

# Chapter 55 Implementation: Veterans and Licensing

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## TDLR At A Glance

33 STATUTES WITH 168 LICENSE TYPES as of 9/1/2015

<p><b><u>Business and Occupations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combative Sports</li> <li>Driver Education and Safety</li> <li>For-Profit Legal Services</li> <li>Licensed Breeders</li> <li>Polygraph Examiners</li> <li>Professional Employer Organization</li> <li>Service Contract Providers</li> <li>Temporary Common Worker Employers</li> <li>Towing Companies</li> <li>Used Automotive Parts Recyclers</li> <li>Vehicle Protection Product Warrantors</li> <li>Vehicle Storage Facilities</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Health Professions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletic Trainers</li> <li>Dietitians</li> <li>Dyslexia Therapists &amp; Practitioners</li> <li>Hearing Instrument Fitters &amp; Dispensers</li> <li>Midwives</li> <li>Orthotists &amp; Prosthetists</li> <li>Speech-Language Audiologists &amp; Pathologists</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Professional</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Auctioneers</li> <li>Barbering</li> <li>Cosmetology</li> <li>Property Tax Consultants</li> <li>Property Tax Professionals</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Building and Mechanical</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air Conditioning and Refrigeration</li> <li>Architectural Barriers</li> <li>Boiler Safety</li> <li>Electrical Safety</li> <li>Elevators, Escalators &amp; Related Equipment</li> <li>Industrialized Housing and Buildings</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Natural Resources</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Well Drillers</li> <li>Water Well Pump Installers</li> <li>Weather Modification</li> </ul>
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### KEY STATISTICS – FY 2015

<p><b><u>Licensing</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total License Population 652,388</li> <li>- Individual Licensees 455,076</li> <li>- Business &amp; Facility Licensees 197,312</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Enforcement</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complaints Opened 10,511</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Compliance and Field Operations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspections Completed 120,549</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Customer Service</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telephone Calls Received 409,608</li> </ul>
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## What Is Chapter 55?

Chapter 55 of the Texas Occupations Code:

- Addresses occupational licensing of military service members, military veterans, and military spouses;
- Requires state licensing agencies to credit applicants for verified military service, training, and education;
- Directs state licensing agencies to grant licenses to military service members, military veterans, and military spouses who hold a license in a jurisdiction with requirements substantially similar to those of Texas;
- Requires state licensing agencies to adopt relaxed timelines and reduced fees for military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.



## Some Definitions

Chapter 55 refers to military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

- A “military service member” is a person on active duty, i.e., engaged in full-time military service in the armed forces of the United States, the State of Texas, or similar military service of another state. Tex. Occ. Code § 55.001(1) and (4).
- A “military veteran” is a person who has served on active duty and has been discharged or released from active duty. Tex. Occ. Code § 55.001(6).
- A “military spouse” is a person married to a military service member. Tex. Occ. Code § 55.001(5).



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