



TxDMV adopted amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 217, to support identification requirements for vehicle registration transactions

The new ID requirements for **initial registration** take effect on March 5, 2026

The new ID requirements for **registration renewal** do not take effect until January 1, 2027

Initial Registration:

Application for Texas Title and/or Registration

Application for (please check one):
 Title & Registration Title Only Registration Purposes Only Nontitle Registration

For an incorrect title or registration, check reason:
 Title Description Add/Remove Lien Other:

1. Identification Number 2. Year 3. Make 4. Body Style 5. Model 6. Major Color 7. Minor Color

TAX OFFICE USE ONLY
 County: Doc #: SPV Appraisal Value \$

When a vehicle becomes registered in Texas under *that* owner's name.

Registration Renewal:

✓ ID Requirements **do not** apply yet
 ✓ Renewals continue to be processed as usual



Effective Date for Renewals: January 1, 2027

Title & Initial Registration Transaction Types Chart

Use the chart below to determine which ID standard applies:

Transaction Type	Is ID required for title purposes?	Is ID required for initial registration purposes?	Acceptable ID
Standard Initial Registration (Including Registration Purposes Only – RPO)	Yes	Yes	List A
Title Only (No Registration)	Yes	No	List B
Off-Highway (Titled without registration)	Yes	No	List B
Exempt Vehicles	Yes	No	List B
IRP (Apportioned)	N/A	No	List B
Non-Resident Agricultural Permit	N/A	Yes	List B
Annual Permits	N/A	Yes	List B
72-Hour and 144-Hour Permits	N/A	Yes	List B
Temporary Registration Plate (One-Trip and 30-Day)	N/A	Yes	List B
Alternate Registration (Fertilizer, Seasonal Ag, Soil Conservation, Farm – Motor Vehicles and Trailers)	Yes	Yes	List B
Rental Trailers	Yes	Yes	List B
Commercial Registration (City Bus, Combination, Cotton, Forestry, Motor Bus, Token Trailer, Tow Truck)	Yes	Yes	List B

List A - Acceptable ID for Transactions

One of the following:

Valid: Unexpired REAL ID-compliant driver's license or state ID from any state or territory of the United States

Without REAL ID: Valid, unexpired driver's license or state ID that does not meet REAL ID requirements, issued by state that requires proof of legal presence: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming

Without REAL ID: Valid, unexpired driver's license or state ID that does not meet REAL ID requirements issued by any state or territory of the United States, PLUS:

- U.S. birth certificate,
- Certificate of Naturalization, or
- Certificate of Citizenship

Valid, Unexpired U.S. Passport

Valid, unexpired foreign passport PLUS:

- Form I-94 (Not in Parole status),
- Current permanent resident card, or
- Unexpired immigrant visa from the United States Department of Homeland Security

Valid, unexpired Texas License to Carry a Handgun issued by TxDPS

How do you identify a **REAL ID**?

Look for the Star or Symbol:

- May be black or gold star
- Varies by state



Not a REAL ID:

- No symbol appears on the card
- Indication that it is not for REAL ID purposes



*Unexpired DL/ID in Washington's REAL ID-compliant ID

Marking: Temporary or Limited Term

Not acceptable as REAL ID

Applicant must qualify under another ID option:

- Non-REAL ID (from Legal Presence State)
- Non-REAL ID + Proof of Citizenship
- Valid Passport + Proof of Federal Admission



List B - Acceptable ID for Transactions

Driver's license or ID issued by a U.S. state or territory

Texas License to Carry Handgun issued by TxDPS

U.S. passport

Foreign passport

U.S. military ID

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ID

ID issued under a Status of Forces Agreement

U.S. Department of Homeland Security ID

U.S. Department of State ID

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ID

Note: Only List B acceptable forms of ID can be expired up to 12 months.

Definitions as Defined in 217.22:

“REAL ID”: is the minimum document requirements and issuance standards for federal recognition under the REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13.

“United States Birth Certificate”: is an original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by the appropriate vital statistics agency of a United States state, territory, or the District of Columbia indicating birth in the United States; or an original or a certified copy of a United States government-issued document indicating birth of a child born abroad to a United States citizen, including a Consular Report of Birth or Department of State Certification of Birth issued to a U.S. Citizen born abroad (FS 240, DS-1350, or FS 545).

“Valid Passport”: is an unexpired passport or passport card issued by the United States government; or an unexpired passport issued by the government of another country accompanied by one of the following documents issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security:

- Form I-94, unless the Form I-94 shows that the bearer only has Parole status;
- a current permanent resident card; or
- an unexpired immigrant visa issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security

Entity/Business Requirements:

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN/EIN) may be used in Lieu of the Agent’s Individual Identification Number

- Proof must be submitted and correspond to the business name
- FEIN/EIN is recorded on the Application for Texas Title and/or registration (Form 130-U)

Agent’s Current Photo Identification

Agent’s Authority to Sign. The employee must provide one of the following, in addition to their ID:

- Employer’s identification badge
- Letter of authorization on company letterhead
- Business card with pre-printed name

Important Clarifications:

Military Applicants: are required to adhere to ID requirements identified in the chart above based on transaction type.

Non-Titled Vehicles:

The following are **not subject to these ID requirements**:

- Machinery plates
- Permit plates
- Frac tank plates
- Other registration classes issued with the “MISC” vehicle class