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**Texas Department of Agriculture**  
*Notice of Apprentice Employment &  
 Application for Technician License*

**SPT-430**

<b>SECTION A</b>	<b><sup>1</sup> LICENSE TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE)</b>		<b>TDA USE ONLY</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		Client No.	Account No.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncommercial			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncommercial Political (Government or School)		Date (mm/dd/yy)	Initials
My spouse is an active duty service member.* <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		/ /		

<b>SECTION B</b>	<b><sup>1</sup> APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
	Social Security No.      -      -      (SSN – required†)		Date of Birth	
	First Name (Legal Name)	M. I.	Last Name	Suffix
	Home Mailing Address		City	State      Zip
	Physical Address (if different)		City	State      Zip
	Phone Number	Email Address	Driver License Number	Date of Hire
	<b>***Important Note***</b> I understand that my email address is required by the Texas Department of Agriculture to keep me informed of critical information, including licensing and regulatory updates; renewal invoices; and other important communications. Failure to provide an email address may result in my not receiving time-sensitive information that could affect my compliance with state regulations and result in delays along with monetary penalties.			

<b>SECTION C</b>	<b><sup>1</sup> EMPLOYER INFORMATION</b>			
	Business Name			License Number
	<b><sup>2</sup> EMPLOYER LOCATION ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)</b>			
Address				
City	State	Zip	Phone Number	

† A social security number is mandatory and required by Texas Family Code § 231.302 to assist in child support enforcement. In the event the applicant does not have a social security number, attach form OGC-001, affidavit of no social security number, and provide a driver license number or state-issued ID number. Form OGC-001 is available on TDA’s website at [www.TexasAgriculture.gov](http://www.TexasAgriculture.gov) or by request through U.S. mail. Failure to provide a social security number or an affidavit of no social security number will result in rejection of your application and a license will not be issued to you.

\* Pursuant to Section 55.005 of the Texas Occupations Code.

This document becomes public record and is subject to disclosure. With few exceptions, you have the right to request and be informed about the information that the State of Texas collects about you. You are entitled to receive and review the information upon request. You also have the right to ask the state agency to correct any information that is determined to be incorrect. (Reference: Government Code, Sections 552.021, 552.023, and 559.004.)

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SECTION D</b>	<b><sup>1</sup> STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATIONS</b>
	<p><b>Notice on Criminal Histories:</b> TDA performs criminal history searches on all Structural Pest Control applicants and licensees, including those applying for renewal of an existing license. At minimum, criminal history information is sought from the Texas Department of Public Safety. This process may delay agency action on a license application if the applicant’s criminal history reveals an arrest for, conviction of, or a plea of guilty to a criminal offense. If an applicant’s or licensee’s criminal history reveals a conviction or plea of guilty to a criminal offense, the applicant will be asked to submit additional information to demonstrate the applicant’s current fitness to be licensed. Failure to submit the requested information, submission of false or misleading information, or failure to demonstrate current fitness to be licensed may result in denial of the application or revocation of an existing license.</p>

<b>SECTION E</b>	<b><sup>1</sup> SIGNATURE</b>	
	The applicant and the applicant’s employer, through their signatures below, (1) certifies that all information provided in or in connection with this application is true and correct; (2) acknowledges that any misrepresentation or false statement made by the applicant, or the applicant’s employer, in connection with this application, whether intentional or not, will constitute grounds for denial, revocation, or non-renewal of any license issued pursuant to this application and/or assessment of monetary administrative penalties; and (3) if applying as an individual, further acknowledges that this application may be denied and that any license issued pursuant to this application may be suspended, revoked, or denied renewal due to delinquency in payment of a guaranteed student loan and that any license issued pursuant to this application may be suspended or denied renewal for failure to pay child support. If signed by an agent of the applicant or employer, the person signing certifies that he or she is authorized to make the preceding certifications on behalf of the applicant.	
	<b>**REQUIRED**</b>	<b>**REQUIRED**</b>
	Name of Apprentice/Technician Applicant (print)	Name and License Number of Responsible CA (print)
	<b>**REQUIRED**</b>	<b>**REQUIRED**</b>
	Signature of Apprentice/Technician Applicant	Signature of Responsible CA
Date (mm/dd/yy) / /	Date (mm/dd/yy) / /	

<b>SECTION F</b>	<b><sup>1</sup> PAYMENT</b>
	<b>Application Fee for Apprentice/Technician License is \$125.00 This fee is non-refundable.</b>
	Mail to: <b>Texas Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 12076, Austin, TX 78711-2076</b>

- Date of Hire refers to the date the applicant began training to perform pest control services for the business named above. Pest Control is defined as identifying infestations, making inspection reports, recommendations, estimates, or bids whether oral or written, submitting bids or performing services designed to prevent, control or eliminate infestation.
- This application must be submitted by the employer within 10 days of the date of hire.
- An individual must be at least 16 years of age and be able to demonstrate proficiency in reading U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved pesticide labels and warnings to register as an apprentice and apply for a technician license.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*This page is for you to keep as a reference.\*\*\*****Do NOT include this page with your submission.****QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING****Technician****Applicant for Technician License (Apprentice)**

1. Complete and submit Application for Technician License (SPT-430) along with \$125.00 fee to TDA within 10 days of individual beginning training for technician.
  - A. SPCS performs review of files and background review, if necessary. A Department of Public Safety background check will be performed if a criminal arrest is indicated on the application.
  - B. Apprentice card issued for one year from date individual began training.
2. Classroom and on the job training may begin on the date of hire, must include:
  - A. 20 hours classroom training in the General Standards.
  - B. 8 hours of classroom training in each category seeking licensure.
  - C. 40 hours of on the job training in each category seeking licensure.
  - D. Apprentice shall have continuous on site supervision by a licensed technician or certified applicator until all classroom and on the job training has been completed.
3. Upon completion of classroom and on the job training an apprentice may:
  - A. Provide pest control services in the category(ies) that all training has been completed.
  - B. Pest control services shall be provided under the direct supervision of a certified applicator. This means that a certified applicator shall have personal contact at least three (3) days per week.
4. Apprentice must attend a SPCS Approved General Technician Training Course.
5. Complete and submit an Application for Technician Exam along with a photocopy of the Technician Training certificate. Apprentice must successfully complete an examination of competency in each category desired to receive a technician license.
6. Examination must be passed prior to the expiration date of the apprentice card. May re-test as many times as needed during 12-month period. Apprentices who fail to become licensed as a technician **within the 12-month period** must re-register as an apprentice and repeat steps 1 thru 3 listed above prior to re-testing. The Apprentice Registration cannot be extended. Please schedule tests at least a month prior to the expiration of the apprentice registration to avoid having to re-register.
7. A technician license will be issued when the exam is passed. The expiration date of the technician license will be based upon the expiration date of the business or noncommercial certified applicator.
8. The technician or apprentice must meet with their Responsible Certified Applicator (RCA) or a designated Certified Applicator for face-to-face contact at least three days a week once fully trained (see item #2). Face-to-face instruction requires physical presence. Any other method does not meet this requirement.. These other methods include video conferencing.
9. **WDI inspections/reports cannot be performed by an apprentice.** An apprentice may accompany a licensed Technician or Certified Applicator (licensed in termite) performing WDI inspections/reports as a training exercise.

**Licensed Technician**

1. May provide pest control services under direct supervision and must receive on-site instruction at least three (3) days per week from a certified applicator.
2. A technician who has been employed in the pest control industry, under the supervision of a licensed certified applicator, for a total of twelve (12) months within the past twenty-four (24) months and has held a technician license for at least six (6) months within the past twenty-four (24) months may apply to sit for the certified applicator level exams.