



**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
LICENSING & REGULATION**



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Fees

Initial fee for application and registration:

- sanitarian in training--\$120;
- registered sanitarian--\$130.

Registration renewal fee:

- sanitarian in training--\$100;
- registered sanitarian--\$110.

Fee to upgrade from a sanitarian in training to a sanitarian--\$25.

NOTE: Rule change in process for (3).

A duplicate/replacement fee for registration certificate--\$25.

§119.21 Registration Requirements

Eligibility:

- possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university including at least thirty (30) semester hours or its equivalent in a basic or applied science;
- possess at least two years of full-time experience in the fields of consumer health, environmental health, or sanitation. Regularly assigned duties must have included consumer health, environmental health, or sanitation. The applicant need not have had the title "sanitarian" or "sanitarian in training".

Acceptable Sanitarian Experience

(A) regulatory inspections or evaluations of retail food establishments; retail grocery stores; food warehousing facilities; food manufacturing facilities; food service at special events; mobile food service vehicles and facilities; producer dairy farms; dairy product manufacturing facilities; frozen dessert manufacturing facilities; on-site sewage facilities; asbestos abatement processes; mass gathering events; industrial pretreatment processes (sewage); municipal sewage facilities and wastewater plants; public and semi-public swimming pools; child care facilities; long term care facilities; hospitals; correctional facilities; public and private schools; youth camps; and recreational areas for children; radiation hazards, including lasers and microwaves; and private and public water systems;

(B) site evaluation and design of on-site sewage system facilities as specified in Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules;

(C) Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems or processes;

(D) investigation of food borne illnesses; water borne illnesses; vector borne illnesses; zoonotic illnesses; food product contamination or adulteration; the environmental conditions surrounding reported elevated blood lead in children and adults; consumer, governmental agency or industry complaints; and animal bites;

Acceptable Sanitarian Experience (Cont.)

(E) performance of vector control activities related to mosquitoes, flies and rodents; environmental assessments; code enforcement activities; and food handler or certified food service manager training;

(F) first responder to hazardous material spills and incidents; and natural and man-made disasters; or

(G) regulatory review of plans and specifications for food establishments; plans and specifications for public, semi-public and private swimming pools; and plans and specifications for on-site sewage systems facilities;

Sanitarian Educational Requirements

§119.23 Educational Requirements

Courses acceptable to meet the initial educational requirements include the following:

air pollution	anatomy	animal science	bacteriology	biochemistry
biology	biomedical	biostatistics	biophysics	botany
cell physiology	chemical eng.	chemistry	community health	computer science
dairy science	ecology	embryology	entomology	environ. health
environ.science	environ. diseases	environ.law	epidemiology	food bacteriology
food science	food technology	genetics	geophysics	geology
hazardous waste	histology	hydrogeology	hydrology	industrial hygiene
industrial hygiene	limnology	mathematics	med school	occ. safety
meteorology	microbiology	molecular biology	occ. health	physics
physiology	plant taxonomy	public health	PH education	PH law
pathology	radiological health	sanitary eng.	soil science	statistics
toxicology	vector control	vet med courses	veterinary PH	virology
wastewater	water quality	zoology		

biophysics	computer science	embryology	mathematics beyond algebra	physics
accredited allopathic or osteopathic courses	meteorology	public health education	statistics	veterinary medical courses

Courses Acceptable (Cont.)

No more than six semester hours or its equivalent allowed for these courses

Courses not listed may be submitted for consideration for acceptance by the department.

Courses Not Acceptable:

Courses considered not acceptable are:

anthropology	archaeology	astronomy	education	geography
government	history	kinesiology	languages	physical education
psychology	sociology			

Exam Requirements

§119.24 Examination for Registration

The department reviews all applicants

- Applicants meeting requirements are approved for the exam
- Applicants currently certified by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) do not need to take the exam.

The written examination is currently administered and graded by the department's designee: **Prometric**

- Alternatively, candidates can go through the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) or designee as a part of their certification process for the REHS/RS.

Exam Requirements Cont.

- The department or its designee shall notifies each applicant of the results of the examination within thirty (30) days of the date of the examination.
- A person taking an examination must comply with the department's examination requirements under TDLR's Chapter 60, Subchapter E.

Criminal Background Checks

Sanitarian and Sanitarians in Training Crimes that can prevent licensure

Crimes involving fraud, deceptive trade/business practices, or abuse of office.

Crimes involving bribery, forgery, tampering with a governmental record, or perjury.

Crimes involving environmental law violations or affecting public health.

Crimes against the person such as homicide, kidnapping, assault or crimes involving negligent or reckless use of a motor vehicle.

Crimes against property such as arson, theft, or burglary.

Crimes involving the delivery, possession, manufacturing, or use of controlled substances or dangerous drugs.

Crimes involving being impaired or intoxicated by use of alcohol, drugs, or dangerous substances.

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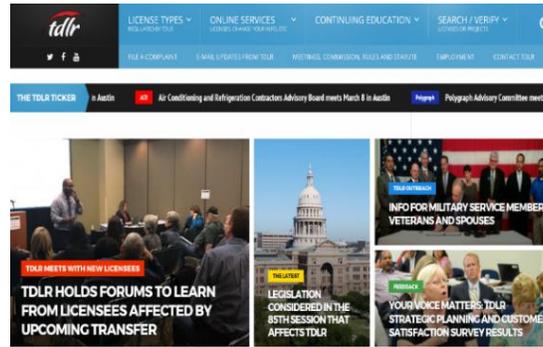
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