

NEW!!

Online Apprenticeship Training

You can now provide your technician apprentices and other employees with an opportunity to receive 20 hours of in-depth, online training to fulfill the 20 hours of “classroom” training required by the Texas Structural Pest Control Service, effective September 1, 2000, as established by Section 7.133 (h) (1) of the Texas Structural Pest Control Act. In addition, untrained personnel from local and state governments, industry, and institutions (such as school districts) will benefit greatly from participation in this training program.

Apprentice—According to Structural Pest Control Laws and Regulations, an apprentice is a person, who is registered by a business or noncommercial entity to train for a technician license, has not passed the technician examination, and who performs pest control services under the direct supervision of a licensed technician or a certified applicator. An apprentice may work only for the business or noncommercial entity for which they are registered.

TDA RULE §7.133 Technician License Requirements (abridged)

- (a) An apprentice is a beginning employee, whose training program is the responsibility of the responsible certified applicator and who may be trained by and work under the direct supervision of licensed applicators and technicians.
 - (b) An apprentice must be at least 16 years of age.
 - (c) An apprentice must be able to demonstrate proficiency in reading U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved pesticide labels and warnings.
 - (d) An apprentice must submit an application for technician license within ten (10) days of beginning employment.
 - (g) An apprentice card will be issued by the department for one (1) year from the date employment began when all of the above requirements are met and processed.
 - (h) Apprentices must not perform any pest control work without the physical presence of a licensed technician or a certified applicator...
- (4) an apprentice may maintain an apprentice card for a maximum of twelve (12) months. If an apprentice has not passed the requirements to become a licensed technician in the twelve (12) month period, the individual may be re-registered as an apprentice and complete all training requirements for an apprentice. Previous training credit may not be applied to this requirement.

Prepare your pest management personnel to be successful professionals, register today! **To register for this NEW course, call our office at 979-845-1099. The course is \$395 per participant and includes manuals B-5073 General Standards and B-6135 Structural Laws and Regulations (free shipping).** Once you have registered for the course, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Conference Services will email you a confirmation of your registration, a receipt and the course enrollment key. The course(s) will be delivered through The Extension Online Campus located at <http://campus.extension.org>. Students will need to create an account at <http://campus.extension.org/login/signup.php> before class begins.

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