




Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

Vehicle Title and Registration Information for New Texans

Welcome to our great state! There are four steps to title and register your vehicle in Texas as a new Texas resident. The steps must be followed in the order listed below.

 Be sure to register your vehicle within 30 days of moving to Texas; otherwise, penalty fees may apply.

1. Obtain Texas vehicle insurance.

- The [Texas Department of Insurance website](#) has details on policy requirements. Some out of state insurance policies may be acceptable; contact your insurance agent for assistance.

2. Obtain an applicable Texas vehicle inspection at any state inspection station within your new county of residence.

- Effective January 1, 2025, House Bill 3297 eliminates the vehicle safety inspection program managed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for non-commercial vehicles.
- Commercial vehicles are still required to obtain a passing safety inspection prior to registration.
- If you reside in one of the following 17 counties, obtaining a passing emissions inspection prior to registration is still required: Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Johnson, Kaufman, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis, Williamson.
- An inspection station locator is available on the Texas Department of Public Safety website at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/apps/rsd/vi/VlactiveStationLocator/>.
- Proof of vehicle insurance will be required at the time of inspection.

3. Apply for a Texas title and/or registration in person at your local county tax office; see <https://www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors/county-tax-offices> for a list of county tax offices. Take the following with you:

- Title or out-of-state registration receipt.
- Completed Application for Texas Title and/or Registration (Form 130-U), which is available at https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/form_files/130-U.pdf. Detailed instructions for completing the application are available at https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/form_files/VTR-130-UIF.pdf.
 - Check the Registration Purposes Only box if you are not surrendering the out-of-state title.
 - If not required to obtain an emissions inspection, self-certify the vehicle identification number on the Application for Texas Title and/or Registration (Form 130-U).
- Your current driver license or government-issued photo identification. See <https://www.txdmv.gov/photo-id-requirements> for photo identification requirements.
- Proof of current vehicle insurance.
- Fees: Contact your local county tax office in Texas for the exact fee amount and acceptable payment methods as these vary by county.

4. Apply for a Texas driver license through the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS).

- Information for new residents is available on the TxDPS website at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license/moving-texas>.
- General information about Texas driver license and ID services is available on the TxDPS website at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license>.



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About Vehicle and Driver Services in Texas

Although many states combine motor vehicle services and driver license services under the authority of one agency, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) provides only vehicle-related services. Below is a summary of TxDMV services and how they are accessed:

Offices of County Tax Assessor-Collectors

Most motorists will conduct TxDMV-related business at county offices, which are staffed and operated independently of TxDMV. County Tax Assessor-Collectors are statutorily authorized to process certain transactions on behalf of TxDMV at their locations:

- Initial registration for those relocating to Texas.
- Registration renewals (license plates and registration stickers).
- Vehicle title transfers.
- Change of address on motor vehicle records.
- Non-fee license plates such as Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans license plates.
- Disabled parking placards.
- Copies of registration receipts.
- Temporary registration.

Find your local county tax office: <https://www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors/county-tax-offices>. Please note that some county tax offices require appointments.

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Regional Service Centers

Statewide, TxDMV operates 16 Regional Service Centers, each of which serve specific counties, where motorists can complete certain transactions:

- Replacement Titles.
- Bonded Title Rejection Letters.
- Apportioned Registration (IRP Credentials and Temporary Operating Authority for Established Accounts).
- Investigating and Resolving Texas Title Errors.
- Vehicle Transfer Notifications.
- Title History Inquiries.

Find your TxDMV Regional Service Center: <https://www.txdmv.gov/regional-service-centers>.