

TAC Number	Brief Description	Sent to Governor's Office	Approved by Governor's Office	Proposal Publication Date	Comment Deadline	Adoption Publication Date	Effective Date	Notes
651.208	CFE for Technicians Rule	10/4/19	10/4/19	10/18/19	11/18/19	12/27/19	1/20/19	
651.210	Provisional Revisions to remove ability for non-crime lab employees to apply	10/4/19	10/4/19	10/18/19	11/18/19	12/27/19	1/20/19	
651.4	ABFT recognition of ANAB merger	11/4/19	11/20/19	12/13/19	1/21/20	1/21/2019; not republished, no changes	2/20/19	Had to be withdrawn from 10/18 original proposal for revisions by Governor's Office. Republished for 12/13/19 Issue
651.306	Staff authority to dismiss non-forensic analysis complaints	11/5/19	11/20/19	12/13/19	1/21/20	1/21/2019; not republished, no changes	2/20/19	
651.207/651.5/651.203/651.202	Exam Eligibility for Unaccredited Disciplines; clarifications to provisional fees; and removal of physical comparisons from Trace	1/22/20	1/28/20	2/14/20	3/16/20	3/16/2020; not republished, no changes	4/6/20	
651.210	Provisional License one time rule	1/17/20	1/28/20	2/14/20	3/16/20	3/16/2020; not republished, no changes	4/6/20	
651.307	Referral procedure for cases referred to OCFW	1/17/20	1/28/20	2/14/20	3/16/20	3/16/2020; not republished, no changes	4/6/20	
651.302	Change to reference to forensic analysis definition from 38.35 to 38.01 definition in investigative procedure process of Commission rules	1/17/20	1/28/20	2/14/20	3/16/20	3/17/2020; not republished; no changes	4/7/20	
651.206	Exemption for tox adding Seized Drugs to license	1/22/20	1/28/20	2/14/20	3/16/20	3/17/2020; not republished; no changes	4/7/20	
651.10; 651.101-105; 651.106	Procedure regarding revocation of accreditation and appeal of accreditation actions and findings.	5/6/20	5/12/20	7/3/20	8/4/20	8/6/20	9/3/20	
651.309	Procedure/appeal of investigative findings or other administrative action by the Commission pursuant to its investigative authority.	5/6/20	5/12/20	7/3/20	8/4/20	8/6/20	9/3/20	
651.7	Fix definition of Crime Scene Reconstruction in accreditation rule exemptions to remove "BSP and trajectory" to match exam eligibility for unaccredited discipline licensing rule changes	5/6/20	5/12/20	7/3/20	8/4/20	8/6/2020; not republished, no changes	9/3/20	
651.219	Removal of "Texas" from Code of PR	5/6/20	5/12/20	7/3/20	8/4/20	8/6/20	9/3/20	
651.220; 651.207	New blanket rule de minimis revisions; include rule on blanket transfers; unaccredited special exam fee; temporary changes to CFE requirements	5/6/20	5/12/20	7/3/20	8/4/20	8/6/2020; not republished, no changes	9/3/20	
651.208	CFE adding a discipline rule - establishment of a timeline for supplemental CFE hours	7/8/20	7/10/20	10/2/20	11/2/20	Not republished/no changes	11/24/20	
651.208	CFE for upgrading rule	10/7/20	11/16/20	1/29/21	2/1/21	Not republished/no changes	3/29/21	
651.209	Indefinite Grace Period for Reinstatement rule	10/7/20	11/16/20	11/20/20	12/20/20	Not republished/no changes	2/19/21	
651.221	Removal of availability and timeliness provision	10/7/20	11/16/20	11/20/20	12/20/20	Not republished/no changes	2/19/21	
651.216	Mitigating Factors in Disciplinary Actions	10/7/20	11/16/20	11/20/20	12/20/20	Not republished/no changes	2/19/21	
651.5	Collection issue rule for forensic biology	4/7/21	4/14/21	5/14/21	6/14/21	Not republished/no changes	7/30/21	

651.208	Revisions to licensing program continuing forensic education requirements to align with OSAC continuing forensic education and training requirements	4/7/21	4/14/21	5/14/21	6/14/21	Not republished/no changes	7/30/21
651.209	License expiration policy	7/2/21	7/30/21	8/27/21	9/27/21	Not republished/no changes	10/29/21
651.207	Crime Scene Investigators, lab managers and latent processors addition to unaccredited disciplines eligible for exam	7/2/21	7/30/21	8/27/21	9/27/21	Not republished/no changes	10/29/21
651.7	Correction to Crime Scene Definition	7/2/21	7/30/21	8/27/21	9/27/21	Not republished/no changes	10/29/21
651.222	Addition of Voluntary Licensure - Anthropology/Document Examiners	4/20/22	4/23/22	4/29/22	5/31/22	Not republished/no changes	7/1/22
651.208	Actively Performing Casework/Currently Signed off for Casework Rule/edits to renewal of license from 90 to 60 days due to software limitations.	9/1/22	9/10/22	9/16/22	10/16/22	11/4/22	11/28/22
651.222	Proficiency Monitoring Edits to monitoring requirements for voluntary licensees	9/1/22	9/10/22	9/16/22	10/16/22	11/4/22	11/28/22
651.207	Proficiency Monitoring Edits to monitoring requirements for regular licensee; clarification of obligation to provide updated address information	9/1/22	9/10/22	9/16/22	10/16/22	11/4/22	11/28/22
651.4	CAP/SAMHSA Removal of Accreditation Recognition	9/1/22	9/10/22	9/16/22	10/16/22	11/4/22	11/28/22
651.7	NIBIN suitability determinations and entries exemption	11/9/22	11/16/22	12/16/22	1/17/23	1/23/2023; not republished, no changes	2/12/23
651.5	NIBIN suitability determinations and entries exemption; edits to accreditation section of rules and firearms scope of activities subject to accreditation requirements	11/9/22	11/16/22	2/3/23	3/6/23	4/14/23	4/18/23 COMBINED
651.203	NIBIN suitability determinations and entries exemption; edits to licensing section of rules and firearms scope of activities subject to accreditation requirements	11/9/22	11/16/22	2/3/23	3/6/23	4/14/23	4/18/23 COMBINED
651.222	Latent Prints and Digital Voluntary Licensing Rule	1/10/23	1/15/23	2/10/23	3/13/23	4/14/23	4/18/23
651.4	ABFT Merger Transition Rule	2/6/23	2/9/23	3/10/23	3/23/23	4/14/23	4/18/23
651.207; 651.211	Temporary License Fee Waiver	4/21/23	4/27/23	5/26/23	26-Jun-23	7/3/2023; not republished, no changes	7/24/23
651.5; 651.203	SNP DNA Rule	4/21/23	4/27/23	5/26/23	26-Jun-23	7/3/2023; not republished, no changes	7/24/23
651.3; 651.8; 651.11	Changes to Commission's accreditation recognition and withdrawal or suspension accreditation and appeals process responsive to 88th Legislature's SB 991 and HB 3474	10/17/23	10/26/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	2/16/24	2/25/24
651.101 - 651.105	Changes to accreditation-related actions responsive to the 88th Texas Legislature's SB 0991 and HB 3474	10/17/23	10/26/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	2/16/24	2/25/24

Repeal of 651.105 and 651.106	Removal of old procedure regarding accreditation-related actions, appeals responsive to 88th Legislature's SB 991 and HB 3474 responsive changes to the Commission's appeals process	10/17/23	10/26/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	2/16/24	2/25/24
651.207; 651.208; 651.209	Rule transitioning to licenses expiring on the last day of the licensee's birth month	10/17/23	10/26/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	3/8/24	
651.216	Changes to old licensee appeals process responsive to 88th Texas Legislature's SB 991 and HB 3474	10/17/23	10/26/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	2/16/24	2/25/24
651.305 - 651.308	Changes to Commission's old procedure for processing complaints and laboratory self-disclosures appeals responsive to 88th Texas Legislature's SB 991 and HB3474	10/17/23	10/26/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	2/16/24	2/25/24
Repeal of 651.309	Rule to repeal Commission's former procedure for processing hearings on and appeals of final investigative reports responsive to the 88th Legislature's SB991 and HB 3474 changes to the commission's appeals process	10/17/23	10/26/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	2/16/24	2/25/24
651.402	Commission's revised combined/harmonized appeals process to Judicial Branch Certification Commission responsive to 88th Texas Legislature's SB 991 and HB 3474 changes to Commission's appeals process	10/17/23	10/26/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	2/16/24	2/25/24
651.501 - 651.503	88th Legislature's HB 3506 responsive changes DNA QA database timeline rules	11/7/23	11/15/23	12/1/23	1/5/24	3/8/24	3/20/24
2023 Commission Rule Review	Rule review of Chapter 651 Subchapters A-D	N/A	N/A	2/16/24	3/18/24	5/17/24	5/21/24
651.7	Pretrial exemption from accreditation requirements, any CAP-accredited testing on human specimens conducted by or under contract with a community supervision or corrections department of a county or municipality, the parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or any other government agency, and the results of such testing are subsequently entered into evidence in an action to revise or revoke the terms of an individual's bail, bond, community supervision or parole	2/8/24	2/12/24	2/16/24	3/18/24	5/17/24	5/21/24
651.208; 651.207	Rulemaking to changes birthdate expirations to only apply to current licensees renewing before December 31, 2026	5/1/24		5/17/24	6/1/24	7/19/24	8/22/24
651.222; 651.202	Crime Scene and Latent Print Processing Addition to Voluntary Licensing Rules and Document Examiner Rule Revisions to increase requirements to bachelor's degree and add quality components	12/4/24	12/18/24	5/17/24	6/1/24	7/19/24	8/22/24

651.401 (402 formerly)	Repeal of 402	Rule to correct numbering for 651.402	N/A	N/A	12/20/24	1/24/24	2/28/25	3/6/25
651.202; 651.207; 651.8		Inactive License Rulemaking; addresses the term "inactive" with more clarity.	12/6/24	12/12/25	12/20/24	1/24/24	2/28/25	3/6/25
651.222		TCOLE expansion to qualify TCOLE 2106 courses taken before 2019	1/24/25	1/29/25	2/28/25	4/1/25	5/9/25	5/12/25
651.5		Current FBI QAS applicability at time of application for FB/DNA applicants	4/1/25	4/8/25	5/9/25	6/9/25	Not republished/no change:	9/7/25
651.222		Addition of Rapid DNA to disciplines subject to Commission accreditation requirements	4/1/25	4/8/25	5/9/25	6/9/25	Not republished/no change:	9/7/25
651.222		Edits to Crime Scene and Latent qualification requirements	7/11/25	7/18/25	8/29/25	10/10/25	10/24/25	11/25/25
651.207		Removal of temporary fee and clarification of toxicologist license scope	10/14/25	10/23/25	11/21/25	12/23/25	1/31/26	3/4/26
651.216		Harmonize licensing disciplinary actions in 651 with Code of Crim Proc. 38.01 § 4-c	10/14/25	10/23/25	11/21/25	12/23/25	1/31/26	3/4/26
651.7		exempt examinations or tests performed on non-lethal munitions from accreditation and licensing requirements	1/16/26	1/17/26	2/27/26	4/14/26	5/28/26	6/17/26
651.219		Code of Professional Responsibility to clarify the Section's applicability to accredited law enforcement agency crime laboratory managers only	1/16/26	1/17/26	2/27/26	4/14/26	5/28/26	6/17/26
651.207		Work experience years reduction for firearms examiner waiver of education and/or coursework requirements	1/16/26	1/17/26	2/12/26	4/14/26	8/20/26	9/9/26
651.307		"Investigative Procedures" correction from Investigative Panels	1/16/26	1/17/26	2/12/26	4/14/26	8/20/26	9/9/26
New Subchapter G; 651.601; 602; 603		Texas Forensic Analyst Apprenticeship Pilot Program	1/16/26	1/17/26	2/12/26	4/14/26	8/20/26	9/9/26