



## Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)

The new Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) were effective October 15, 2015. In order to locate a copy of the Rules, visit the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Laws and Rules page at:

<http://dshs.texas.gov/foodestablishments/laws-rules.aspx>

DSHS provided educational opportunities throughout the state regulatory and industry partners on the new TFER titled '\*TFER 101 Training'. DSHS has announced the 'TFER 101 by Sub-Chapters Training' PDF is available on the DSHS Guidance and Publications page.

This DSHS Guidance and Publications page also provides updated Regulatory Clarifications and Guidance Documents relevant to TFER. The link is:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/foodestablishments/guidance.aspx>

Large Assisted Living Facilities with 17 or more residents must comply with the ALF licensing rules under Food and Nutrition Services. Reference §92.41(m)(1) thru (17). In addition the facility must comply with the TFER and local health ordinances or requirements must be observed in the storage, preparation, and distribution of food; in the cleaning of dishes, equipment, and work area; and in the storage and disposal of waste. Reference §92.41(m)(18).

Small Assisted Living Facilities with 16 or less residents must comply with the ALF licensing rules under Food and Nutrition Services. Reference §92.41(m)(1) thru (17).

In addition a small ALF must comply to local health ordinances or requirements. These may include all or a portion(s) of the new TFER.

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