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COVID-19 / Coronavirus Emergency Information

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) continues to monitor the impacts of the COVID-19/Coronavirus closely and is working with state officials, county tax assessor-collectors, and others to maintain or restore services in affected areas.

When in-person services are unavailable, services and support continue to be provided by mail, email, and phone.

For the most current information regarding TxDMV status, tax assessor office closures, title and registration services, and questions and answers, select the tabs below

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Update: February 24, 2021

Is your vehicle registration expired? Please see this [chart of vehicle registration and inspection deadlines](#) for important information. All expired registrations must be renewed on or before April 14, 2021.

Update: December 15, 2020

The Temporary Waiver of Vehicle Title & Registration Requirements Ends April 14, 2021

If you're overdue, it's time to renew! The temporary waiver of certain vehicle title and registration requirements, announced by Governor Greg Abbott on March 16, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will end on April 14, 2021. The waiver **did not** waive standard fees associated with title and registration.

If you have not renewed your expired vehicle registration, you should make plans to renew by that date. It is not necessary to wait until the deadline to complete any overdue transactions as motorists have several renewal options.

Three ways to renew your vehicle registration:

1. Visit www.TxDMV.gov/register or www.Texas.gov. This is the quickest and least expensive way to renew. Save \$1 if you renew online. Online renewal is available up to nine months past your registration expiration date.
2. *Mail:* Return the bottom portion of your registration renewal form, payment and other required information to your county tax assessor-collector.
3. *In Person:* Visit the office of your county tax assessor-collector. In many counties, in-person renewal is also available at other locations, such as certain grocery stores. Contact your [county tax office](#) to check hours and locations.

Reminder: Before renewing registration, Texans will need to obtain a passing [vehicle inspection](#) at the state vehicle inspection station of their choice, unless their vehicle is exempt from inspection requirements.

The expiring temporary waiver covers the following services:

- Initial vehicle registration.
- Vehicle registration renewal.
- Vehicle titling.
- Renewal of permanent disabled parking placards
- 30-day temporary permits.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles does not issue driver licenses or state ID cards. Texans should contact the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) at www.dps.texas.gov/driverlicense/ for these services.

Update: July 3, 2020

**Update:** May 24, 2020

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) will reopen some of its regional service centers beginning Tuesday, May 26, 2020, with new office health and safety procedures in place. **Customers will be served by appointment only.**

[Click here to set an appointment.](#)

Office Locations and Opening Dates

- Abilene – May 26
- Amarillo – May 26
- Austin – May 26
- Beaumont – May 26
- Corpus Christi – May 26
- Dallas – May 26
- El Paso – May 26
- Fort Worth – May 26
- Houston – May 26
- Longview – May 26
- Lubbock – May 26
- Midland-Odessa – May 26
- Pharr – May 29
- San Antonio – May 26
- Waco – May 26
- Wichita Falls – May 26

This announcement does not apply to driver license or ID services provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS), or services provided by local county tax offices. For information on or assistance with these services, please contact TxDPS or your local county tax office.

Please read the following information carefully as specific procedures must be followed for you to obtain the services that you need:

Office Procedures

- All available in-person services are by appointment only. Title services and motor vehicle dealers are not eligible to make appointments.
- Only one person is allowed in the office per appointment, unless a caregiver is needed.
- Cash, checks, and money orders are acceptable as payment. Credit and debit cards are not accepted.
- Social distancing and hygiene practices will be observed.
- Please complete all necessary forms before arriving for your appointment.
- Appointments are scheduled in 15-minute increments, with the first appointment at 8 a.m. and the last appointment at 4:30 p.m. Missed appointments must be rescheduled.

Available In-Person Services

- Replacement title.
- Bonded Title Notice of Determination.
- Title history.
- Temporary permits.
- Assigned/reassigned numbers.
- Registration Refund Authorizations.
- Investigating and resolving Texas title errors.

Not Available for In-Person Services

- IRP/Apportion transactions.
- Transactions from dealers and title services/runners.

Note: These transactions may be processed by mail, fax, or as drop-offs only.

Scheduling Appointments

To obtain forms to download, print, and complete before your appointment, please see <https://www.txdmv.gov/forms>.

Update: April 29, 2020

- The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is not included in the list of Phase 1 businesses to reopen on Friday, May 7, 2020. Our regional offices remain closed to the public at this time. We continue to provide services by phone, postal mail, and email until further notice.
- Operations at county tax offices, through which most motorists conduct registration and title transactions, will vary from county to county.
- Please continue to refer to www.TxDMV.gov/covid-19 for information on accessing our services, answers to our most common questions, and information on county tax office status.
- To be informed of the latest developments related to COVID-19 and TxDMV services, please subscribe to our mailing list: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDMV/subscriber/new?topic_id=TXDMV_290.
- Please Note: The Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) is the agency that issues driver licenses, not the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Please see <https://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/covid-19.htm> for the latest from TxDPS about their operations during the pandemic.

Important Information Regarding Vehicle Registration, Vehicle Titling, and Disabled Parking Placard Requirements

In an effort to reduce the need for in-person transactions, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) worked with Governor Greg Abbott and our stakeholders to temporarily waive certain requirements for vehicle registration, vehicle titling and disabled parking placards.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation, declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas due to the threat of COVID-19. Governor Abbott also issued a statement on March 16, 2020, granting a temporary extension to obtain initial registration, renewal of registration, vehicle titling, and renewal of a permanent disabled parking placard. Governor Abbott also granted a temporary extension for an individual with an expired 30-day temporary permit to obtain another permit or Texas registration.

The temporary waiver applies to vehicle owners in all Texas counties as set forth in the above-referenced proclamation and statement. This temporary waiver is in effect until 60 days after TxDMV notifies the public that normal vehicle registration, vehicle titling and related services have resumed. The 60-day period will be the same for all counties.

The purpose of the waiver is to prevent customers from having to physically visit a county tax assessor-collector office to obtain initial registration, to obtain a 30-day temporary permit, to transfer title; or to renew registration or a permanent disabled parking placard. Customers may continue to renew their registration online at www.TxDMV.gov. At this time, TxDMV continues to fill online registration sticker requests and process all other online services.

TxDMV has informed law enforcement agencies and the offices of the county tax assessor-collectors of the temporary waiver. As soon as new information is available, we will provide further updates via social media and at <https://www.txdmv.gov/covid-19>.

Movement of Oversize/Overweight Loads in Texas Disaster Areas

TxDMV is not imposing COVID-19 related restrictions on travel for vehicles/loads moving with an Oversize/Overweight Permit. However, all permittees need to check local shelter-in-place/stay-at-home orders prior to movement to ensure the travel meets the definition of "essential" for those areas.

Commercial Vehicle registration requirements to travel in and through the state of Texas are temporarily suspended by order of Texas Governor Greg Abbott. This is to make it faster and easier for operators of commercial vehicles to provide COVID-19 disaster relief assistance.

These suspensions apply to the transportation of supplies, medical equipment, and similar materials that are necessary for preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

A commercial motor vehicle qualifies for the temporary suspension of International Registration Plan (IRP) requirements if the vehicle is registered in one of the 48 contiguous states and is not currently registered under IRP. The suspension covers the vehicle registration requirements for operators of commercial motor vehicles that are providing assistance to any state pursuant to the disaster declarations for those states.

No action on your part is required to qualify for the temporary waivers. Instead print and keep the following documentation in the cab of the vehicle, the Governor's Proclamation and the TxDMV's Suspension of Size and Weight Requirements. Both are found here: <https://www.txdmv.gov/motor-carriers>

These suspensions remain in effect until terminated by Governor Abbott or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires.

Disaster Proclamations

COVID-19/Coronavirus Relief Information

Gov. Greg Abbott has issued a declaration of disaster temporarily suspending size and weight restrictions and oversize/overweight permitting requirements for vehicles and loads associated with activities needed to respond to COVID-19/Coronavirus. Please utilize both waivers when using this suspension.

[Governor Abbott's Disaster Proclamation](#)

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