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Policy and Procedure

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors and Motor Vehicle Dealers

SUBJECT: Bexar County Emissions Testing Requirements

PURPOSE

This bulletin outlines changes to Bexar County motor vehicle registration requirements effective November 1, 2026.

DETAILS

Emissions Testing Requirement

Effective November 1, 2026, gasoline-powered vehicles that are 2 through 24 years old registered in Bexar County must pass an emissions inspection before initial registration or registration renewal.

Vehicles exempt by law will remain exempt. Find more detailed information in Chapter 5 of the [Motor Vehicle Registration Manual](#).

Bexar County will join the following Texas emissions counties: Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, El Paso, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Johnson, Kaufman, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis, and Williamson.

Emissions Inspection Fees

Bexar County vehicle owners will pay:

- \$18.50 to the inspection station at the time of the emissions inspection
- \$2.75 to the state at the time of registration

Bexar County inspection stations will begin offering emissions tests on November 1, 2026. A list of certified stations provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety is available at [TxDPS - Vehicle Inspection Locator](#).

Vehicle Registration Renewal

After obtaining a passing emissions test, Bexar County motorists may renew online, by mail or in person.

An emissions test is not required until the vehicle's registration is due for renewal. Registration may be renewed up to 90 days before expiration. For vehicles subject to emissions inspection, the inspection must be completed within that 90-day renewal period. Vehicle owners should plan ahead to avoid registration delays.

Implementation

TxDMV programming for Bexar County was completed with Release 26.3 and will be activated on November 1, 2026.



Renewal notices mailed in September 2026 for registrations expiring in November 2026 will include information about the new emissions requirement. Vehicles exempt from emissions testing will not be charged the \$2.75 emissions inspection fee. The applicable Inspection Replacement Fee will still apply.

Bexar County inspection stations cannot conduct emissions tests before November 1, 2026.

Therefore:

- Registration renewals expiring in November or December of 2026 will not require an emissions inspection or \$2.75 emissions inspection fee **if renewed prior to November 1, 2026.**
- In these cases, only the applicable **\$7.50 Inspection Replacement Fee** will apply.

COUNTY AND DEALER ACTION

Effective November 1, 2026, counties and dealers must follow existing emissions-testing policies and procedures for Bexar County residents and confirm that the applicable fees are assessed:

- **\$7.50** annual Inspection Replacement Fee
- **\$16.75** Inspection Replacement Fee for a new vehicle
- **\$2.75** Emissions Inspection Fee for vehicles registered in an emissions county

Existing TxDMV resource guides, manuals, brochures, and website content regarding emissions inspections will be updated to include Bexar County.

Dealer guidance: The following chart identifies when a dealer must ensure that an emissions inspection has been completed:

	Dealer in Emissions County	Dealer in Non-Emissions County
Customer in Emissions County	Inspection Required	No Inspection Required
Customer in Non-Emissions County	No Inspection Required	No Inspection Required

Core Emissions Logic

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

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