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# ABBREVIATED GUIDE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE AND REGISTRATION TO INSTALL FIRE SPRINKLERS IN A ONE- or TWO- FAMILY DWELLING

## **GENERAL**

In order to install a fire sprinkler system in a one- or two- family dwelling, the firm must (1) obtain a "registration" (SCR) from the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) and must (2) employ at least one full-time employee who holds an "RME-Dwelling License", (RME). The RME is the person designated by the firm to be responsible to assure the sprinkler systems is planned and installed according to all adopted codes and standards and signs the certification papers.

## **TO OBTAIN A "CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION" (SCR) FOR A FIRM**

1. submit SFMO application for firm's registration;  
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/forms/sfmfireindustry/SF037sprcofrapp.rtf>
2. provide a "Certificate of Insurance" to SFMO; *(signed by Texas agent)*
  - a. for general liability coverage including products and completed operations;
  - b. \$100,000 for bodily injury & property damage;
  - c. \$300,000 aggregate; and
  - d. indicating coverage is for "installation of fire sprinkler systems"
3. provide copy of "Certificate of Account Status" on Franchise Tax; *(from TX Comptroller Office)*
4. provide copy of "Corporate Charter" or "Certificate of Partnership"; *(firm's legal documents)*
5. provide copy of Assumed Name Certificate; *(usually from Secretary of State)*
6. employ one full time employee who holds an "RME-DWELLING" license; and
7. submit a 1<sup>st</sup> year registration fee of \$350. *(\$300 for registration + \$50 for application)*

## **TO OBTAIN AN "RME DWELLING LICENSE" FOR AN INDIVIDUAL**

1. submit application for RME License. *(no pre-requisite experience is required)*  
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/forms/sfmfireindustry/SF036sprindapp.rtf>
2. submit a copy of the letter from NICET indicating passing elements for NICET level 2 in "Automatic Sprinkler System Layout";
  - test information can be found at: <http://www.nicet.org/candidates/programs/sprinkler.cfm>
  - test administered by NICET
  - NICET does not provide training courses. Knowledge through on-the-job training.
3. pass SFMO sprinkler statute & rules test, "Texas Insurance Code, Art 5.43-3, and the Fire Sprinkler Rules"; *(70%)*
  - sprinkler statute & rules can be downloaded at:  
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/fire/documents/fmsprinklestat.pdf>
  - administered by Thomson Prometric. <http://www.experioronline.com/txfiresprinkler.htm>
4. pass SFMO test on NFPA 13D, "Standard for Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two- Family Dwellings". *(70%)*
  - NFPA 13D can be purchased at: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)
  - administered by Thomson Prometric <http://www.experioronline.com/txfiresprinkler.htm>
5. be employed by a firm holding an SCR; and
6. submit a 1<sup>st</sup> year license fee of \$150 *(\$200 for every two years thereafter)*