

Driver License

First Time Age 18 and over

1) I am new to Texas, what do I need to do in order to get a Texas license?

A new resident moving into Texas who has a valid driver license from his home state, has 30 days after entry into the state to secure a Texas driver license. In addition to testing, all first time original applicants must visit a [Texas Driver License office](#) and present and do the following: [Texas Transportation Code 521.029](#).

New residents previously licensed in another state:

- Proof of [Identity](#). [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.24](#).
- Proof of [Social Security Number](#). [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.42](#), [Texas Transportation Code 521.044](#).
- Proof of Texas vehicle registration and [liability insurance](#), if you own a vehicle. [Texas Transportation Code 521.143](#).
- Complete required forms available at any [Texas Driver License office](#).
- Pay the [required fee](#). [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.40](#), [Texas Transportation Code 521.421](#).
- Pass the vision exam. [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.51](#), [Texas Transportation Code 521.161](#).
- Application must include photograph and thumbprints; however, thumbprints are not included on the driver license. [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.44](#), [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.45](#), [Texas Transportation Code 521.142](#).
- If you have a VALID out-of-state license in your possession, please bring it to the driver license office to surrender. [Texas Transportation Code 521.182](#).

NOTE: If you have an EXPIRED out-of-state license, you will be required to pass both the written and driving* exams, in addition to a vision test.

* Applicant must provide vehicle.

New residents from out-of-country:

- Proof of [Identity](#). [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.24](#).
- Proof of [Social Security Number](#). (If you do not have a Social Security Number, you will need to complete a Social Security Affidavit (DL-13) form.) [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.42](#), [Texas Transportation Code 521.044](#).
- Proof of Texas vehicle registration and [liability insurance](#), if you own a vehicle. [Texas Transportation Code 521.143](#).
- Complete required forms available at any [Texas Driver License office](#).
- Pay the [required fee](#). [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.40](#), [Texas Transportation Code 521.421](#).
- Pass the written, driving* and vision examinations. [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.51](#), [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.52](#), [37 Texas Administrative Code 15.56](#), [Texas Transportation Code 521.161](#).

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