

What is Required to Drive a Vehicle in Texas?

A TEXAS ISSUED DRIVER LICENSE

Texas issues driver licenses valid for up to six years to state residents. If you are NEW to Texas, Welcome! See the backside of this flyer.

Obtaining a FIRST TIME DRIVER LICENSE Step #1: Gather The Following Items To Present:

- U.S. Citizenship or, if you are not a U.S. Citizen, evidence of lawful presence
- Texas Residency | For examples visit: <u>www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/residencyReqNonCDL.htm</u>
- Identity | For examples visit: www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/identificationrequirements.htm
- Social Security Number
- Evidence of Texas Vehicle Registration (each vehicle you own)
- Proof of Insurance (for each vehicle you own)
- A completed Driver's License Application | Download here: www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/DL-14A.pdf

Under 25 Years Old? You must provide completion of:

- Impact Texas Driver (ITD) if you will be taking a driving test for the issuance of your driver license.
 - To learn more, visit: www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ITD.htm
- Driver education, if you are under 25 years of age. (Does not apply to new residents who are 18 years of age or older and surrendering an out-of-state driver license)

Step #2: Visit a Department of Public Safety Office

- Provide the required information listed above
- Pay the application fee
- Provide your thumbprint
- Have your picture taken
- Pass a Vision Exam
- Take and pass the knowledge and driving tests. The Texas Driver's Handbook is available online to help you qualify for a Texas driver license: www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/DL-7.pdf

Driver License RENEWAL

Under 18 years old: Valid until you turn 18 years old.

18 to 84 years old: Valid for 6 years. **85 years old and older:** Valid for 2 years.

You have several convenient options to renew your Texas driver license or identification card. For more details, visit: www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/renewal.htm

- Online
- By Telephone
- By Mail
- In-person at your local drivers license office (see locations listed above)

Driver License REPLACEMENT

If you need to obtain a replacement without changing any information on the front of the card, and you have your most recently issued card or the audit number from the card, you may use the Online Card Replacement here:

https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/txdl/

If your card has been lost, stolen or destroyed, and you do not have the audit number from your most recently issued card, you must visit your local driver license office to obtain a replacement.

LOCATIONS Department of Public Safety

http://www.dps.texas.gov

Hays County: San Marcos | 1400 N IH-35, San Marcos

Travis County:

Pflugerville | 216 E Wells Branch Pkwy, Pflugerville **Austin North Lamar** | 6121 N Lamar Blvd, Austin **Austin South** | 6425 S IH-35, Austin

Williamson County

Austin Northwest | 13730 Research Blvd, Austin **Georgetown** | 1070 Westinghouse Rd, Georgetown **Taylor** | 412 Vance #2, Taylor



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AUTO INSURANCE

In Texas, you must have proof of insurance coverage for a minimum of \$30,000 per injured person, up to a total of \$60,000 for everyone injured in an accident, and \$25,000 for property damage.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION + INSPECTION

Two Steps=One Sticker

On March 1, 2015, a new state law came into effect requiring you to Inspect to Register annually. Your vehicle must pass an inspection and emissions test 90 days before renewing your vehicle registration. The state portion of the vehicle inspection fee will be due when you renew your vehicle registration.

Step #1: VEHICLE INSPECTION

Find an Inspection Station:

Use the Texas Department of Public Safety Inspection Station Locator to find a station in your area:

www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/vi/VlactiveStationLocator/default.aspx

Pay the inspection station service fee - You will pay for the inspection service but NOT your state inspection and emission fees.

Obtain a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR):

Don't lose this report. It proves you passed inspection and emissions testing so you may need to provide it at the time of registration! Need a replacement copy of the VIR for registration renewal purposes? Find it online or visit any Texas Inspection Station.

What does a Vehicle Inspection Include?

All inspections include a comprehensive safety inspection; however, some vehicles are required to have an emissions test in addition to the safety inspection. To learn more about vehicles that require emissions test and exemptions, visit:

www.tceg.texas.gov/airquality/mobilesource/vim/overview.html

Step #2: REGISTRATION

Select a County Tax Office Renewal Method:

Renew online, by mail, in person at your county tax office.

The inspection and emissions status are checked electronically. If there is an issue verifying the status, you will be asked to provide the Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) in person, by e-mail or by fax. Pay the state registration, inspection and emissions fees – Williamson County Tax Assessor Collector is now required by law to collect the state portion of the inspection fee.

Place the sticker on your windshield - Place your registration sticker on your car - it's the only sticker you need. It serves as proof of current registration AND inspection.

New to Texas?



New Texans have 30 days from the time they move to complete vehicle registration and title transfer and 90 days to obtain a Texas Driver License. (see front side for license details)

What to Bring to the County Tax Office:

Inspection Approval Documents

Proof of Auto Insurance

Proof of Ownership

Examples Include:

- Original title
- Vehicle's most recent registration receipt If there is a lien holder on your vehicle, also provide the full lien holder name, address, city, state, zip code and the first lien date.

Valid Photo ID

The following types of identification will be accepted:

- Driver License or state identification certification issued by a state or territory of the U.S.
- U.S. or foreign passport
- U.S. military identification
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) identification or identification issued under a U.S. Status of Forces Agreement
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security identification
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services docs
- U.S. Department of State ID

Application

Covers: registration, license plates, and title transfer. A Texas 130-U Application (used for all Texas counties)

Download here: www.txdmv.gov/forms

LOCATIONS County Tax Offices

Hays County: https://hayscountytax.com

Main Tax Office | 712 S Stagecoach Trl, San Marcos

Dripping Springs | 195 Roger Hanks Pkwy, Dripping Springs

Kyle Substation | 5458 FM 2770, Kyle

Wimberley Substation | 200 Stillwater, Wimberley

Travis County: https://tax-office.traviscountytx.gov/ **Pflugerville** | 15822 Foothill Farms Loop, Pflugerville Austin Southeast | 4011 McKinney Falls Pkwy, Austin Austin Southwest | 8656 W HWY 71, Austin

Williamson County www.wilco.org

Cedar Park | 350 Discovery Blvd, Cedar Park **Round Rock** | 1801 E Old Settler's Blvd, Round Rock **Georgetown** | 1070 Westinghouse Rd., Georgetown **Taylor** | 412 Vance #2, Taylor