



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

“Two Steps, One Sticker”

Texas Department of Public Safety
Regulatory Services Division

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Effective March 1, 2015, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will transition to a new vehicle inspection and registration system that requires motorists to display just one windshield sticker – the vehicle registration.

More information can be found at:

www.twostepsonesticker.com

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT STATIONS?

1. NO MORE INSPECTION STICKERS

Inspectors will not put an inspection sticker on the vehicle. Instead, you will provide motorists with a printed and signed vehicle inspection report that contains inspection details regardless of whether the vehicle passes or fails the inspection. **You will no longer purchase inspection stickers.**

2. YOU MUST HAVE A PRINTER

All Inspections Stations are required to have a printer, paper and a black toner cartridge to print vehicle inspection reports for customers by March 1, 2015. This is not a new requirement for emissions inspection stations who currently must have printers.

PRINTERS

To make the transition to the vehicle inspection report as simple as possible, the DPS Direct Program (VIC) has teamed up with Dell to offer an easy way to purchase a printer. When you purchase this printer through DPS Direct:

SUGGESTED PRINTERS

Dell B1160 Mono Laser Printer - \$118.37:

This price includes the printer, USB cable, and 3 year warranty but does not include any applicable tax or shipping charges.

Black Toner Cartridge for Dell B1160, Part# HF44N - \$59.99

Stations should consider having an extra toner cartridge to prevent being unable to continue performing inspections.

HOW TO PURCHASE THE SUGGESTED PRINTER

There are three ways to purchase the **Dell B1160** printer.

Retail Store: You can buy it from a local retail establishment (i.e. Best Buy, Office Depot, etc.)

Online Store: Go to <http://printers.portal.texas.gov> and follow the instructions.

Phone: Call (855) 845-0842, ext. 2 to order from the DPS Direct Team.

OTHER PRINTER OPTIONS

Additional printer options have been approved by the DPS Direct Team. These printers are available to purchase through most “big box” stores such as Best Buy or Office Depot. They can also be purchased online via a website such as Amazon.com or from the manufacturer’s website.

These printers cannot be purchased through DPS Direct Program.

Dell model: B1260dn

Lexmark models MS312dn, MS315dn

Okidata model: B411d

It is strongly recommended that you purchase a warranty that offers next-business day replacement, if you have problems with your printer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Certificate sales will cease on February 19, 2015.
2. Only Vehicle Inspection Reports (VIR) will be issued starting March 1, 2015.
3. Unused VI certificates will be refunded.
4. Hardware support will only be provided for approved printers.
5. Purchasing the extended printer warranty is not required, but suggested.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6. Get help for setting up approved printers by calling the DPS Direct hardware support team at 1-855-845-0842.
7. Copies of lost vehicle inspection reports can be reprinted directly from the VIC unit. Customer can reprint one from the website www.mytxcar.org.
8. Stations will be required to maintain all printer supplies and paper. Stations unable to print vehicle inspection reports will not be allowed to perform inspections.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

9. Additional printer supplies are recommended. Most printer cartridges provided in new printers are starter cartridges and do not produce as many copies as replacement cartridges.

CHANGES FOR VIC STATIONS

1. Beginning March 1, 2015 stations will no longer issue inspection certificates.
2. Stations will be required to have a printer.
3. All inspections will produce a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) pass or fail and given to the customer.
4. Inspector will sign the Vehicle Inspection Report.
5. Elimination of the Out-of-State Identification Certificate **VI-30** .

CHANGES FOR VIC STATIONS

6. Stations will no longer have out-of-pocket expense to purchase inspection certificates. This means that current inspection fees will be reduced.
7. Stations will receive refunds for unused certificates.

NEW INSPECTION FEES



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Vehicle Inspection Costs as of March 1, 2015

Inspection Type	Counties	Station Portion
One-Year Safety	All counties except those listed below and vehicles 25 years and older	\$7.00
Two-Year Safety	Statewide	\$7.00
Commercial	Statewide	\$40.00
Trailer / Motorcycle	Statewide	\$7.00
Safety Emission (TSI/OBD)	El Paso	\$18.50
Safety Emission (TSI/OBD)	Travis and Williamson	\$18.50
Emission (ASM) for vehicles 1995 and older	Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant	\$31.50
Emission (TSI/OBD) for vehicles 1996 and newer	Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant	\$25.50
Emission Test Only	El Paso	\$11.50
Emission Test Only	Travis and Williamson	\$13.50
Emission Test Only	Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant	\$24.50

HOW WILL VEHICLE REGISTRATION WORK

First Year (March 2015 through 2016)

- Vehicles with current (unexpired) inspection certificate at the time of registration will be allowed to register.
- Commercial vehicles will continue to follow the current annual inspection requirement, and will not be affected.
- DMV will continue to send the renewal notice in advance of registration expiration.

HOW WILL VEHICLE REGISTRATION WORK

First Year (March 2015 through 2016)

- DMV renewal notice generation will query the data system to determine the State portion of the inspection fees.
- DMV renewal notices will now contain a line item for State portion of the inspection fees.

HOW WILL VEHICLE REGISTRATION WORK

Second Year (March 2016 forward)

- All vehicles, with the exception of those required to obtain a Commercial inspection, will be required to obtain a passing inspection within 90 days of their registration expiration.
- All else, as stated above, will continue to apply with respect to the registration process.

EXAMPLES

March 1, 2015 (VEHICLES IN SYNC)

- Beginning March 2015, if inspection and registration expire in the same month (vehicle in sync) registration renewed. Next inspection is due within 90 days of 2016 registration.
- Inspection and registration both expire March, 2015. Customer must have a new passing inspection within the previous 90 days.

EXAMPLES

March 1, 2015 (VEHICLES OUT OF SYNC)

- Beginning March 2015, inspection and registration expire in different months (vehicle out of sync). Registration renewed if passing inspection found in the system.
- Inspection expires April 2015 and registration expires March 2015. Registration renewed because valid passing inspection is found in the system.



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