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Re: Equivalent Facilitation

There are specific references to equivalent facilitation in the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). The exact reference numbers are listed below. In each of these instances, an Equivalent Facilitation Form must be completed and sent to TDLR for consideration and documentation. This enables TDLR to maintain consistency when recognizing equivalent facilitation. In these instances a variance application is not required.

TAS 4.1.6(3)(c)(iii)	Elevators in Alterations
TAS 4.31.9(3)	Text Telephones
TAS 7.2(2)(iii)	Sales/Service Counters, Teller Windows, Info. Counters
TAS 9.1.4(2)	Classes of Sleeping Accommodations
TAS 9.2.2(6)(d) Exception	Requirements for Accessible Units, Sleeping Rooms and Suites
TAS 9.3.2	Visual Alarms, Notification Devices and Telephones

TAS 2.2 also refers to equivalent facilitation to permit the use of other designs and technologies to achieve compliance; for consideration in these instances, a variance application must be submitted to TDLR in accordance with the variance procedures contained in Administrative Rule 68.31.

When submitted, the Equivalent Facilitation Form should be accompanied by any additional information (i.e., construction documents) necessary for processing. This form is only for use by Registered Accessibility Specialists and TDLR. Equivalent Facilitation Forms may be processed at any phase of construction, as well as after completion of construction.