

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

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New Photo ID Rules – FAQs

What are the acceptable forms of ID?

Through Aug. 31, 2013, an acceptable form of ID is any government-issued ID with a photo, unique identification number, birth date, and expiration date. The ID may not be more than one year expired and must be acceptable to the County Tax Assessor-Collector.

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

- 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.

Is a Mexico Matricula Consular card an acceptable ID?

This form of identification contains the required elements of an acceptable ID; however, the county still retains the authority to determine if it is acceptable in their county.

Do I have to require an ID with a mail-in title application request?

Yes, a legible photocopy of the owner's ID is required.

What ID is required if a person is bringing the title application to the office for their spouse in the military or child at college?

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

Is an ID required for obtaining a corrected title with no change in ownership?

No.

Will an ID be required to renew registration?

No, IDs are not required to renew registration.

Will salvage, non-repairable or certificate of authority title applicants have to submit an ID?

Yes.

Will non-titled vehicles such as trailers less than 4,000 lbs. or farm trailers less than 34,000 lbs. require an ID?

No.

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 an ID is expired?

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

Can a transaction be denied by my office if the ID is fraudulent?

Yes.

Can a tax office require a driver's license if payment is by check?

Yes.