

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 JCAD with a copy of either your Texas driver's license or Texas ID Card.

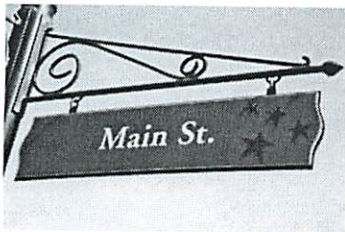


102 Main St. OR



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The address on your driver's license or stated 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.

On the next page 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 Jones County Tax Assessor Collector either by telephone, or in person at the Jones County Courthouse, or by mail. The main phone number for the Tax Assessor Collector is (325) 823-2437. The mailing address is: Mary Ann Lovelady, PO Box 511, Anson TX 79501. You will need to complete and submit Form MV-440, Request for Texas Motor Vehicle Information, which may be obtained from the courthouse, by mail, or from the website: www.txdmv.gov. There is a \$2.00 fee for the Vehicle Registration Receipt. 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 of 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 Texas 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 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)

Local Texas DPS Locations

1110 West Court Plaza	Anson, TX 79501	325-823-3631
4649 South First	Abilene, TX 79605	325-695-0988
Hwy 180 and Hwy 70 (Fisher County Courthouse)	Roby, TX 79543	325-776-3276
1 Avenue D (Haskell County Courthouse)	Haskell, TX 79521	940-864-2448
Texas DPS Statewide Information	www.txdps.state.tx.us	512-424-2600