

Online Apprentice 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 Rule § 7.132 (i) (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 noncom-mercial entity for which they are registered.

TDA RULE §7.132 Requirements for Apprentice Registration

- (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....
- (5) 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 course, go to: "<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>". The course is \$400 per participant and includes manual AES-5073 General Standards (free shipping).**

For questions regarding this course, please call (979)845-3849 or (979)845-1099.