

Compliance Division Staff Report
Architectural Barriers Advisory Board Meeting
May 2, 2017

Public Outreach

- Norman Kieke and Crisi Cooper gave another presentation to the Texas State Technical College in Waco about the TAS and specifically about becoming a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS). The presentation was interactive with class participation to perform various tasks while simulating being in a wheelchair, sight and hearing impaired and with compromised dexterity. The class was very well received with several considering the pursuit of a RAS license. Compliance staff have incorporated this focus due to the aging population of the RAS licensees to introduce a younger group to a possibly rewarding career.
- Compliance staff continue to provide the Texas Accessibility Academy (TAA) four times per year here in Austin. Staff also provide the TAA and other education for the Building Professionals Institute in Arlington and in Houston.
- The Compliance Division is open to any opportunities for public outreach (conventions, conferences, association meetings, etc.) related to the Architectural Barriers Program; we are available to speak at these types of events. We invite the board and others in the industry to please let us know when an opportunity arises. Please send an email to Yvonne.Lopez@tdlr.texas.gov.

Staff Updates

- Nothing now.

Projects

- Compliance Division staff are currently working with Advisory Board workgroups on Technical Memorandums and PROWAG. The workgroup assigned to the Registered Accessibility Specialist Procedures revision has been temporarily put on hold pending the AB Rule changes effective date and the progress of the new database tracking system.
- Going forward, designated program staff will work to assist the Software Development Services staff in the development of the new database tracking system to replace the current legacy system.

Statistics

- Compliance staff have been busy auditing the 510 Registered Accessibility Specialists.



Compliance Requirements Architectural Barriers Program

Making your new, addition, or renovation construction project accessible for persons with disabilities is a State law called the Elimination of Architectural Barriers Act. The Act has a set of standards that must be met, known as the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). Here is link to a PDF version of TAS: <http://www.tdlr.texas.gov/ab/abtas.htm>

The Act is governed through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). TDLR does not administer or enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which is federally regulated. TAS compliance is generally a three-step process: (1) Registration, (2) Plan Review and (3) Inspection.

Your project may be registered online at: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/ABProjectRegistrationOnline/>

The \$175 registration fee must be paid with a credit card during online registration. This fee is processed through the Comptroller’s website and is non-refundable.

Online registration also requires the designation of a Registered Accessibility Specialist, or “RAS,” who will provide the plan review and inspection for your project. Here is a link to our online listing of qualified RAS: <http://www.tdlr.texas.gov/LicenseSearch/>

Use the first “drop down” menu to find Registered Accessibility Specialist. You may also search for a RAS by city or by county. Once you find your geographic listing of RAS, their contact information appears next to each name.

To complete online registration, you must provide the license number of your chosen RAS. Complete the 8-digit RAS number by adding zeros at the beginning. For example, RAS 777 becomes

00000777. Once you “submit” the online registration, the RAS will be automatically notified and the RAS may or may not contact you. Each RAS may handle registration differently. You are not obligated to use the RAS from online registration and you may choose a different RAS at any time. A RAS generally will not provide plan review or inspection services for your project until they are paid or have a contract assuring payment for their services.

After registration, your RAS will guide you through the final two steps of our process as required by State law: the plan review and the inspection.

We are happy to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have through our TechInfo services by phone or online: 512-539-5669 or techinfo@tdlr.texas.gov

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**Architectural Barriers Advisory Committee
Education and Examination Division**



May 2, 2017

Projects

On the Move

We have completed our move to the NC, Suite 105W.

Education and School Services Section

- Total E-Mail Answered by Staff - (as of March 31, 2017)

MONTH	FY2017	FY 2016	FY 2015
September	1,158	1389	
October	1,263	1060	
November	744	996	
December	653	760	
January	955	1060	
February	974	1047	
March	1,463	994	
TOTAL	7,210	7,306	0

- Continuing Education Course Completion Record Fees

CE Completion Fees Totals Invoiced for fiscal year \$1,092,430.00

Total Payments Received for fiscal year \$ 973,630.00

Current Balance Due (as of March 31, 2017) \$ **118,800.00**

School Inspection/Site Visit Section

- We will begin periodic inspections of Driving Education Schools – our goal is to start by May 1st.

Driver Education & Safety Section

- DES staff attended the Corpus Christi Continuing Education Workshop on Driving Education.

Personnel Updates

- No changes.

STATISTICS AND TRENDS

RAS EXAMINATIONS

	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
FY 2015																	
Pass	4	4	0	8	0	2	3	5	3	5	4	12	0	5	0	5	30
Fail	1	0	1	2	2	1	5	8	3	2	1	6	0	1	3	1	17
Total	5	4	1	10	2	3	8	13	6	7	5	18	0	6	0	6	47
Rate	80.0%	100.0%	0.0%	80.0%	0.0%	66.7%	37.5%	38.5%	50.0%	71.4%	80.0%	66.7%	0.0%	83.3%	0.0%	83.3%	63.8%
FY 2016																	
Pass	2	3	4	9	1	3	8	12	3	0	3	6	3	1	3	7	34
Fail	0	5	1	6	1	1	2	4	2	1	5	8	2	5	6	13	31
Total	2	8	5	15	2	4	10	16	5	1	8	15	5	6	6	17	63
Rate	100.0%	37.5%	80.0%	60.0%	50.0%	75.0%	80.0%	75.0%	60.0%	0.0%	37.5%	42.9%	60.0%	16.7%	50.0%	41.2%	54.8%
FY 2017																	
Pass	6	3	6	15	5	5	4	14	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	33
Fail	4	4	7	15	2	8	7	17	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	36
Total	10	7	13	30	7	13	11	31	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	69
Rate	60.0%	42.9%	46.2%	50.0%	71.4%	38.5%	36.45	45.2%	50.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54.1%

RAS CONTINUING EDUCATION

	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
FY 2015																	
Course approvals issued	2	0	3	5	5	11	0	16	3	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	26
Total courses	24	24	26	26	31	34	34	34	27	28	26	26	26	27	0	27	27
Provider renewals	14	20	22	56	30	26	28	84	26	17	16	59	17	16	0	33	232
***Provider Population	393	386	393	393	388	381	382	382	388	388	389	389	390	395	0	395	395
FY 2016																	
Provider registrations issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Course approvals issued	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	6	0	6	1	1	1	3	15
Provider renewals	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	5
Total providers	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Total courses	22	22	18	18	20	18	18	18	15	22	23	23	23	22	22	22	22
FY 2017																	
Provider registrations issued	4	8	1	13	4	11	7	22	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	40
Course approvals issued	0	0	6	6	8	10	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Provider renewals	15	24	31	70	27	35	28	90	23	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	183
Total providers	380	409	409	409	407	415	418	418	421	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421
Total courses	24	24	31	31	38	31	30	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Enforcement Division Staff Report May 2, 2017

Case Highlights

- On March 8, an agreed order was entered against DFW Trio Investments, L.P., assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,500 for failing to schedule an inspection within one year of construction completion.
- On March 9, an agreed order was entered against Kirby Lane Parkwood, LLC, assessing an administrative penalty of \$750 for failing to schedule an inspection within one year of construction completion.
- On March 15, an agreed order was entered against Pepsi-Cola Metro Bottling Co., Inc., assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000 for failing to schedule an inspection within one year of construction completion.
- On March 21, an agreed order was entered against 2015 Shops on the Mainland, LLC, assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,500 for failing to schedule an inspection within one year of construction completion.
- On March 21, an agreed order was entered against Medical Park Plaza, Ltd., assessing an administrative penalty of \$500 for failing to ensure that the maneuvering clearance ground surface at the pull side of the entrance door had a slope not steeper than two percent.

Key Statistics – Fiscal Year 2017

Shown below are key statistics for the Elimination of Architectural Barriers program and for all TDLR programs combined through March of Fiscal Year 2017.

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>EAB</u>	<u>TDLR</u>
• Number of cases opened:	335	7,306
• Number of cases resolved:	308	6,786
• Number of Agreed Orders:	126	1,323
• Total amount of penalties assessed:	\$174,900	\$3,118,209
• Total amount of penalties collected:	\$128,400	\$1,340,228

Architectural Barriers Advisory Board
Registered Accessibility Specialist Licensing Statistics
May 2, 2017

RAS	FY 2016	FY 2017	To Date
New Licenses Issued	33	33	3
Renewed Licenses Issued	437	273	36
Total Population	504	531	531