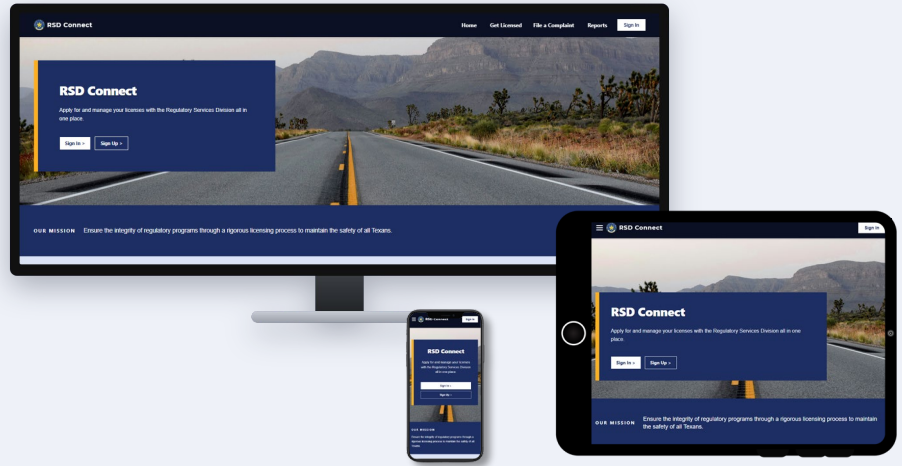




RSD Connect Launches October 2026

The Texas Department of Public Safety, Regulatory Services Division (RSD) is modernizing how it licenses and oversees compliance and enforcement.

RSD Connect unifies the applicant and staff experience across licensing, eligibility, compliance, and enforcement into a **single, scalable, and integrated platform** that will span all RSD programs — setting a new standard for **compliance, efficiency, and service** across Texas agencies.



Programs on RSD Connect in 2026

License to Carry (LTC)

RSD licenses individuals to carry handguns within Texas, evaluates the eligibility of applicants through criminal history background checks, monitors those currently licensed to ensure their continued eligibility, and certifies LTC instructors to teach the required course to applicants.



More than 1.4 million Texans will now use RSD Connect to manage and renew their license to carry a handgun.

Capitol Access Pass (CAP)

CAP provides expedited access to the Texas State Capitol through the main, public entrances. Adopted in 2011, the CAP allows individuals to enter the Capitol building through the same entrance as a handgun license holder.



Applications & Renewals for CAP licenses will now be submitted and processed via RSD Connect.

Additional programs will launch on RSD Connect in 2027, including the Vehicle Inspection (VI) and Ignition Interlock Device (IID) programs.

Delivering Value for Texas



Modernized User Experience

Clean, accessible design built around the needs of applicants, staff, and the public.



Streamlined Processing

Upfront clarity on requirements minimizes back-and-forth and shortens approval times.



Enhanced Transparency

Clear, real-time visibility into application statuses at every stage of the process.



Enterprise Oversight

Centralized reporting across RSD programs for faster, better-informed decisions.