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Texas DIR Security Control Standards Catalog (Version 2.2)

The Texas DIR Security Control Standards Catalog (v2.2, effective August 28, 2025) sets the 173 minimum required NIST 800-53 Rev. 5 controls for Texas state agencies, each with a due date.



What it is

The Texas DIR Security Control Standards Catalog is the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) document that sets the minimum required information security controls for every Texas state agency and institution of higher education, written in the format of NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5 and issued under 1 Texas Administrative Code chapter 202. The current edition is Version 2.2, effective August 28, 2025, which lists 173 controls and control enhancements in 19 families, each with the date by which an agency must have it in place.

At a glance

PUBLISHER
Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), under 1 TAC chapter 202 (now chapter 477, Texas Cyber Command)

TYPE
Control Framework

VERSION
Version 2.2 (effective August 28, 2025; supersedes 2.1 of May 18, 2023 and 2.0 of January 20, 2022)

EFFECTIVE
August 28, 2025

DOMAIN
Cybersecurity

FAMILY
Other

REGION
Texas

INDUSTRY
Government & Public Sector

ADOPTION MODEL
Regulatory Compliance

IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY
High

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Why it matters

- **One catalog, every agency** The Overview specifies the minimum baselines for required information security controls for all State of Texas agencies and their information resources, including institutions of higher education; all 173 controls are required regardless of the NIST baseline shown.
- **NIST 800-53 Revision 5 wording** Each control description is the NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5 control text, so an agency's NIST-based control library, FedRAMP authorization work and audit evidence map one-to-one.
- **Dated obligations** Every control carries a required-by date; Version 2.2's seven new controls are due February 28, 2027, and earlier controls kept their July 20, 2023 and November 18, 2024 dates.
- **Texas-specific detail** The State Implementation Details field adds Texas requirements to the NIST text, for example that control assessments under CA-02 are conducted at least biennially, with references to 1 TAC sections 202.26(c) and 202.76(c).

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How SmartSuite supports Texas DIR SCS

Control Library by Family

Hold all 19 families and 173 controls from the catalog with the control entry fields intact, so that CP-07 or PM-22 can be filtered by family, baseline, new-requirement status and required-by date.

Required-By Date Tracking

Schedule the February 28, 2027 implementation of the seven Version 2.2 controls and keep the prior-version controls flagged as required until each updated control is implemented.

State Implementation Details and Evidence

Record the Texas-specific requirement for each control, for example biennial CA-02 control assessments, and attach the assessment results, configurations and records that show it is met.

Risk Exception Register

Document each exception to a control with its approval, justification and expiry as 1 TAC chapter 202 requires, linked to the control and the compensating measures.

Assessment and Plan of Action Workflow

Run control assessments, log findings against the control IDs and manage remediation to closure under CA-02 and CA-05, with owners and due dates.

Reporting to DIR and Leadership

Report catalog coverage, controls past their required-by date and open exceptions by family for the information security plan, the biennial assessment and executive sign-off.

Common framework mappings

CIS Controls v8.1 · COBIT 2019 · CJIS Security Policy · FedRAMP Rev. 5 · HIPAA (NIST SP 800-66 Rev. 2) · ISO 27001:2022 · NIST CSF 2.0 · NIST 800-53 Rev.5 · PCI DSS 4.0.1 · SOC 2

Official resources

Texas A&M University System Security Control Standards Catalog

The A&M System's web catalog that incorporates the DIR control standards, including the seven Version 2.2 additions due February 28, 2027; a secondary aid until DIR's own catalog page can be confirmed.

cyber.tamus.edu/catalog

Frequently asked questions

What is the current version of the Texas DIR Security Control Standards Catalog?

Version 2.2, with an effective date of August 28, 2025, as stated on the catalog's cover and in its Revision History. It replaced Version 2.1 (approved by the DIR Board on May 18, 2023) and Version 2.0 (January 20, 2022), which first aligned the control language with NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5 and introduced the Supply Chain Risk Management family. Version 2.2 added seven controls, renumbered existing controls with leading zeros and updated the Appendix baselines to the current NIST 800-53B.

Are all of the catalog's controls mandatory, or only those in an agency's NIST baseline?

All of them. The Overview says the catalog specifies the minimum baselines for required information security controls for all State of Texas agencies and their information resources, that the NIST baseline designation on each control is informational only, and that all controls in the catalog are required for agency systems regardless of the associated NIST baseline. An agency may add controls, baselines or enhancements where an elevated security posture is needed.

When must a new or changed control be implemented?

Each control carries a required-by date. Under the Required Implementation Dates section, controls that were not required in the previous version, and existing controls changed by more than editorial or administrative edits, must be in place no later than 18 months after the adoption of the catalog. The seven controls added in Version 2.2 are therefore required by February 28, 2027, and every control from a previous version remains required until the agency has implemented the updated control or its date has passed.

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Which controls did Version 2.2 add?

The Appendix lists seven additions dated August 28, 2025: CP-07 Alternate Processing Site, CP-09(2) System Backup | Test Restoration Using Sampling, CP-09(3) System Backup | Separate Storage for Critical Information, PM-05(1) System Inventory | Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information, PM-11 Mission and Business Process Definition, PM-22 Personally Identifiable Information Quality Management and SI-08 Spam Protection. They raise the Contingency Planning family from 9 to 12 controls, Program Management from 12 to 15 and System and Information Integrity from 7 to 8, for a total of 173.

How does the catalog relate to 1 TAC chapter 202 and the Texas Cybersecurity Framework?

The catalog is issued under 1 Texas Administrative Code chapter 202, Information Security Standards, which its Overview and control references cite (for example 1 TAC sections 202.26 and 202.76); any exception to a control must be approved, justified and documented under that chapter, which was transferred to 1 TAC chapter 477 under the Texas Cyber Command on August 1, 2026. The Texas Cybersecurity Framework is a separate DIR tool with 42 security control objectives under the functions Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond and Recover; the catalog says the framework focuses on maturity rather than compliance.

License included / downloadable: Yes The Security Control Standards Catalog is a Texas state government publication that DIR provides free as a PDF on its website; the platform links to the current edition.

Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/us-texas-dir-security-control-standards-catalog-state-agency-security-control

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