Five Bills, No Law: Austin Roofing Company Guide Explains Why Texas Has No Roofing License and How Homeowners Can Verify a Roofer Anyway

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Austin Roofing Company, a Central Texas roofing contractor serving homeowners since 2008, today published a guide to one of the most misunderstood facts in Texas home improvement. Plumbers, electricians and air conditioning contractors all carry state licenses in Texas. Roofers don?t, because the state has never created one, and no state agency issues a roofing license number. The guide explains why, which credentials around a roof job are real, and how homeowners can check a roofer before they sign.

The guide, Austin Roofing Company?s guide to the Texas roofing license and verifying a roofer, traces the legislative record. Lawmakers have tried to license or register roofers in at least five sessions since 2013, and every bill died before a final vote: SB 311 in 2013 was left pending in committee, HB 2101 in 2019 failed to pass the House, SB 1481 in 2021 and HB 3890 in 2023 were referred to committee with no further action, and HB 3344 in 2025, which would have had the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation license reroofing contractors, cleared committee and was sent to the House Calendars Committee on May 8, 2025, but never received a vote before the regular session ended.

That last bill is the source of a claim circulating online. Some websites say HB 3344 passed and that roofing licenses start in 2026. The Legislature?s own bill history says otherwise. ?Until a new bill passes, ?licensed? in a Texas roofer?s ad has no state meaning,? the company writes in the guide, and its advice to homeowners is direct: ?Treat a ?Texas roofing license? as a warning sign, not a credential.?

The absence of a roofing license doesn?t mean nothing on the job can be checked. Electrical work such as an attic fan or solar wiring must be done by a TDLR-licensed electrician, air conditioning contractors are licensed by TDLR as well, and plumbing is licensed by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners. The Roofing Contractors Association of Texas runs a voluntary, private licensing program with exams, an insurance minimum and yearly continuing education, and RCAT itself notes that TDLR does not license roofers. Shingle manufacturers certify contractors and list them in public directories, and that certification is what unlocks enhanced warranty tiers. The City of Austin requires contractors to register before pulling a permit, though registration is not a skills test.

With no state license to look up, the guide lays out six checks homeowners can confirm with whoever issued the paperwork. Get a certificate of insurance showing general liability coverage, then call the insurer named on it, because, as the guide puts it, ?The certificate is a summary, not proof.? Search the company?s legal name on the Texas Comptroller?s account status search and make sure it matches the contract and the insurance certificate. Look the roofer up in the GAF, Owens Corning, IKO or Malarkey contractor directory, since a roofer missing from the directory is not certified and cannot offer the enhanced warranties. Ask who issued any license number a roofer quotes. Ask whether the job needs a permit and whose name will be on it. And read the contract before signing it, looking for a street address, a named shingle, a per-sheet decking price, both warranties in writing, and, if insurance is paying, the deductible notice Texas law requires in 12-point bold type.

?No license doesn?t mean no rules,? the guide notes, and it lists the protections that apply to every roofer in Texas regardless of credentials. A roofer who waives, absorbs or rebates an insurance deductible commits a Class B misdemeanor under the Business and Commerce Code. Homeowners who sign a contract at their door for more than $25 have until midnight of the third business day to cancel. And the Texas Department of Insurance advises homeowners after a storm to get at least three written bids, avoid door-to-door solicitors, and hold final payment until all the work is done.

The guide closes by inviting readers to run every check on the company that wrote it. ?We?d rather you verify than take our word for it,? it says. Austin Roofing Company carries general liability insurance with a certificate on request, is certified by GAF (Certified Plus), Owens Corning (Preferred), IKO and Malarkey, and holds a 5.0-star Google rating and an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. Its roof inspections are free and come with a written report and photos homeowners keep.

About Austin Roofing Company

Austin Roofing Company, formerly known as Altair Austin Roofing Company, is a family-owned Central Texas roofing contractor that has served homeowners since 2008 from its headquarters at 807 Brazos Street #403 in downtown Austin. Featured on KXAN?s Studio 512, the company provides roof replacement, repair, installation, storm damage repair, inspections and commercial roofing across Austin and the surrounding metro, with 24/7 emergency service.

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