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## Applicator Exam Locations

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### Always call in advance to confirm dates and availability

Texas Department of Agriculture  
1700 N. Congress Ave.  
Austin, TX 78701  
1-800-TELL-TDA  
<http://www.TexasAgriculture.gov>  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month; other days by appointment

#### REGION 1

West Texas TDA Regional Office  
4502 Englewood Ave., Lubbock, Texas 79414  
(806) 799-8555  
Call for appointment

Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center  
6500 Amarillo Blvd., West  
Amarillo, TX 79106  
(806) 358-7285

Taylor County Extension Office  
1982 Lytle Way  
Abilene, Texas 79602  
(806) 799-8555

Ector County Extension Office  
1010 East 8th St.  
Odessa, Texas 79761  
(806) 799-8555

El Paso TDA Office  
10800 Socorro Road, El Paso, Texas 79927  
(915) 859-3942

#### REGION 2

North Texas TDA Regional Office  
Regal Tech Center,  
1720 Regal Row, Suite 118  
Dallas, Texas 75235  
(214) 631-0265

Stephenville TDA Office  
241 E. McNeill Street  
Stephenville, Texas 76401  
(254) 965-5097

Tyler TDA Office  
3323 S. Southwest Loop 323  
Tyler, Texas 75701  
(903) 939-3999

Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
Courthouse Annex  
600 Scott St., Ste. 200  
Wichita Falls, TX 76301  
(214) 631-0265

#### REGION 3

Gulf Coast TDA Regional Office  
Elias Ramirez State Office Building  
5425 Polk Avenue  
Houston, TX 77023  
(713) 921-8200  
by appointment Monday-Friday

**Call (713) 921-8200 for appointments at the three locations below.**

Harris County Extension Office  
#2 Abercrombie  
Houston, Texas 77084

Producers Coop  
1800 North Texas Ave.  
Bryan, Texas 77803  
2nd Wednesday

Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center  
1509 Aggie Dr.  
Beaumont, Texas 77713

#### REGION 4

South Central Texas TDA Regional Office  
8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 120  
San Antonio, Texas 78217  
(210) 820-0288

Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center  
1619 Garner Field Road  
Uvalde, TX 78802-1849  
(210) 820-0288

Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center  
7887 Hwy. 87 North  
San Angelo, TX 76901-9782  
(210) 820-0288

#### REGION 5

Valley Regional TDA Office  
900-B E. Expressway 83  
San Juan, Texas 78589  
(956) 787-8866

Corpus Christi TDA Office  
5155 Flynn Parkway, Suite 100  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411  
(361) 851-2745

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Hearing impaired please call (800)735-2988 (voice)  
or (800)735-2989 (TDD)

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**Todd Staples, Commissioner**

## Commercial, Noncommercial and Noncommercial Political Subdivision Applicator Agricultural Licensing

The Texas Department of Agriculture licenses pesticide applicators who use restricted-use and state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides for the following purposes:

- aerial application
- agriculture
- aquatic pest control
- ornamental plant and turf production
- forestry
- right-of-way maintenance
- research
- regulatory pest control
- seed treatment, commodity fumigation
- education and research

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## Definitions

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*Commercial applicator:* operates a business or is employed by a business that applies restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides to property of another person for compensation.

*Noncommercial applicator:* must be licensed because he or she applies restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides but does not qualify as a commercial applicator or private applicator.

*Noncommercial Political Subdivision applicator:* must be employed by a political subdivision of the state of Texas or of a federal agency operating in Texas.

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## Agricultural Pest Control Categories

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1. Agricultural Pest Control
  - A. Field Crop Pest Control
  - B. Fruit, Nut and Vegetable Pest Control
  - C. Weed & Brush Control in pasture and rangeland
  - D. Predatory Animal Control
  - E. Farm Storage Pest Control and Fumigation
  - F. Animal Pest Control
  - G. Citrus Pest Control
  - H. Livestock Protection Collar
  - I. M-44
2. Forest Pest Control
3. Ornamental Plant and Turf Pest Control
  - A. Plant Pest & Weed Control
  - B. Greenhouse Pest Control
4. Seed Treatments
5. Right-of-way Pest Control

6. Aquatic Pest Control
  - A. Aquatic Plant and Animal Pest Control
  - B. Anti-fouling Paint
7. Demonstration and Research
8. Regulatory Pest Control
9. Aerial Application
10. Chemigation
11. Chlorine Gas

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## Licensing Requirements

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Applicants for a commercial applicator license must:

1. Pass the TDA general exam, laws and regulations exam and at least one category/subcategory exam other than aerial application or demonstration & research pest control;
2. Provide the required certification of financial responsibility;
3. Submit an application with a nonrefundable fee of \$180; and
4. Not have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude in the last five years.
5. Submit or have employer submit an Applicator Business Registration.

Applicants for a noncommercial applicator license must:

1. Pass the TDA general exam, laws and regulations exam and at least one category/subcategory exam other than aerial application or demonstration & research pest control; and
2. Submit application with \$120 fee.

Applicants for a noncommercial political subdivision applicator license must:

1. Pass the TDA general exam, laws and regulations exam and at least one category/subcategory exam other than aerial application or demonstration & research pest control; and
2. Submit application with \$12 fee.

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## Exam Preparation

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Study materials for license exams may be purchased from Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Obtain order form D-1405 from a county Extension office or: Extension Agricultural and Environmental Safety Program  
P.O. Drawer FS,  
College Station, Texas 77841  
Phone: (979)845-1099  
Fax: (979)845-6251  
[www-aes.tamu.edu](http://www-aes.tamu.edu)

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## Testing

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TDA offices offer monthly testing. Applicants must be able to read and comprehend the subject matter; oral tests are not given. A passing grade is 70 or above.

There is no test fee for the general or laws and regulations exams. A \$24 fee is charged before testing for each category or subcategory exam. NCPS applicators are exempt from exam fees.

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## Application for License

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After passing the general exam, laws and regulations exam and at least one category other than aerial application or demonstration & research pest control, the applicator must submit a license application with the appropriate license fee. In addition, commercial applicators must provide certification of financial responsibility in the amount of \$100,000 property damage and \$100,000 bodily injury per occurrence.

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## Expiration

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A license expires annually on the anniversary of the date on which it was issued or renewed.

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## Recertification Requirements

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Licensed commercial, noncommercial and NCPS applicators are required to recertify every year by obtaining five continuing education credits, with one credit each from two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management or drift minimization.