

Will you accept the challenge? The 2018 Get Fit Texas State Agency Challenge that is!

This event provides an opportunity for state employees to get active for an agency-toagency competition. By accepting the challenge, state employees take on being physically active for 150 minutes per week for at least six of the 10 weeks of the Challenge.

Welcome to the 2018 Get Fit Texas Challenge participation instructions! This document offers a quick orientation to using the new Challenge site developed by DSHS. Let's get started!

Above, you can see the Challenge landing page at <u>https://getfittexas.org</u>. On your first visit, click Register. When you return over the duration of the challenge, you'll need to login.

What is the Get Fit Texas State Agency Challenge?

The Department of State Health Services launched Get Fit Texas in 2013 to provide state employees a fun way to make physical activity a routine part of their lives. The 10-week competition occurs on two levels:

- On the individual level, participants seek to achieve 150 minutes of physical activity per week in at least six out of 10 weeks. This is the minimum achievement required to complete the Challenge, but participants are encouraged to reach 150 minutes in all 10 weeks (and maintain this level of activity after the Challenge!). Weeks run from Monday to Sunday.
 - Why 150 minutes? This is the *minimum* amount of physical activity adults need per week to be healthy, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- The second level of the Challenge is a **competition between state employers**, divided into groups based on organizational size. Agencies/Universities compete to see who finishes with the *highest percentage of employees completing the challenge*.

To participate in the Challenge, state employees use the <u>https://getfittexas.org</u> website to record their daily/weekly physical activity. The website tracks your personal progress, while also adding your achievements to those of your coworkers to track your employer's performance versus other state organizations.

The Get Fit Texas Challenge is administered by the Statewide Wellness Coordinator at DSHS. However, each participating employer designates one or more Challenge Coordinators, who will act as your primary contact(s), and will communicate about agency-specific decisions, such as offering incentives, etc.

If your agency offers a completion incentive, you will likely need to document your achievements with a Completion Certificate, which becomes available for download on the Dashboard page *after* you complete the Challenge.

Please read the rest of this guide for an orientation to the website DSHS developed to host the challenge. You may then register for the Challenge and start moving!

Good Luck... and Get Fit!

Quick Start Instructions

If you wish to skip the detailed instructions, read this page for a quick start on the Get Fit Texas Challenge website: <u>https://getfittexas.org</u>. If you have questions afterwards, please read the complete guide before requesting help.

Step 1: Understand the Get Fit Texas Challenge

- Ten-week competition (January 22 April 1, 2018).
- Participants must achieve 150 minutes of physical activity per week in at least six different weeks to complete the Challenge.
- State employers compete based on who finishes with highest percentage of total FTEs that complete the Challenge (not most number of minutes).

Step 2: Complete the registration process. *Leave the Subgroup field blank unless you're told otherwise.*

Step 3: Use the website's Menu Bar to navigate.

<u>Dashboard</u> displays your progress completing the Challenge. Achieving 150 minutes in a week turns a star from empty to filled. Use the Leader Board to track your agency's progress versus other employers. <u>Enter New Activity</u>: Use this page to submit individual records of physical activity.

<u>View History</u>: Displays each physical activity record you have submitted during the Challenge.

<u>Edit Profile</u>: Edit profile information at any time without losing or altering physical activity data previously entered.

<u>Share Feedback</u>: Submit suggestions on how to improve the Challenge and the GetFitTexas.org website. Do not use this function for questions or urgent requests for support, instead email your agency's challenge coordinator(s) or the Challenge Administrator (listed on the Dashboard).

Step 4: Participate in the Challenge by recording physical activity data every day/week with the goal of filling six (hopefully more!) weekly stars to complete the challenge.

- Challenge weeks run Monday to Sunday.
- Once you complete the Challenge, an icon will appear on the lower right of the Dashboard screen enabling you to view a Challenge Completion form. If your agency offers an incentive, use this form as documentation.



Registration

To register, fill in the requested info.

- Please use your work email if possible.
- Employers are listed alphabetically. Yours may unexpectedly be listed under Texas (e.g., Texas Dept. of State Health Services) or another common prefix, so please search thoroughly. Email <u>rocky.payne@dshs.texas.gov</u> if you can't find your agency.
 - Contractors should select the agency where they work; family members should use the agency of their relative.
- Agency Subgroup is an optional open text box for employers who wish to divide their employees by division, location, etc. Leave this blank unless you receive instructions from your challenge coordinator. If your agency decides to create subgroups, the coordinator will tell you what to type.
- Registration data (including subgroup) can be edited easily at any time, even after you've entered physical activity data.



After registering, participants see their personal dashboard page. Use the Menu Column on the left for navigation.

- My Progress (center area) shows your personal progress completing the Challenge.
- The Leader Board (right area) indicates your agency's ranking within its size group.



My Progress

This section of the Dashboard displays the number of physical activity minutes you have submitted for each week of the challenge. Once a weekly total reaches 150 minutes, the star for that week will appear filled.

- Notice (red circle) the Enter Activity button, which will take you to the Enter New Activity screen
- The View History button will show every data submission you've made throughout the Challenge.
- To complete the Challenge, participants must finish with at least six stars filled in. When this occurs, an icon will appear in the bottom right corner.
 - Click the icon to display and print a **Challenge Completion Certificate**. This is necessary only if your agency offers an incentive for completing the challenge.
- Your challenge coordinator will announce whether your agency offers an incentive and the process to redeem it.

Leader Board

Agencies with 1-5K FTEs

Progress = percent of people in each agency with the maximum (6) possible number of stars.

Agency	Progress	Minutes
Texas Workforce Commission	0.8%	2063
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	0.7%	1880
Texas Department of State Health Services	0%	1375
Austin Community College	0%	325
Stephen F Austin State University	0%	0
Texas State Technical College	0%	0
Sam Houston State University	0%	0
Texas Department of Insurance	0%	0
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	0%	0
Texas Woman's University	0%	0

Leader Board

The Get Fit Texas Challenge is also a competition between state employers of similar size, based on the *percentage* of agency employees who complete the Challenge.

The leader board shows this percentage in the Progress column, and ranks agencies accordingly (total agency minutes are listed only for fun).

Of course, because it takes six weeks to complete the challenge, all agencies would normally show 0% FTE completions during the first five weeks.

To keep the competition fresh, during **Weeks 1-5** the leader board will rank agencies' progress based on the percentage of employees who have filled the **maximum number of stars available**.

- For example, in Week 2, progress equals the percentage of employees who have filled two stars; in Week 4 the percentage with four stars filled, etc.
- Once the Challenge reaches **Weeks 6-10**, the Progress column will reflect actual completions, which requires **six stars** filled.





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Enter New Activity – To enter physical activity data, click on Enter New Activity in the Menu Bar, and you will see the screen above.

- Enter your Date, Minutes, and Type information. If you wish to make multiple submissions, click Enter Another Activity. Use Share Feedback in the Menu Bar to request new activities for the Type menu.
- Click the Submit button once all the activities you wish to record are reflected on the screen.
- All challenge data can be viewed and edited by clicking on View History in the Menu Bar.



Entering Physical Activity Data

After you submit your physical activity data, you'll see it reflected on the Dashboard page.

- Your minutes will be added to the total for the week in which they occurred.
- My Progress displays a running total of your submitted minutes.
- After completing the Challenge, an icon will appear in the bottom right corner. Click the icon to display and print a **Challenge Completion Certificate**.
 - This is relevant only if your agency offers an incentive for completing the challenge.
 - Your challenge coordinator will announce whether your agency offers an incentive and how to redeem it.



View History displays all your individual data submissions throughout the challenge. You can view entries by day by clicking the desired date, or the entire list by clicking the All button.

- To make changes to existing data entries, click the edit button next to the desired submission.

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Edit Profile - This screen remains available throughout the Challenge in case you need to change your registration data. Changes can be made without disrupting physical activity entries submitted previously.



Share Feedback - Because this website is brand new, we want to hear from you about technical issues, suggestions, etc., related to your experience with the Get Fit Texas Challenge. Please do not use this screen for urgent requests, which should be directed to your agency's challenge coordinator or the Challenge Administrator, Rocky Payne.



Questions and Help

The Dashboard screen offers links to the email addresses of the challenge coordinator(s) in your agency. Please reach out to these individuals with questions about your agency's policies, and basic questions about the Challenge and/or website functionality.

- Please note, your challenge coordinators are likely still learning their way around the website, so please be patient if they need to time to answer questions.
- For more complex questions, please reach out to the Challenge Administrator, Rocky Payne, at <u>rocky.payne@dshs.texas.gov</u>.

Thank you for your attention, and good luck achieving the Get Fit Texas State Agency Challenge!



For questions or comments about this guide, please email the Challenge Administrator, Rocky Payne, at <u>rocky.payne@dshs.texas.gov</u>