



# Texas

## Department of Public Safety

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NEWS RELEASE

### **DPS Announces New Residency Requirements For Driver Licenses, Identification Cards**

*Requirements take effect May 7, 2012*

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety today announced the implementation of new proof of residency requirements to obtain Texas driver licenses or identification cards effective May 7, 2012. The requirements, which only apply to first-time driver license and identification card applicants, are the result of legislation approved by the Texas Legislature.

In addition to the standard requirements necessary to obtain a license or identification card (<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/identificationrequirements.htm>), all new applicants will also be required to present two acceptable documents containing the applicant's name and address to establish proof of residency in the state of Texas.

To meet the residency requirement for an original identification card or driver license, an applicant must:

- Reside in Texas for at least 30 days prior to application
- Present two acceptable documents establishing proof of residency, one of which must demonstrate the applicant has lived in Texas at least 30 days

The 30-day requirement is waived for applicants who surrender a valid, unexpired out-of-state driver license, but two documents establishing proof of residency are still required.

For a complete list of acceptable residency documents and additional details, please visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/residencyReqNonCDL.htm>.

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