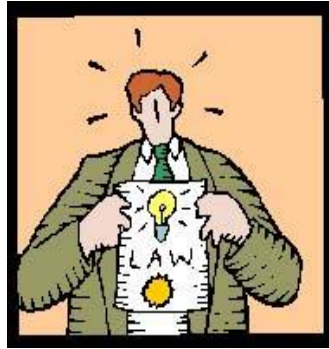


Changes in Texas Property Tax Laws Affecting Residential Homestead Exemptions



Effective September 1, 2011, in order to qualify for a residential homestead exemption you must provide Bexar Appraisal District with a copy of either your Texas driver's license or Texas ID Card.



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The address on your driver's license or state ID card must match the **physical address of the residence** for which you are applying.



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This address must also be the **same as the address on your vehicle registration**. Attach a copy of your vehicle registration receipt to your homestead application.



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Remember: Your physical street address must match the address on your vehicle registration and both must match the address on your driver's license or state ID card. **All three must have the same address.**

Next is important information to help you get an updated vehicle registration and/or an updated or new driver's license or Texas-issued personal ID card. No vehicle? That's covered, too.

Vehicle Registration

In order to change the address on your vehicle registration and obtain a Duplicate Vehicle Registration Receipt to attach to your homestead exemption application, please contact the Bexar County Tax Office either by telephone, or in person at the downtown office at Vista Verde Plaza Building, 233 N Pecos la Trinidad, or at any branch office or by mail. The main phone number for the Bexar County Tax Office is (210) 335-2251. The mailing address is: **Bexar County Tax Office, P. O. Box 839950, San Antonio, TX 78283-3950.** You will need to complete and submit **Form VTR-275, Request for Texas Motor Vehicle Information along with a copy of a current government issued photo identification**, which may be obtained at any branch location or the downtown office, by mail, or from their website: www.bexar.org. There is a \$2.00 fee for the Vehicle Registration Receipt. To find the branch office nearest you, please call the main tax office number listed above, or go to their website and look for an office location near you. If you pursue this by mail, please allow at least two weeks.

If You don't Own a Vehicle

Please complete the **Non-Ownership of Motor Vehicle Affidavit** on Page 4 of your homestead exemption application. This must be a sworn statement signed before a Notary Public. You also need to attach a copy to your homestead exemption application of a utility bill for the homestead property showing the bill is in your name and the utility address matches the physical address of the homestead property.

Texas Driver's License

If you have a current Texas driver's license and you move to a new location in Texas you have **30 days** to change the address on your driver's license. The simplest way to do this is online. Go to www.txdps.state.tx.us and follow the **instructions for changing your address**. You will need to have a valid credit card for paying the \$10.00 fee, and you will need access to a printer so that you can print out your temporary receipt. **Otherwise, call or go in person to one of the Texas DPS locations (see list below).**

For a new Texas driver's license (**first time license or moving to Texas from out of state**) go in person to a DPS location. You will need to complete an application, provide proof of identity (proof of Social Security, birth certificate, or an out of state driver's license), provide proof of vehicle registration, consent to be photographed, fingerprinted, and provide a signature. You will need to pass a vision examination. First time applicants need to schedule a time for taking the driving test and pass both the driving and written test. **Out of state applicants should apply within 90 days** after entry into the state and need to be prepared to surrender their valid out of state driver's license upon application. Fees are:

\$25.00 for a driver's license (expiration 6 years) \$16.00 for an ID card (under 60 years of age and expiration of 6 years) \$6.00 for an ID card (over 60 years of age and an indefinite expiration date)

Texas DPS Locations in Bexar County

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| 1258 Babcock Rd | 78201 | (210) 737-1911 |
| 1633 Pat Booker Rd | 78148 | (210) 945-1900 |
| 6502 South New Braunfels Ave | 78223 | (210) 531-2241 |
| 1803 South General McMullen | 78226 | (210) 436-6611 |

Texas DPS Statewide Information (512) 424-2600

