

# 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 LCAD with a copy of either your Texas Driver License **or** Texas ID Card.



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The address of the Driver 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 of 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 documents must have the same address.



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On the next page is important information to help you get updated vehicle registration and/or an updated or new driver 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 Liberty County Tax Office either by telephone, or in person at 1823 Sam Houston. The main number for the tax office is (936) 336-4633. The mailing address is: **Liberty County Tax Office, Attn: Renewal Mail, P.O. Box 1810, Liberty, Texas 77575**. You will complete and submit **Form MV-440, Request for Texas Motor Vehicle Information**. 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 of Public. You also need to attach a copy to your homestead exemption application of a utility bill for the homestead property showing bill is in your name and utility address matches the physical address of the homestead property.

### Texas Driver's License

If you have a current 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](http://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 (listed 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. Fee is:

\$25.00 for a Driver License (expiration 6 years)

\$16.00 for an ID card (under 60 years of age and expiration date 6 years)

\$6.00 for an ID card (over 60 years of age and an indefinite expiration date)

### Texas DPS Locations

Liberty DPS	2103 Cos Ave, Liberty, Texas 77575	(936) 336-7343
Cleveland DPS	304 Campbell, Cleveland, Texas 77327	(281) 592-5983