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House Bill (HB) 718 Implementation

Frequently Asked Questions for Dealers

The Texas Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 718 in 2023 to eliminate fraud opportunities with paper tags and permits by replacing them with metal plates. The effective date is July 1, 2025.

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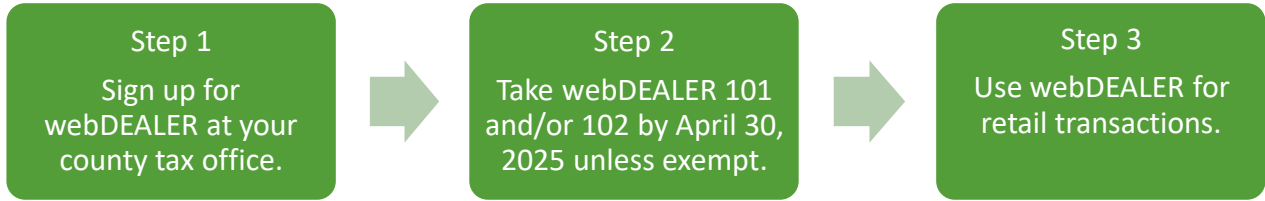
TxDmv Calendar

April 30, 2025, is the deadline to complete webDEALER 101 and/or 102 training to receive plates. Wholesale dealers, and dealers who have used webDEALER for 6 or more months and have submitted more than 100 transactions within the system by October 1, 2024, are exempt from this training requirement.

Dealer Questions and Answers

Fundamentals





Q. What do I need to do now to prepare for July 1?



- A. You will continue to issue temporary tags through Monday, June 30, 2025. Tags issued prior to July 1 will remain in effect until their expiration date. After July 1, if a tag issued before this date is lost, damaged, or destroyed, or if the new plates have not yet arrived, you should obtain a Temporary Registration Plate from the tax office.

Q. What tools will I need on July 1 to process sales transactions?

- A. You must have a computer, a printer, a scanner, internet access, a webDEALER/eTAG account, and a “Surrendered” stamp for marking titles as submitted for transfer. You will also need plates which will be distributed to you. The chart below shows the new plates and their uses:

	Buyer Provisional Plate	Single issuance plate for short-term use if dealers lack the required plate type for the vehicle in their inventory.
	Dealer Temporary Plate	For dealers’ business-related uses, such as test drives, loaner vehicles, or transporting the vehicle. Personal use of vehicles with these plates is prohibited. Plate can be reused until its expiration.
	Out-of-State Buyer Plate	Single issuance plate for vehicles sold to out-of-state buyers.
	Temporary Registration Plate	Single issuance plate for temporary registration, replacing one-trip and 30-day permits (issued by county tax offices and TxDMV regional service centers).

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Q. What is webDEALER?

- A. webDEALER is a web-based application available to licensed dealers that facilitates electronic submission of title applications and supporting documents to county tax offices. It automatically calculates fees and eliminates the submission of physical documents to county tax offices.
- Beginning July 1, 2025, all retail motor vehicle transactions the system supports must be processed in webDEALER.
 - All county tax offices are required to participate.
 - County tax offices will provide access to webDEALER.
 - To sign up, contact each county tax office where you title and register vehicles.
 - If the system prevents processing, the TxDMV will advise dealers on the necessary steps.
 - HB 718 does not affect salvage and non-repairable transactions.

Plate Distribution

Q. You said plate distribution will begin in May 2025. How does this work?

- A. Dealer Temporary Plates need to be ordered through the dealers eLicensing account. All other plates will be delivered to dealers' physical addresses. Dealers will have sufficient inventory to conduct business but will not have to store the entirety of their annual plate allotment at once. For current dealers, initial plate delivery will be based on your previous year's sales. For newly licensed dealers, initial plate delivery is specified by rule. More information can be found at [TxDMV.gov/sites/default/files/body-files/Chapter-215-Adopt.pdf](https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/body-files/Chapter-215-Adopt.pdf). Additional plates will be distributed based on your plate inventory levels. The levels will be monitored by TxDMV using our Inventory Management System (IMS). Details about IMS and distribution to follow.

Q. Can I start using the plates as soon as I receive them?

- A. No. Metal plates should not be issued or used on vehicles until July 1, 2025. When a dealer receives plates, the dealer should do two things: (1) confirm they received the correct inventory; and (2) securely store the plates as detailed in the Security section of this handout.

Q. How does Dealer Temporary Plate Ordering work?

- A. Licensed dealers will be able to order the new dealer temporary plates prior to July 1 by submitting a plate application through eLicensing. It will be a similar process to how dealers order current metal dealer plates. Plates will be mailed to the physical address listed on the application in eLicensing. Plate distribution will be managed and conducted by the Motor Vehicle Division of TxDMV. Please note, current Metal Dealer Plates will continue to be used for business purposes or for personal use.

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July 1, 2025 and Beyond

Q. On and after July 1, 2025, if I need to order any plates, what do I do?

- A. Use IMS where you can order and track General Issue, Buyer Provisional, and Out-of-State Buyer plates. Plate assignment will be completed in a system similar to the eTAG system. TxDMV systems will be integrated with the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS). Law enforcement will be able to see when the plates were issued, to whom, and when they expire.

Q. What does the path forward look like beginning in July?

- A. Paper tags will be eliminated and replaced with metal plates. Most plates will stay with the vehicle, with a few exceptions, such as military and specialty plates, or others as mandated by rule. All retail transactions must be conducted through webDEALER. Dealers must complete a Vehicle Transfer Notice (VTN) within 30-days of the time of sale or transfer of the vehicle to the dealer.

Q. Will I have to be a Dealer Deputy to process title and registration transactions through webDEALER?

- A. No, you do not have to be a Dealer Deputy to process title transactions through webDEALER.

Q. The law currently requires us to charge \$5 for each buyer temporary tag. Will this change?

- A. Yes. Beginning July 1, you will collect a \$10 metal plate fee, not the \$5 tag fee. The \$10 fee will be paid to the tax office with the title application process. For out-of-state resident purchases, the \$10 fee will continue to be paid to the tax office over the counter or through webDEALER. You cannot charge more than \$10.

Q. Currently, customers come back to us for plates. This will no longer happen on July 1. What happens to the registration sticker beginning July 1?

- A. The sticker will be issued by the county tax office or a Dealer Deputy that is allocated sticker paper inventory by the county when the title and registration transaction is processed. How the customer receives their registration sticker depends on the county or dealer. The registration sticker may be mailed, delivered, or picked up by the customer.

Q. What happens to 30-day and One-Trip Permits on July 1?

- A. They are eliminated. Counties and TxDMV Regional Service Centers (RSCs) will issue Temporary Registration License Plates which must be purchased in person. Dealer must present proof of insurance, a current government-issued photo identification and pay a fee of \$25, plus a non-refundable processing and handling fee of \$4.75, per permit.

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Q. Help me understand the difference between the two dealer plates.

	Metal Dealer Plates (existing)	New Dealer Temporary Plate (blue plate)
Can I use it now or before July 1?	✓ Yes	✗ No
Personal use allowed?	✓ Yes	✗ No
Need emissions test, if applicable?	✓ Yes	✗ No
Cost to Dealer	\$90*	\$10

**The existing dealer plates cost \$90 for a 2-year term which aligns with the dealer license term. This includes a \$40 plate fee and a \$50 Plate Use Tax assessed under Tex. Tax Code § 152.027.*

Q. Is it true I will only be able to use the red Temporary Registration plate for exports, and the plate must be purchased in person at the tax office or a TxDMV Regional Service Center?

A. Yes.

Q. Can I use any other plates for exports? Is there any other work-around?

A. No.

Q. What if a customer wants a plate with a specific number?

The general issue plates MUST be distributed in sequential order. Motorists can check the availability and purchase custom and specialty plates through My Plates (www.MyPlates.com).

Q. Walk me through the process of taking a car to and selling a car at auction beginning July 1.

A. Generally, upon receipt of vehicle, remove the General Issue Plates and complete a VTN. Plates will be added to your inventory in the IMS. Securely store the plates. Attach a Metal Dealer or Temporary Dealer Plate to the vehicle if driving it to auction. If transporting via trailer, no plate is required. When the vehicle sells at auction, the purchasing dealer will affix one of their Dealer or Temporary Dealer Plates to the vehicle if being driven away. The selling dealer will deface and recycle the General Issue Plates removed from the vehicle and notate in the IMS that the plates were destroyed as a result of sale at auction. When the purchasing dealer sells the vehicle, they will assign and attach a new General Issue License Plate. This general process may not be applicable to all situations and is subject to change based on regulatory revisions.

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Q. Walk me through what to do with military or specialty plates on trade-ins.

- A. If the customer purchases a vehicle from you and the customer wants to keep the plate, you will assign the military or specialty plate to the newly purchased vehicle.

Q. What if the General Issue plate is damaged?

- A. Remove the plates and destroy or submit for destruction. Submit the VTN within 30 days. When you sell the vehicle, assign one (1) set of General Issue plates (2 identical plates for the front and rear of the vehicle) and account for it in the department's system.

Q. What if the customer comes in with no plates?

- A. Submit the VTN within 30 days. When you sell the vehicle, assign two General Issue plates to that vehicle and account for it in the department's system.

Physical and Electronic Security

Security of plates and system access is your responsibility:

Physical security requirements	Metal plates must be stored in a room, closet, safe, or steel cabinet. The safe or steel cabinet must be bolted or affixed to a floor or wall. The storage area must be of sufficient size.
Monitor and maintain access (physical and system)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only allow essential staff to have access.• Remove former employees.• Consider limiting distribution of keys/codes.• Use strong passwords.• Consider using employee training.• Monitor system use.
Compliance Reviews	There will be periodic reviews of metal plate inventory.
Enforcement	Dealers are liable for and subject to sanctions for missing/misused plates as well as the misuse of the dealership's access to TxDMV systems.