

The Long-Awaited Department of Public Safety Update

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Please Note: TCHA is working on a new PowerPoint presentation based on the information we just recieved August 31. We will publish it ASAP.

Background

First, the management at DPS Concealed Handgun Licensing apparently took a hard look at the way the program was being implemented, and noticed some policies that had been implemented. So the program got a "reset," and several of the policies we were used to got revised. This is where the requirement for instructors to hold pistol instructor certification outside the CHL Qualified Instructor rating came from.

Second, out of the 114 gun-related bills that I tracked through the [83rd Texas Legislature](#), nineteen passed and were signed into law.

Therefore, DPS has been scrambling to understand and implement those changes. They are [emailing](#) them to instructors and have updated their [website](#) with new forms and information. I have listed those new and revised documents [below](#).

Department of Public Safety Email

The following email was forwarded by Mike Cox:

From: RSD_LRS_CHL <RSD_LRS_CHL@dps.texas.gov>
Date: August 30, 2013, 5:33:05 PM CDT
To: RSD_LRS_CHL
Subject: CHL Updates

GREETINGS CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE INSTRUCTORS:

PROGRAM UPDATES:

As many of you are aware, there are some significant changes that will affect CHL applicants and CHL Instructors. Information regarding these changes has been posted on the RSD website. Please note there are now links on front page of the RSD website for Legislative Updates and Instructor Resources. Please visit both of these pages for detailed information and instructions.

Some of the most notable changes include:

- Reduction of time to 4-6 hours for the CHL course for original applicants.
- A course outline (some may refer to this as the curriculum) is now being provided to CHL Instructors. It can be found in the Instructor Resources. A new student test and answer key are also posted.

- A new CHL-100 and instructions for completing the updated version are now available in the Instructor Resources. The new form should be used for classes taught beginning September 1, 2013. RSD will continue to accept the prior version for approximately 30 days to give CHL Instructors adequate time to make the change.
- No training is required for CHL renewal. CHL holders will simply apply online and submit the supporting documents for discounted fees or special conditions. NOTE: At this time, the receipt page (CHL checklist) will still indicate a CHL-100 is required. Programming required to remove this language is underway; until the "check list" is updated, applicants may disregard the statement requiring a CHL-100.
- A new CHL-8 is now available in the Instructor Resources. This form is required to be submitted within five (5) days of conducting a CHL class. As with the CHL-100, RSD will accept the prior version of this form for approximately 30 days to give CHL Instructors adequate time to make the change.

Please visit our website at: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/chl/index.htm> for a complete list of the bills and for additional information.

CHL INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL:

Many of you have submitted the application, paid the \$100 renewal fee, submitted a CHL-90 and the required supporting documents. If you have not already submitted these, please do so soon.

Another email will be forthcoming in the next week to everyone who has submitted renewal applications. The email will indicate if any additional items are required or if the application is complete. CHL Instructors will be required to attend a one day renewal class this year in order to complete the renewal process.

This year, we will be conducting classes throughout the State. As of today, we have venues in El Paso and Houston, but plan to add others throughout the State. Those who have completed applications will be notified via email as to the specific dates, times and locations.

We appreciate your patience as we work to implement the changes and to schedule renewal classes.

REGULATORY SERVICES DIVISION
LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

New Forms and Information

- Proficiency Demonstration [Course of Fire](#), revised 9/2013
- Class notification, [CHL-7](#), revised 4/2013.
- Class Completion, [CHL-8](#), revised 9/2013.
- Photo Holder, [CHL-6](#), revised 6/2013, required only for students without a Texas drivers license or ID card
- Certificate of Training, [CHL-100](#), revised 9/2013.
- CHL-100 [Instructions](#), revised 9/2013.

- Student [Test](#), revised 9/2013, **requires password.**
- Student Test [Answer Key](#), revised 9/2013, **requires password.**
- CHL Course [Outline](#), revised 9/2013, **requires password.**
- CHL Instructor [Updates](#), updated June 18, 2103 for passport photos, and April 23, 2103, for instructor renewals.
- CHL Instructor Supplemental Information [Form](#), revised 2/2013, **Note: This form and supporting documentation is required for all renewing instructors.**

For instructor renewal, *supporting documentaion* includes certification that you are certified as an instructor *other than through the DPS CHL class*. See Question 43 of the [DPS CHL FAQs](#).

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