

STAR BUILDER

FAQs

WHAT IS A STAR BUILDER?

A builder or remodeler that has demonstrated to the state of Texas experience, a proven track record of exemplary business practices and a dedication to customer service.

WHY HIRE A STAR BUILDER?

Texans can look for the Texas Star Builder logo when making their decision to hire builders or remodelers. Star Builders have taken the extra step to prove their experience and abilities.

WHY BE A STAR BUILDER?

A Star Builder can point to Star Builder status as evidence of a commitment to providing quality construction. A builder/remodeler who becomes a Star Builder has met the certification requirements of the state of Texas.

DO I HAVE TO BE A STAR BUILDER IN ORDER TO OPERATE IN TEXAS?

No. While the law requires builders and certain remodelers to register with the commission, the Star Builder program is voluntary and builders/remodelers must reapply each year in order to keep their Star Builder status.

A Special Word from our Governor...

"Texas is regularly among the nation's leaders in housing starts. With so many new homes going up, it's vitally important we do everything we can to ensure quality construction in the state. The Star Builder program helps in that endeavor."

-Rick Perry, Governor of Texas



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GET WITH THE PROGRAM


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How to be a **STAR BUILDER**

A STAR BUILDER MUST

- ★ Meet the certification criteria of a state-administered program recognizing a builder/remodeler's extra level of commitment to providing quality residential construction to Texans.
- ★ Commit to meet or exceed all commission warranties and building and performance standards.
- ★ Prove enhanced experience and additional education as a home builder/remodeler.
- ★ Demonstrate a higher level of financial stability and insurance coverage.
- ★ Take continuing education in order to retain Star Builder status.
- ★ Reapply each year in order to retain the Star Builder certification.



If you would like more information about the Star Builder program or if you would like to know how to contact a Star Builder, call 877-651-TRCC (8722) or visit the public search area of www.texasrcc.org.



STAR BUILDER SERVICES

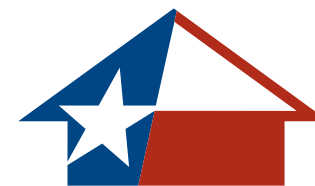


A Star Builder must offer at least three of these premium services:

- ★ A green building program.
- ★ The Energy Star program.
- ★ Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist program or EasyLiving Home Certification program.
- ★ Enhanced foundation services, including site-specific engineering, additional inspections and document collection.
- ★ A third-party warranty program or a two-year warranty for all one-year workmanship and material items.
- ★ Build eight percent of homes constructed annually in accordance with Universal Design Options.

As one of the three required programs, a Star Builder may also choose to take part in a nationally-recognized program that requires a greater standard of residential construction practice than the commission's limited warranty and building and performance standards.

COMMISSION INFORMATION



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What is the commission?

The Texas Residential Construction Commission is a state agency. Created by the Texas Legislature in 2003, the commission works to help ensure quality residential construction in Texas. State law requires builders and certain remodelers in Texas to register with the commission and to register their qualifying projects. The commission oversees a formal inspection process and complaint department designed to help consumers and builders. The commission also educates both the industry and Texas consumers about the residential construction industry.

What are the agency's responsibilities?

The commission registers homes, home builders and remodelers, oversees the state's inspection process, maintains the limited warranties and building and performance standards, certifies third-party inspectors, provides a voluntary certification of arbitrators and provides for the filing of arbitration awards relating to residential construction.

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