

Texas Division of Emergency Management
Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)
Application Criminal History Disqualifiers
Instructions

- All applicants, whether new or those renewing their applications, must submit the Criminal History Disqualifiers List (Disqualifier List) with their application.
- Applicants must review the (Disqualifier List) prior to submitting their application. If any of the Disqualifiers apply, they should not submit a RACES application. If none of the Disqualifiers apply, they will sign the (Disqualifier List) and submit it with their RACES application. Once the (DRO / RRO) has received a complete package and completed their local processing / screening, they will submit the complete package to TDEM. Packages can be mailed to:

Texas Division of Emergency Management
Attn: State RACES Officer
1033 La Posada Drive, Suite 300
Austin, Texas 78752

Scanned applications can be emailed to soc@tdem.texas.gov. Please do not fax applications in.

- All applicants (new or renewals) will include their signed (Disqualifier List) with their RACES application. If Disqualifiers are found during the Criminal Background check, the application will be rejected. Failure to include the (Disqualifier List) with their RACES application will delay the processing of the application.
- If you have any questions, please contact either State RACES Officer (SRO) Kevin Lemon or Operations Program Specialist Stephanie Porter at soc@tdem.texas.gov or 512-424-2208.



**Texas Division of Emergency Management
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Applicant Criminal History Disqualifiers**



Provided below are criminal history disqualifiers that are used by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) when conducting background checks for individuals requesting enrollment in the State of Texas RACES Program.

A copy of this document signed and acknowledged by the applicant is required to be attached to the RACES application when submitted to TDEM for processing.

When it is determined that an applicant fits into any one of the below listed categories, the applicant **will not** be eligible to serve as a volunteer representing the Texas Division of Emergency Management RACES Program. The applicant will be rejected at once for factors including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. A felony conviction.
- b. An entering of an order of deferred adjudication for a felony, until five years after court supervision ceased and the case was dismissed.
- c. A conviction of driving while intoxicated during the five-year period immediately prior to the date of application.
- d. A finding by the court of competent jurisdiction that the applicant was a delinquent child during the five-year period immediately prior to the date of application. If the applicant's record in the proceeding is ordered sealed, the incident should be disregarded and treated as though it did not exist.
- e. The applicant's driver license has been suspended, including a probated suspension, by the Texas Department of Public Safety during the last three years as a habitual violator.
- f. The applicant's driver license has been suspended for refusal to submit to a chemical test within the last ten years.
- g. The applicant has an open/active arrest warrant in any state.
- h. The applicant is currently under indictment for any criminal offense.
- i. The applicant has an open disposition, an incomplete criminal record, or no final determination of guilt or innocence is found on the applicant's criminal record following a felony arrest.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Date Signed: _____