

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

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New Photo ID Rules - FAQs

Do I have to show identification (ID) when I title or register my vehicle?

Yes, the first time you title or register a vehicle you will need to show a photo ID.

Is anyone exempt from the photo ID requirement?

No. State law requires the owner of a vehicle to present ID as determined by the board.

What are the acceptable forms of ID?

Through Aug. 31, 2013, an acceptable form of ID is a government-issued ID with a photo, a unique identification number, a birth date, an expiration date and must be acceptable to the county Tax Assessor-Collector.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2013, the only acceptable IDs will be a:

- Driver license or state identification certification issued by a state or territory of the U.S.
- U. S. or foreign passport
- U. S. military identification
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) identification or identification issued under a U.S. Status of Forces Agreement
- U. S. Department of Homeland Security identification
- U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation
- U.S. Department of State ID

Why did the rules change?

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board passed these rules as a requirement of two new state laws (HB 2017 and HB 2357) that mandate identification for titling a vehicle and first-time registrants. This change does not apply to vehicle registration renewal. The new identification requirements are another step towards creating more electronic services for customers, and ensuring the integrity of the motor vehicle database.

What ID is required if I am bringing the title application to the office for my spouse in the military or my child at college?

Bring a legible photocopy of your spouse's or child's ID.

Will an ID be required for registration purposes only (for vehicles titled outside Texas that are going to be registered in Texas)?

Yes.

Whose ID is required if a vehicle is titled in a business name?

The ID of the person who signed the transaction must be presented along with one of the following: a business card or company letterhead giving the person authority to title the vehicle.

Is an ID required for government agencies, exempt agencies, non-profits and churches?

Yes, the requirements for these organizations are the same as vehicles titled in a business name.

Whose ID is required for leased vehicles?

Either the ID from the person leasing the vehicle or the leasing company agent is required. The same requirements for a business are required if the leasing company agent ID is submitted.

If a vehicle is going to be titled in two or more names, are all IDs required?

Only one owner has to submit an ID at the time of the application for title or registration.

What if my ID is expired?

For title and registration purposes, an ID will be accepted up to 12 months after the date of expiration.