

House Bill 718 – Dealer Plate FAQs

1. What is a “Dealer Temporary Plate”?

House Bill 718, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2023, eliminates the use of various types of temporary tags, including Agent-Specific and Vehicle-Specific Dealer Temporary Tags. The Dealer Temporary Plate replaces both the Agent-Specific and Vehicle-Specific Dealer Temporary Tags. An example of the Dealer Temporary Plate is shown below.



2. When will dealers start using the Dealer Temporary Plate?

Dealers will start using their Dealer Temporary Plates beginning July 1, 2025.

3. I already have dealer plates issued by the department. How is the Dealer Temporary Plate different from the dealer plate that I already have?

The only difference between the dealer plates currently issued by the department (known as the Standard Dealer Plate) and the new Dealer Temporary Plate is that current dealer plates can be used by a dealer for both business and personal use. Dealer Temporary Plates are **only** for business use.

4. Is the Dealer Temporary Plate replacing the dealer plate the Department currently issues?

No. You will still use your Dealer Plates (known as the Standard Dealer Plate) currently assigned to you after July 1, 2025.

5. What is a “Standard Dealer Plate”?

“Standard Dealer Plates” are the dealer plates that are currently issued by the Department that look like this:





6. What can a Dealer Temporary Plate be used for?

A Dealer Temporary Plate can be used in many of the same ways that a Standard Dealer Plate can be used, including for test drives, loaner vehicles, transporting vehicles between dealerships, transporting vehicles to be serviced or reconditioned, transporting vehicles to and from auctions, and for road testing. Unlike Standard Dealer Plates, Dealer Temporary Plates cannot be used for personal use.

7. How do I order Dealer Temporary Plates?

To order Dealer Temporary Plates, submit a Plate Application via your eLICENSING account. This is the same process used for ordering Standard Dealer Plates currently issued by the department.

8. When will I be able to submit orders for Dealer Temporary Plates?

The department anticipates that dealers will be able to start submitting orders for dealer temporary plates in April of 2025.

9. How much does a Dealer Temporary Plate cost?

Dealer Temporary Plates are \$10 each upon issuance.

10. Where will the department send my Dealer Temporary Plates?

Any plates you order will be mailed by the department to your licensed physical location associated with your GDN. **IMPORTANT:** Please confirm the physical address on your current dealer license is correct. If any changes need to be made to the physical address for the business, please log into your eLICENSING account and submit an application as soon as possible.

11. Can I start using my Dealer Temporary Plates prior to July 1, 2025?

No. You may begin using the Dealer Temporary Plate beginning July 1, 2025.

12. Are plate stickers required for the Dealer Temporary Plates?

Yes. As with the Standard Dealer Plates currently issued by the department, you will also be issued stickers with your Dealer Temporary Plates.

13. How long are Dealer Temporary Plates valid?

As with Standard Dealer Plates currently issued by the department, Dealer Temporary Plates will be valid through the current dealer's license term. Your Dealer Temporary plates will be renewed along with your dealer license.

14. How many Dealer Temporary Plates will I be able to order?



Allocation limits for Dealer Temporary Plates will be based on license type, sales volume, and time in operation. Existing motor vehicle GDN holders will be able to order up to 25 Dealer Temporary Plates, and can also qualify for an additional 5 to 30 Dealer Temporary Plates depending on sales volume from the previous calendar year. Dealers are required to submit VIT/Proof of Sales documents to receive an additional allocation. If you need more plates than what is allocated, you can also apply for a waiver of the dealer temporary plate limit with your plate application.

15. Are there storage requirements for my plates, including my Dealer Temporary Plates?

Yes. All plates in the dealer's possession must be kept in either a locked room or closet, or in a locked safe or cabinet that is bolted to the floor or wall.

16. How can I find additional information about the changes related to House Bill 718?

You can find more information about House Bill 718 on the TxDMV website at www.TxDmv.gov/HB718.

17. Is there a way for me to be notified of any new changes related to House Bill 718?

Yes. You can sign up for email updates via the GovDelivery platform at www.TxDmv.gov/subscribe. For information specific to House Bill 718, you can select the "HB 718 Dealer Info" subscription topic. In addition, please confirm that your license contact information, as well as your business email and business phone number, are up to date. If any changes need to be made, please log into your eLICENSING account and submit a 'Change General License Info' amendment as soon as possible.

18. How much does it cost to replace a Dealer Temporary Plate or Sticker?

A Dealer Temporary Plate or sticker is \$10 to replace.

19. How do I order a replacement Dealer Temporary Plate or sticker?

You can order a replacement Dealer Temporary Plate or sticker using your eLICENSING account to submit a Plate Application.

20. How do I cancel a Dealer Temporary Plate or report a Dealer Temporary Plate as "Lost, Damaged, or stolen?"

You cancel a Dealer Temporary Plate or report a Dealer Temporary Plate as "Lost, Damaged, or Stolen" using your eLICENSING account to submit a Plate Application.