



Architectural Barriers Program Requirements

Making your new, addition, or renovation construction project accessible for persons with disabilities is required by a State law called the Elimination of Architectural Barriers Act. The Act has a set of standards that must be met, known as the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). Here is the link to the TAS: <http://www.tdlr.texas.gov/ab/abtas.htm>

The Act is governed through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). TDLR does not administer or enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which is federally regulated. TAS compliance is generally a three-step process: (1) Registration, (2) Plan Review, and (3) Inspection.

To register a project, you must register online at: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/TABS/>. Users must register in TABS and create a user account to access the system. A valid email address is required to log in and manage your projects in TABS. All email notifications from TABS regarding your projects will go to that email address. It is essential that you create or designate an email address that you will be able to access for all TABS related notices.

The \$175 registration fee (\$300 late registration fee) must be paid with a credit card during online registration. This fee is processed through the Comptroller's website and is non-refundable.

Online registration also requires the designation of a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS), who will provide the plan review and inspection for your project. Here is a link to our online listing of qualified RAS: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/LicenseSearch/>

Use the first "drop down" menu to find Registered Accessibility Specialist. You may also search for a RAS by city or by county. Once you find your geographic listing of RAS, their contact information appears next to each name.

To complete online registration, you must provide the license number of your chosen RAS. The RAS chosen must be registered within the TABS system

in order to be selected. Once you "submit" the online registration, the RAS will be automatically notified by email and through TABS. The RAS has the option, so they may or may not contact you. Each RAS may handle registration differently. You are not obligated to use the RAS from the original online registration and you may choose a different RAS for plan review and/or inspection. A RAS generally will not provide plan review or inspection services for your project until they are paid or have a contract assuring payment for their services.

After registration, the RAS will guide you through the final two steps of the process as required by State law: the plan review and the inspection. **Please contact your RAS directly for information on their TDLR/TAS services.**

We are happy to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have through our TechInfo services by phone or online: 512-539-5669 or techinfo@tdlr.texas.gov

A screenshot of the "TDLR License Data Search" web form. The form has a title bar with the text "TDLR License Data Search (Active Licenses only)" and a navigation bar with links: "Search Help", "Download License files", "Download Other", and "Questions/Comments". The form contains several search criteria sections: "Inquire by License Type" with a dropdown menu currently set to "Registered Accessibility Specialists"; "Inquire by License #" with a text input field and the note "(Numeric only)"; "Inquire by Expiration Date" with a text input field and the format "(mmddyyyy)"; "Inquire by Name (Last, First)" with a text input field; "Inquire by Location (City)" with a dropdown menu labeled "Choose One (Optional)" and a text input field with the prompt "Type the first letter to scroll down."; "Inquire by County" with a dropdown menu labeled "Choose One (Optional)" and a text input field with the prompt "Type the first letter to scroll down."; and "Inquire by Zip Code" with a text input field and the label "equals to". At the bottom right of the form are "Search" and "Reset" buttons.