

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
NOTICE OF APPRENTICE EMPLOYMENT (REGISTRATION) & APPLICATION FOR
TECHNICIAN'S LICENSE**

FORM NO. SPT-430

An apprentice is a beginning employee working under the direct supervision of a certified applicator and who is neither a certified applicator nor a licensed technician. A structural pest control business licensee or structural pest control certified noncommercial applicator must furnish notice of employment of an apprentice by the 10th day after the date the apprentice is employed. This notice constitutes registration of the individual with TDA as an apprentice. Additionally, an apprentice must apply for a technician's license by the 10th day after the date of employment. These two requirements are met by filing this one form. Failure to properly register an apprentice or failure to make a timely application for a technician's license may result in assessment of administrative penalties against the employer, the supervising applicator, and the employee.

To furnish the required notice of employment (register an apprentice) and apply for a technician's license, a complete signed and dated Notice of Apprentice Employment & Application for Technician's License (Form No. SPT-430) must be submitted with the required fee. Upon receipt of Form SPT-430, a registration will be issued in the name of the individual appearing under Section B of that form and the application process for a technician's license will be initiated for that individual. The applicant must complete the application process and meet the requirements for a technician's license within 12 months from the date Form SPT-430 is received by TDA.

Training and supervision requirements for apprentices, as well as the examination and other requirements to obtain a technician's license, can be found on our website www.TexasAgriculture.gov and in Section 7.133 of Title 4 of the Texas Administrative Code. For assistance in completing the application, call 1-800-LIC-AGRI (542-2474). For the hearing impaired, call Relay Texas 1-800-735-2988 (voice) or 1-800-735-2989 (TDD/TT).

SECTION A

1. LICENSE TYPE

Check the box for the type of technician license being applied for. It should match the type of work performed by the business that the technician will be working for.

- **Commercial** -- A business that provides structural pest control services to the general public for compensation.
- **Noncommercial** -- A business that provides structural pest control services only for property the business owns, operates, or maintains. For example, an apartment complex whose employees' duties include pest control.
- **Noncommercial Political** -- A state or local governmental entity.

If your spouse is an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, please check yes. This allows for additional eligibility options.

SECTION B

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A TECHNICIAN'S LICENSE)

Information entered into this form will be used to generate your apprentice card.

Provide your full legal name, physical home address, phone number, social security number, driver's license number, and date of birth.

A structural pest control technician's license is an occupational license. You must provide a social security number as required by Texas Family Code § 231.302. Social security numbers are used to assist in child support enforcement. In the event the applicant does not have a social security number, an Affidavit of No Social Security Number (Form OGC-001) must be attached. This form is available on our website www.TexasAgriculture.gov or by mail. Failure to provide a social security number or Form OGC-001 will result in rejection of your application as incomplete and a license will not be issued to you.

SECTION C

1. EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Enter the name of the business or other entity that is employing the individual identified in Section B .

For businesses, enter the license number of the business. For non-licensed entities where the apprentice will be supervised by a noncommercial applicator, enter the license number of the supervising noncommercial applicator.

2. EMPLOYER ADDRESS

Enter the physical address of the business that is employing the individual identified in Section B. A post office box number is not permitted.

If checked, all correspondence, licenses, registrations, and other similar documents concerning the individual identified in Section B will be sent to the employer's mailing address.

SECTION D

1. ELIGIBILITY

An individual must be at least 16 years of age and able to demonstrate proficiency in reading U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved pesticide labels and warnings to register as an apprentice and apply for a technician's license.

SECTION E

1. SIGNATURE

The individual applying for a technician's license and an authorized representative of the employer structural pest control business licensee or the supervising structural pest control certified noncommercial applicator both must sign and date Form SPT-430.

SECTION F

1. PAYMENT

NOTE: Texas Department of Agriculture accepts only checks, cashier's checks, or money orders.

- A nonrefundable application fee of \$125 must accompany this form.

Check method of payment. Enter check number, cashier's check number or money order number. Enter amount remitted.

Please remit to: Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12076, Austin, TX 78711-2076.

FALSE OR FRAUDULENT APPLICATION WARNING

If you provide false information to the department in connection with this application, any license or registration that was issued as a result may be modified, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or declared null and void. Additionally, you may be subject to administrative penalties, civil penalties, or criminal prosecution.