

**NOTICE: APPOINTMENT OF
TEMPORARY QUALIFIED WINDSTORM INSPECTORS
BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

October 6, 2008

On October 3, 2008, the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) signed Commissioner's Order No. 08-0876, authorizing the appointment of temporary qualified windstorm inspectors for a limited period of time pursuant to §5.4607.

Following appointment, temporary windstorm inspectors will be authorized to perform inspections of residential structures involving the replacement of roof coverings such as asphalt shingles, underlayment, felt covering, and roof decking; the replacement of windows and doors; and the replacement of exterior coverings in designated catastrophe areas in Brazoria, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, Matagorda, and Willacy Counties.

The following persons are eligible to apply for an appointment as a temporary qualified windstorm inspector:

(A) Certified Coastal Construction Inspectors. A person who is certified as a coastal construction inspector by the International Code Council and who has at least two years of construction, design or inspection experience on buildings or structures located in high wind areas; this may include a person employed full-time by a municipality of this state who meets the qualifications as stated in this paragraph; or

(B) Texas Registered Architects. A Texas registered architect with construction, design or inspection experience on buildings or structures located in high wind areas; or

(C) Others with Two Years Technical or University Training in Specified Fields. Any person with experience, education, or training in programs at an accredited university which shall include at a minimum successful completion of at least two years of technical or university training in the field of civil or architectural engineering, the field of architecture, or the field of construction technology or construction science and at least two years of construction, design or inspection experience on buildings or structures located in high wind areas.

Texas Licensed Professional Engineers may apply for appointment as a temporary qualified windstorm inspector or may apply for appointment as a qualified windstorm inspector pursuant to §5.4604, which requires a license through the Texas Board of Profession Engineers and demonstrable experience, education or training in the design structures in high wind areas. Applicants who apply for appointments as qualified inspectors through §5.4604 are subject to the requirements, limitations, and prohibitions of that section.

Application for appointment as a temporary qualified windstorm inspector is through the Department of Insurance (Department), and applicants and appointees must comply in full with Commissioner's Order No. 08-08-0876 and the requirements and prohibitions of §5.4607(c) – (m).

The period of time for which appointments as a temporary qualified windstorm inspector are to be effective is from the date of approval by the Department staff of the appointment of a temporary inspector until October 3, 2009, unless such appointment is terminated by an emergency cease and desist order issued pursuant to the Insurance Code Chapter 83, or by any other legal or administrative remedy available to the Department, at an earlier time.

For further information and applications, refer to the **Temporary Qualified Inspectors** section on the **Windstorm** page of the TDI website (www.tdi.state.tx.us) at <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wind/index.html> or contact:

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