



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

TCEQ Seeks Stakeholder Input on Upcoming Rulemaking Related to Occupational Licensing

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) will conduct a virtual stakeholder meeting on October 20, 2025, to solicit informal comments on rulemaking for 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations.

This rulemaking is the result of two related petitions approved at the November 20, 2024 (Non-Rule Project Number 2025-005-PET-NR) Commissioner's Agenda, legislative updates from the 89th legislative session, and staff recommended changes. The petitions seek to require continuing education (CE) ethics training for renewal of all levels of public water system and wastewater operator licenses. The petitioners requested that four hours of ethics training be required in each renewal cycle, which is every three years, and be counted towards the 30 CE credits already required to renew a license. The rulemaking will also implement Senate Bills (SB) 1080 and 1818 and House Bills (HB) 5629 and 1237 from the Texas 89th Legislative Session. SB 1080 amends the automatic revocation of licenses following a felony conviction. SB 1818 and HB 5629 amend the process for military service members, veterans, and military spouses applying for a reciprocal license. HB 1237 allows licensees to renew their license up to 180 days past expiration.

Virtual Stakeholder Meetings

Stakeholder meetings are an opportunity for the public to provide informal comments to staff prior to the start of formal rulemaking. While staff will review all comments received, the TCEQ will not formally respond to any informal comments.

The stakeholder meeting will be virtual, held on **Monday October 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** For members of the public who do not wish to provide informal comments but would like to view the meeting, they may do so at the link provided below, at no cost:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a09134d6-d706-4fa7-9454-12c5b1da0a75@871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba>

Registration

The meetings will be conducted remotely using an internet meeting service. Individuals who plan to attend the scheduled meetings and want to provide informal oral comments **must register by October 16, 2025**. To register for a meeting and provide informal comments during the meeting, please email Rules@tceq.texas.gov and provide the following information: date of meeting you plan to attend, your name, your affiliation, your email address, and your phone number. Instructions for participating in the meeting will be sent out October 17, 2025, to those who have registered to provide informal oral comments.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to register to provide informal comments should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible in order to allow adequate time to set up accommodations.

Written Stakeholder Comments

Written stakeholder comments may be submitted to Ms. Gwen Ricco, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-

P.O. Box 13087 • Austin, Texas 78711-3087 • 512-239-1000 • tceq.texas.gov

3087, or faxed to fax4808@tceq.texas.gov. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. **All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2025-027-030-WS. The comment period closes November 3, 2025.** Please choose one form of submittal when submitting *written* stakeholder comments.

Additional Information

Additional information about this rulemaking, including a copy of the petition, can be found on the Occupational Licensing webpage page on the TCEQ's website at:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/amendments-to-30-texas-administrative-code-chapter-30-occupational-licenses-and-registrations>.

For additional information please contact Ms. Rebecca Morigan, Occupational Licensing and Registration Division, at (512) 239-2463 or the Occupational Licensing Main Line at (512) 239-6133.