

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME. [§171.303(b)(6)(v)]

State Implementation Schedule:

The Department will work to publish any rules that we have identified in this document as needing revisions upon final approval of the Texas State Certification and Training Plan by EPA. It is estimated that rule adoption will require 120 days from the date all revisions are identified and approved. In addition, implementation of the new plan will be obtained for applicators maintaining either Structural and/or Agricultural licenses under the commercial, noncommercial or noncommercial political classification could be implemented within four years from final approval of the Texas State Certification and Training Plan by EPA. Private agricultural applicators recertify in a five-year cycle and would require at least eight years for full implementation of that specific licensing group, from final approval. Within those four-eight years TDA will implement the following:

- October 2023 - TDA will review the approved C&T Plan and identify all the rule changes that need to be made.
- December 2023 - TDA begins draft rule revisions.
- May 2024 - TDA draft rule revision documents will begin routing for approval.
- September 2024 – TDA submits to the register the proposed rules for public comment.
- October 2024 – TDA will submit the rules to the register for adoption.
- January 2025 – Rules will be adopted. TDA will collaborate with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension to develop updated training manuals, outreach, and training materials.
- January 2026 – TDA, Agrilife (PSEP), and private educators will begin conducting trainings and outreach regarding changes to the Certification and Training plan. Applicators will be brought into compliance through Continuing Education recertification courses, outreach materials, updated category manuals, examinations, inspections and compliance assistance. TDA will publish changes on the TDA website as well as work with course sponsors to disseminate the changes made to the Certification and Training plan.
- January 2027- Applicators maintaining either Structural and/or Agricultural licenses under the commercial, noncommercial or noncommercial political classification shall be in compliance with the Texas State Certification and Training Plan.
- January 2031 - Private agricultural applicators shall be in compliance with the Texas State Certification and Training Plan.