



Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

Quarterly Update to the Senate Business & Commerce Committee April 2014

Commission Rule Adoptions to Implement Laws Enacted by the 83rd Texas Legislature

On 3 April the [Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation](#) approved the following rules changes in [16 Texas Administrative Code](#) to implement laws enacted by the 83rd Texas Legislature:

- Adoption of amendments to existing rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 82, §§82.10, 82.20 - 82.23, 82.31, 82.70 - 82.72, 82.80 and 82.120 regarding mini-barbershop and mini-dual shop licensing, distance education, hair braiding instructor curriculum, examination and licensing requirements, and hair braiding barber school equipment requirements to implement statutory changes made by [House Bill 2095](#) regarding the **Barbering program**.
- Adoption of amendments to existing rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 83, §§83.10, 83.22, 83.31, 83.52, 83.53, 83.71, 83.72, 83.80, 83.100, 83.101, 83.103, 83.109 and 83.120 regarding salon licensing, mini-salon licensing, and distance education to implement statutory changes made by [House Bill 2095](#) regarding the **Cosmetology program**.
- Adoption of amendments to existing rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 70, §§70.10, 70.25, 70.50, 70.51, 70.62, 70.70, 70.73-70.75, and 70.78 to implement statutory changes made by [Senate Bill 672](#), relating to the [Industrialized Housing and Buildings \(IHB\) program](#).

******Attached is a document, "TDLR 83rd Session Bill Implementation Status," with details about the implementation of legislation relating to TDLR and its programs that was enacted in 2013 by the 83rd Texas Legislature.***

Commission Advisory Board Appointments

On 20 February, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation approved the following advisory board appointments:

- Joel Lemley of Blackwell was appointed as an Auctioneer to the [Auctioneer Education Advisory Board](#) for a term that expires on 1 September 2015.
- Doulgas E. Oldmixon of Austin was appointed as the State Agency Executive Director/Representative Position-Texas Real Estate Commission on the [Auctioneer Education Advisory Board](#) for an indefinite term.
- Cora Lee Walters of Spring was appointed as a Public Member to the [Advisory Board on Cosmetology](#) for a term that expires 29 September 2019.
- Bryan Morris of El Paso was reappointed as a licensed or registered engineer and as Chairman of the [Elevator Advisory Board](#) for a term that expires 1 November 2016.
- Scott Anderson of Houston was appointed as a public member to the [Elevator Advisory Board](#) for a term that expires on 1 November 2016.
- Grayson Gill, Jr., of Dallas was appointed as an Owner/Manager of a Building Six Stories or Less to the [Elevator Advisory Board](#) for a term that expires 1 November 2016.
- Greg Gamez of San Antonio was appointed as an Equipment Constructor to the [Elevator Advisory Board](#) for a term that expires 1 November 2016.
- Lawrence Taylor of Leander was appointed as a Certified Elevator Inspector to the [Elevator Advisory Board](#) for a term that expires on 1 November 2015.
- William Teigen of Dallas was reappointed as a Commercial Polygraph Examiner and as Chairman of the [Polygraph Advisory Committee](#) for a term that expires on 1 September 2019.
- Alicia Ann Coleman of Grand Prairie was appointed as a Public Member to the [Polygraph Advisory Committee](#) for a term that expires on 1 September 2019.
- Sharon Brank of Killeen was appointed as a Government Polygraph Examiner to the [Polygraph Advisory Committee](#) for a term that expires 1 September 2017.

Advisory Board Meetings

- On 1 January the [Texas Weather Modification Advisory Committee](#) met to receive public comment and staff reports, and to recommend that the Commission approve two weather modification licenses for the City of Wichita Falls, a weather modification license for the Seeding Operations and Atmospheric Research Program, and a weather modification license for the West Texas Weather Modification Association.
- On 23 February the [Advisory Board on Cosmetology](#) met to receive public comment and staff reports and to recommend for publication in the Texas Register and public comment amendments to existing rules for implementation of legislation enacted by the 83rd Texas Legislature.
- On 23 February the [Advisory Board on Barbering](#) met to receive public comment and staff reports and to recommend for publication in the Texas Register and public comment amendments to existing rules for implementation of legislation enacted by the 83rd Texas Legislature.
- On 26 February the [Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors Advisory Board](#) met to receive public comment and staff reports, to request licensing population totals and growth rates, and to receive a work group update regarding proposed rules amendments to adopt 2012 code updates.

Upcoming Commission and Advisory Board Meetings

Information about scheduled Commission and advisory board meetings is available on the [Meeting Agendas, Minutes and RealAudio Files link](#) on the TDLR website, which contains upcoming meeting agendas, a [RealPlayer meeting broadcast link](#) to watch meetings, and minutes from the most recently completed meetings. Commission and advisory board meetings typically meet in the 1st Floor Public Meeting Room (Room 125E) of [TDLR's North Campus](#), located at 1106 Clayton Lane in Austin.

Currently scheduled Commission and Advisory Board meetings are as follows:

- 23 April at 10 a.m.: [Towing, Storage and Boating Advisory Board](#)
- 28 April at 9 a.m.: [Advisory Board on Cosmetology](#)
- 28 April at 2 p.m.: [Advisory Board on Barbering](#)
- 28 May at 8 a.m.: [Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation](#)
- 5 June at : [Texas Weather Modification Advisory Committee](#)

Military Licensing

TDLR has updated its licensing procedures to help military service members and military veterans become licensed to work in Texas using their military service, training, and education and is also helping more military spouses become licensed and get to work quickly in Texas if they hold a license issued by another state or jurisdiction with licensing requirements substantially equivalent to Texas. These changes were authorized by these bills enacted in 2013 by the 83rd Texas Legislature: [Senate Bill 162](#), [Senate Bill 242](#), [House Bill 2029](#), and [House Bill 2254](#).

TDLR currently accepts verified military experience for licenses in these programs:

- [Air Conditioning and Refrigeration](#)
- [Architectural Barriers](#)
- [Barbering](#)
- [Electricians](#)
- [Polygraph Examiners](#); and
- [Water Well Drillers and Pump Installers](#).

Beginning May 1, 2014, TDLR will issue a temporary license or license by endorsement or reciprocity to master and journeyman electrician applicants who:

- have verified military experience, *and*
- hold a license issued by another jurisdiction with substantially equivalent license requirements to Texas

Applicants who meet these requirements will *not* have to take the Texas licensing examination.

The new military spouse law applies to the spouse of a person who is currently serving:

- in the armed forces of the United States,
- in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, *or*
- in the state military service of any state.

This new law extends the military spouse licensing opportunity to a broader group of military spouses. A law passed in 2011 applied only to the spouse of a person currently serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Information and FAQ's about TDLR military service, training, education credit, and military spouse licensing is available on the [TDLR Military Information webpage](#).

Texas Polygraph Summit

On 18 March, TDLR officials hosted the first ever Texas Polygraph Summit, a one-day event attended by over 50 persons at TDLR's Twin Towers public meeting room in Austin. Seven presentations were made at the Summit by officials regarding deception detection and truth verification devices use around the world including polygraph analyzers, psychological stress analyzers, voice stress analyzers, and video stress analyzers. The goal of the Summit was to help TDLR officials and the [Polygraph Advisory Committee](#) to begin to develop licensing rules and procedures to implement the provision of [Senate Bill 562](#) that requires licensing under the Polygraph Examiners Act of any person who for compensation or law enforcement purpose uses an instrument to detect deception or to verify the truth of a statement.

TDLR Strategic Planning

During March, TDLR held regional, face-to-face strategic planning sessions throughout the state with licensees and external stakeholders. On 17 March, sessions were held in Lubbock and McAllen; on 24 March sessions were held in Houston and Dallas; and on 31 March a session was held in Austin.

These open, interactive sessions helped TDLR to shape its vision and chart the course for the agency's next five years. Questions asked of all participants at these sessions included:

- *What are we doing well?*
- *What can we do better?*
- *What changes would you make to TDLR if you were king or queen for a day?*
- *Over the next five years, what major changes will affect the way you do business and the services we provide?*

To expand the ways that TDLR licensees and the public to make their voices heard in the TDLR strategic planning process, TDLR used [ImagineTDLR](#), a website on which anyone could give feedback, post ideas, ask questions, and interact with other participants. Other conversations about TDLR strategic planning were also held on the [TDLR Facebook page](#).