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REGISTERED ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST BULLETIN

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RE: 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards

The 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) will become effective March 15, 2012.

Prior to that time, a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) will be permitted to apply the 2012 TAS to plan review and inspections required by Chapter 469.101 and 469.105 for buildings and facilities subject to compliance with Chapter 469.003 in accordance with the following:

- **Full Compliance with 2012 TAS:** A variance will not be required to apply the 2012 TAS to plan review and inspections for newly constructed buildings and facilities where the scope of work will comply with the 2012 TAS in its entirety.
- **Partial Compliance with 2012 TAS:** A variance will be required from the Department in accordance with the requirements of Rule 68.31 to apply sections of the 2012 TAS to plan review and inspections for any construction projects in which both the 1994 TAS and 2012 TAS are allowed.**

***Partial compliance with 2012 TAS will typically apply only to alteration and addition projects; however, it may also apply to newly constructed buildings and facilities that meet the compliance criteria to allow either the 1994 TAS or 2012 TAS; or may have been granted previous variances resulting in a project that will comply with sections from both standards.*