

New Photo ID Requirements

Starting March 5, 2026, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles implemented stricter photo ID rules for initial vehicle registrations and title transfer transactions (when transferring ownership/title). These changes were adopted by the TxDMV board and apply at county tax assessor-collector offices across Texas.

Acceptable Photo Identification (List A – standard initial registration/title)

To apply for an initial vehicle registration or title transfer, you **must present one of the following “List A” photo IDs**:

- **REAL ID-compliant driver’s license** (any U.S. state/territory)
- **State driver’s license or ID card** *that is not REAL ID-compliant*, **plus** one of:
 - U.S. *birth certificate*
 - U.S. *Certificate of Naturalization*
 - U.S. *Certificate of Citizenship*
- **U.S. passport (valid and unexpired)**
- **Foreign passport (valid & unexpired)** *accompanied by*:
 - Unexpired Form I-94, or
 - Valid U.S. permanent resident card (green card), or
 - Unexpired immigrant visa from DHS
- **Texas License to Carry a Handgun (valid & unexpired)** issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

 These List A IDs must be **current and valid** at the time of application.

Other Acceptable IDs for Certain Title-Only or Special Transactions

For some **title-only applications**, special registration transactions, or temporary permits, the TxDMV allows a broader set of photo IDs (**“List B”**), which may include:

- **Any current state ID or driver’s license**
- **Texas License to Carry a Handgun issued by TxDPS**
- **U.S. or foreign passport**

- U.S. military ID
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ID
- ID issued under a Status of Forces Agreement
- DHS or Department of State IDs
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ID

NOTE: IDs listed under "**List B**" may be accepted even if expired up to 12 months in limited scenarios, depending on the transaction.

 For additional information, see the [Registration and Title Bulletin \(RTB\) 001-26](#), and [State Issued ID/DL Reference Guide](#) issued by TxDMV.