451 by Thompson/Whitmire during the 82nd Texas Legislature's Regular Session in 2011. Licensing requirements under HB 1451 took effect on 1 September 2012. Information about the Licensed Breeders program is at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/bre/bre.htm>.

- Effective 15 October, individuals who apply for a Licensed Court Interpreter (LCI) license are required to complete the LCI Orientation Course, information about which is at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/court/lciOrientationCourse.htm>, prior to taking the written and practical exams.
- Effective 1 November, HB 2643 by Hamilton/Watson changes the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors law to require applicants to have at least 48 months of practical experience working under the supervision of a licensed AC contractor, within the preceding 72 months. The bill also added provisions that allow TDLR to substitute some experience for education in various certification programs and degrees, and to accept experience earned in apprenticeship programs, military service, and government employment. Information about the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors program is at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/acr/acr.htm>.
- On 16 October, Executive Director Bill Kuntz will participate on a state agency leadership panel to discuss “Innovative Ideas to Meet the Challenges of the 83rd Legislature” at the 8th Biennial Legislative Communication Conference sponsored by Strategic Partnerships and The University of Texas at Austin’s Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

TDLR Licensing Performance Measures FY 2010-2012

	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
Percent of New Individual Licenses Issued in 10 Days	97.2%	97.0%	96.8%
Percent of Individual Licenses Renewed in 7 Days	98.4%	98.8%	99.1%
Percent of New Individual Licenses Issued Online	63.0%	67.6%	69.7%
Percent of Individuals Licensees Renewed Online	85.0%	91.5%	92.2%
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	112,665	107,299	114,997
Number of Renewed Licenses Issued to Individuals	205,573	204,947	215,822
Number of New Licenses Issued to Facilities	46,206	46,457	49,079
Number of Renewed Licenses Issued to Facilities	117,903	120,572	128,078
Total Number of Licensed Individuals	416,936	416,390	433,154
Total Number of Licensed Facilities	219,246	223,805	234,352
Total Licensed Population	636,182	640,195	667,506

TDLR Licensee Population by Program for FY 2010-2012

	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	45,961	48,064	50,398
Architectural Barriers (AB projects registered are cumulative each year)	16,769	18,356	19,728
Auctioneers	2,377	2,437	2,530
Automotive Parts Recyclers	1,834	2,872	3,437
Barbers	25,400	25,554	26,811
Boilers	55,176	55,111	54,531
Combative Sports	2,870	2,931	3,053
Continuing Education Providers and Courses	1,262	1,299	1,278
Cosmetology	274,826	281,260	301,832
Electricians	113,893	110,574	111,354
Elevators	31,387	31,947	35,793
Identity Recovery Service Providers	0	1	2
Industrialized Housing and Buildings	551	538	567
Licensed Breeders	License required September 1, 2012		18 as of 8/31 25 as of 9/17
Licensed Court Interpreters	542	533	544
Legal Service Contracts	16,113	12,240	9,668
Loss Damage Waivers	55	64	57
Polygraph Examiners	269	265	257
Property Tax Consultants	1,579	1,539	1,533
Property Tax Professionals	4,101	4,037	3,977
Service Contract Providers	266	271	302
Staff Leasing Services	327	353	363
Temporary Common Worker Employers	132	97	108
Towing	30,739	31,029	30,937
Vehicle Protection Products	44	38	45
Vehicle Storage Facilities	6,987	6,184	5,786
Water Well Drillers & Pump Installers	2,434	2,457	2,579
Weather Modification Services	18	20	18
TOTAL LICENSEE POPULATION	636,182	640,195	667,506