

Out-of-State Licensees: Guidance on Obtaining a license in Texas

The Texas Department of Agriculture does not reciprocate structural pest control licenses. However, an out of state licensee may qualify to test for the Structural Certified Applicator license based on their license history. The Structural Certified Applicator license is the highest structural pest control license in the state of Texas. Combined with the Structural Pest Control Business license, the Structural Certified Applicator license will allow you to operate a pest control business.

To determine your eligibility, you must request a **license history letter** from the state agency that issues your pest control license. The license history letter must be emailed to the Texas Department of Agriculture **directly** from your state's licensing agency. Any license history letter received that has not been emailed directly from your state licensing agency will not be accepted. License history letters must be emailed to eligibility@TexasAgriculture.gov

Once your license history letter has been received, it will be reviewed to determine if you meet the eligibility requirements. You can view the Structural Certified Applicator licensing qualification requirements at the following [link](#).

If it is determined that you meet, the licensing qualifications, you can apply to take the Structural Certified Applicator licensing exam by submitting a license application. To apply online, visit the [TDA eApply](#) website. At the TDA eApply website you will be prompted to select your application type, please be certain to choose the **Certified Applicator (CA) Licenses** under the **Structural Pest Control Services (SPCS)** heading as illustrated in the picture below. If doing services for hire, regardless if the client is residential or commercial, a commercial certified applicator license is required. For those doing services only for their employer on their employer's owned property, a noncommercial certified applicator license is required.

The image shows a screenshot of a web application interface. At the top, there is a green header bar with the text "Please select the type of application you wish to apply for: *". Below this is a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is currently open, showing a list of application types. The "Certified Applicator (CA) Licenses" option is highlighted in blue. The list includes the following categories and items:

- Certified Applicator (CA) Licenses
- Hemp Licenses**
 - Producer License Application
 - Lot Crop Permit Application
 - Handler License Application
 - Handler Sampler License Application
 - Official Sample Request & Sample Transport Manifest Request
 - Processor Registration
 - Transport Manifest Request
- Structural Pest Control Service (SPCS)**
 - Apprentice Registration
- Certified Applicator (CA) Licenses** (highlighted)
- Commercial Business License Application
- AG Pesticide Applicators**
 - Commercial Pesticide Applicator
 - Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator
 - Noncommercial Political Pesticide Applicator
- GO TEXAN**
 - GO TEXAN Membership Application
- Plant Quality**
 - Nursery Floral

You can check your eligibility status or ask for additional information by contacting the TDA via email at SPCS@TexasAgriculture.gov or by telephone at 866-918-4481. For more information regarding the Structural Pest Control Services program please visit our website at www.TexasAgriculture.gov/spcs.