



Military Packet to Title and Register Your Vehicle

To transfer your vehicle to Texas follow the steps outlined below. Forms and instructions to follow:

Step 1. Obtain insurance meeting the state's minimum requirements.

Step 2. Obtain a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) issued by a vehicle inspection station confirming the VIN, if a commercial or emissions inspection is required. If not required, self-certify the vehicle identification number on the Application for Texas Title and/or Registration (Form 130-U).

Step 3. Provide proof of military service or Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) along with a copy of your current government issued photo identification.

Step 4. Complete an *Application for Texas Title and/or Registration* (Form 130-U), enclosed.

Step 5. If you are applying for a **Texas title and registration** you will need:

- a. The current title or Manufacturer Certificate of Origin (if a new unregistered vehicle)
- b. To check the 'Title and Registration' box on the Form 130-U.

If you are applying for **registration purposes only** (no title will be issued) you will need:

- a. Your current out of state registration receipt, and
- b. To check the 'Registration Purposes Only' box on the Form 130-U.

Step 6. Because we all enjoy the Texas roads and scenery, each vehicle registered in Texas pays fees.

Fees

Fees will include:

- New resident tax \$90.00 or 6.25% sales tax
- Registration fee for passenger car or truck (6,000 lbs. and less) \$50.75
- Title application fee \$28.00 or \$33.00 (varies by county)
- Local county fees up to \$31.50 (varies by county)
- DPS electronic insurance verification fee \$1.00
- Process and handling fee \$4.75
- State portion of the vehicle inspection fees \$2.75 - \$30.75 (varies by county, inspection type, vehicle type, and vehicle use)

Since fees vary by county, be sure to check with your county for specific amounts. County tax office information is available online at www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors/county-tax-offices/.

Taxes

If you are a Texas resident and have not previously paid Texas sales tax on the vehicle, you will pay either a 6.25% sales tax or the difference of the full sales tax previously paid to another state. For used vehicles the value of the vehicle will be determined at the county and is based on the Standard Presumptive Value (SPV) of the vehicle or sales price (whichever is higher). An SPV calculator is available on our home page at www.TxDmv.gov. More information can be obtained by calling the State Comptroller's office at (800) 252-1382 or by visiting www.comptroller.texas.gov.

More Important Information

To allow someone to register and title on your behalf, you can provide a *Limited Power of Attorney for Eligible Motor Vehicle Transactions* (Form VTR-271), enclosed, in addition to the required paperwork.

Insurance

Texas law requires the following minimum amounts of coverage on your vehicle:

- \$30,000 bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident
- \$60,000 bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, with a \$30,000 limit for one person
- \$25,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident

"No fault" insurance is not considered valid proof of financial responsibility in Texas. However, proof of financial responsibility from out of state or out of country is acceptable if the insurance company is licensed to do business in Texas and reflects the above minimum amounts.

Safety Inspections

Commercial vehicles registered in Texas must pass an annual safety inspection. Some counties also have emissions testing requirements. Please check with your county for requirements.

Texas approved inspection stations conduct vehicle inspections and VIN verifications. Many mechanics, repair facilities, and full-service stations are approved to perform the inspections. Look for the state inspection sign at their place of business. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) at (512) 424-7293 or visit their website at www.dps.texas.gov. You will need to present valid proof of liability insurance in order to receive your VIR.

Importing Vehicles

Your vehicle must meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Information on the safety standards can be found at <https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/import/>. More information concerning duty or other customs matters is available from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, <https://www.cbp.gov/>. Military personnel are not required to complete a *Law Enforcement Identification Number Inspection* (Form VTR-68-A).

A certified English translation of any document printed in any language other than English must be provided.

To title and register your vehicle the following is required:

- _____ VIR (if applicable)
- _____ Proof of Insurance
- _____ Proof of military service or Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
- _____ A copy of your current government issued photo I.D.
- _____ *Application for Texas Title and/or Registration* (Form 130-U)
- _____ The current title (or MCO if a new unregistered vehicle)
- _____ If importing from another country: USDOT Form HS-7, and US Customs, Form CBP 7501 (or other acceptable evidence)
- _____ Fees

To register your vehicle the following is required:

- _____ VIR (if applicable)
- _____ Proof of Insurance
- _____ Proof of military service or Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
- _____ A copy of your current government issued photo I.D.
- _____ *Application for Texas Title and/or Registration* (Form 130-U)
- _____ The current out of state registration
- _____ Fees

Application for Texas Title and/or Registration

General Instructions

With a few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information the department collects about you. The Texas Government Code entitles you to receive and review the information and to request that the department correct any information about you that is incorrect. Please contact the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at 1-888-368-4689 or 512-465-3000 for details.

This form must be completed and submitted to a county tax assessor-collector's office accompanied by any required application fee, supporting documents, registration fee, if applicable, and any motor vehicle tax due. An application form may be reproduced or faxed. A completed form must contain the original signature of the buyer. The seller's signature may be reproduced or faxed. All title applications must include one of the government-issued photo IDs listed in Box 15. Detailed instructions for completing this form are located in the *Detailed Instructions for Application for Texas Title and/or Registration* (Form VTR-130-UIF).

AVAILABLE HELP

- For assistance in completing this form, contact your county tax assessor-collector.
- For information about motor vehicle sales and use tax or emission fees, contact the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Tax Assistance Section, at 1-800-252-1382 toll free nationwide or call 512-463-4600.
- For title or registration information, contact your county tax assessor-collector or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at 1-888-368-4689 or 512-465-3000.

Additional Details

Title Only: License plates and registration insignia previously issued for this motor vehicle must be surrendered in accordance with Transportation Code §501.0275, if applicable, unless this vehicle displays a license plate under an applicable status of forces agreement. The following types of vehicles are not eligible for Title Only: construction machinery (unconventional vehicles), water well drilling units, machinery used exclusively for drilling water wells, construction machinery not designed to transport persons or property, implements of husbandry, farm equipment (including combines), golf carts, slow moving vehicles, or any vehicle with a suspended or revoked title.

Registration Purposes Only: Do not surrender an original out of state title with this application. A Texas title will NOT be issued for a vehicle applying for Registration Purposes Only. The receipt issued upon filing this application will serve as the registration receipt and proof of application for Registration Purposes Only.

• **Foreign Vehicles:** Foreign vehicles applying for Registration Purposes Only must attach DOT Form HS-7 or U.S. Customs Form CF-7501 to indicate the vehicle is: 1) over 25 years old, or 2) complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, or 3) is being imported in the United States for a temporary period by a nonresident or a member of the armed forces of a foreign country on assignment in the U.S., and does not conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Standards and cannot be sold in the U.S.

Nontitle Registration: Certain trailers, farm equipment, construction machinery, oil well servicing machinery, water well drilling units, etc. are either exempt from, or not eligible for title, but are eligible for, or required to, obtain registration or a specialty plate in order to operate on the highway. Applicants should mark this box only when applicable. **Note:** A lien cannot be recorded on this type of application.

Notice

- The sales and use tax must be paid to the county tax assessor-collector within 30 days from the date of purchase or entry of the vehicle into Texas.
- A \$2.50 transfer fee is paid to transfer current registration to the new owner in addition to the title application fee and other applicable fees. If the registration is not current, full registration fees are due unless applying for Title Only.
- A 6.25 percent motor vehicle sales and use tax is imposed on the sales price (less trade-in allowance) of motor vehicles for use in Texas or a motor vehicle purchased outside of the state and later brought into this state by a Texas resident.
- Standard Presumptive Value (SPV) applies to private-party sales of most used motor vehicles purchased or brought into Texas. The tax is computed on the greater of the sales price or 80 percent of the SPV on the day of title application.
- New Texas residents are subject to a \$90 use tax on a vehicle brought into this state that was previously registered to the new resident in another state or foreign country. This is in lieu of the 6.25 percent use tax imposed on a Texas resident.
- A \$10 gift tax is due when a person receives a motor vehicle as a gift from an immediate family member, guardian, or a decedent's estate. A vehicle donated to, or given by, a non-profit service organization qualifying under IRC 501(c)(3) is also taxed as a gift. Both donor and recipient must sign the Comptroller's joint affidavit, *Affidavit of Motor Vehicle Gift Transfer* (Form 14-317). The affidavit and the title application must be submitted in person by either the donor or recipient.
- A transaction in which a motor vehicle is transferred to another person without payment of consideration and one that does not qualify as a gift described above is a sale and will be subject to tax calculated on the vehicle's standard presumptive value.
- A late penalty equal to 5 percent of the tax will be charged if the tax or surcharge is paid from 1 to 30 calendar days late. If more than 30 calendar days late, the penalty will be 10 percent of the tax; minimum penalty is \$1.
- In addition to the late tax payment penalty, Texas Transportation Code provides for an escalating delinquent transfer penalty of up to \$250 for failure to apply for title within 30 days from the date of title assignment. Submit this application along with proper evidence of ownership and appropriate valid proof of financial responsibility such as a liability insurance card or policy.
- All new residents applying for a Texas title and registration for a motor vehicle must file at a county tax assessor-collector's office within 30 days of establishing residency. Texas law requires that all vehicles previously registered and titled or registered in another state or country must have the vehicle identification number verified before such vehicles may be registered in Texas. The verification may occur through an emissions inspection performed by a state appointed inspection station, or through self-certification by the applicant on this form.



Limited Power of Attorney for Eligible Motor Vehicle Transactions

Information

All sections of this form must be properly completed in order for this document to be accepted. Original signatures are required, only black or blue ink are acceptable, and no alterations are allowed on this form.

This completed and signed form grants the grantee, with full power of substitution, full power and authority to perform every act necessary and proper to purchase, transfer, and assign the legal title to the motor vehicle described on behalf of the grantor. "Full power of substitution" means that whoever is given this power of attorney may delegate that power by putting another person in his or her place by a substitute power of attorney.

This power of attorney cannot be used in a dealer transaction to complete a title assignment on a motor vehicle subject to federal odometer disclosure. In compliance with federal law, the secure *Power of Attorney for Transfer of Ownership to a Motor Vehicle* (Form VTR-271-A) must be used when use of a power of attorney is permitted by the applicable regulations for a vehicle subject to federal odometer disclosure.

If a power of attorney is used to apply for title, initial registration, or a certified copy of title, the grantor (person signing this form) and the grantee (person signing the application) must include a photocopy of their photo identification as required by state law.

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number	Year	Make	Body Style	Model
License Plate State and Number (if any)	Title/Document Number (if unknown, leave blank)			

Grantor Information

First Name (or Entity Name)	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
Address			
City	County	State	Zip

Grantee Information

First Name (or Entity Name)	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
Address			
City	County	State	Zip

Certification – State law makes falsifying information a third degree felony

I, the grantor of the county and state as listed above, owner of the motor vehicle described above, certify that I do make, constitute, and appoint the grantee of the county and state as listed above, or to anyone the grantee may substitute, my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, place, and stead to title, and to allow my attorney the authority to substitute as it pertains to the motor vehicle described above.

Signature of Grantor	Printed Name (Same as Signature)	Date
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