

Professional Certification

All state agency purchasing personnel must be trained and certified to the extent required by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA). See Texas Government Code, Section 2155.078, Training and Certification of State Agency Purchasing Personnel and Vendor(s). The only exceptions are for institutions of higher education to which Texas Education Code, Sections 51.9335 or 73.115 apply. State agency purchasing personnel includes all state agency purchasing personnel including personnel employed at agencies exempted from the purchasing authority of the Comptroller of Public Accounts/Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS). It is not the intent of this definition to include (1) an executive level manager authorized to bind the governmental entity or (2) an attorney performing traditional legal functions – such as legal review of a contract. Additional information regarding purchaser certification can be found on the Training and Certification website. (<http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/training-cert/>)