



Emissions-testing regulations

The **affected** counties are Harris, Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Johnson, Kaufman, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis, and Williamson. All other Texas counties are **non-affected** counties.

Transaction type	What applicant is doing	Characteristics of the vehicle	Proof of emissions testing required?
Title Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · applying for title on a currently registered vehicle* <li style="text-align: center; color: orange;">or · applying for title and registration on a vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 1996 or newer · less than 50,000 miles · gasoline-powered · from either a non-affected or an affected county 	No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 1996 or newer (MCO's excluded) · 50,000 or more miles · gasoline-powered · from a non-affected county* 	Yes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 1995 · gasoline-powered · from a non-affected county* 	Yes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 25 years old or older 	No
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · applying for title only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · gasoline-powered · from either an affected or a non-affected county 	No
Registration only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · registering a vehicle <li style="text-align: center; color: orange;">or · renewing vehicle registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · gasoline-powered · from either an affected or a non-affected county 	No

*Proof of emissions *is required* when the vehicle's title is being transferred from a non-affected county, even if a dealer has registered it for resale purposes in an affected county. Effective July 1, 2002, a dealer may no longer "dealer register" used, Texas-titled vehicles to obtain current registration without filing an application for title transfer.

Questions concerning vehicle emissions testing may be referred to TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) at 1-888-295-0141.

For more details about requirements, refer to the other side of this document.



Use this reference until December 31, 2018.

Requirements for processing title transactions under emissions regulations

Required

Proof of emissions testing is required when **all** of the following apply:

- The vehicle’s prior registration or titling was done in Texas, but in a county other than Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Johnson, Kaufman, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwell, Tarrant, Travis, Williamson or Harris.*
- The vehicle is gasoline-powered.
- 1996 or newer (**MCO’s excluded**) with 50,000 or **more** miles, is gasoline-powered and is from a non-affected county

Not required

Proof of emissions testing is not required when **any** of the following applies:

- The vehicle’s prior registration or titling was done in Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Johnson, Kaufman, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwell, Tarrant, Travis, Williamson, or Harris counties.*
- The vehicle’s prior registration or titling was done in a state other than Texas, or a country other than the USA.
- 1996 or newer with **less** than 50,000, is gasoline-powered.
- The vehicle is 25 years old or older (antique vehicles).
- The vehicle is not gasoline-powered.
- The vehicle is a motorcycle.

Acceptable as proof

- An original VIR (Vehicle Inspection Report) dated within the last 90 days
- A copy of a VIR issued by DPS (Texas Department of Public Safety) or TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)

Not acceptable as proof

- An emissions certificate more than 90 days old

Exception: Vehicles operated in Harris County for only 60 days or less

DPS allows an exemption (requires completed TX DPS form VIE-12) for vehicles that will be operated in Harris County for 60 days or less.

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