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The County Tax Statement is the official publication of the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas and is published four times each year for the benefit of its members and interested contributing parties. The purpose of the organization is to promote professional standards, to unify actions for the benefit of its constituents, to be aware and participate in the legislative process, and to provide a vehicle to educate its members in the proper conduct of the constitutional office of the Assessor-Collector of Taxes.

Dear Members,

It is an honor to step into the role of President of the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me. This year, our theme boldly states who we are at our core: **BOOTS ON THE GROUND. Leading Together- Serving Together.**



Across every county, in every office, and through every interaction with the public, we are the front line. We are the steady hands ensuring that essential services are delivered, that our communities are supported, and that Texans can depend on the integrity and professionalism of their local tax offices. Our collective strength lies not only in what we do individually, but in how we come together as one association—united, informed, and committed to excellence.

I am proud to serve alongside an exceptional Board of Directors whose leadership, experience, and dedication will guide us through the year ahead. Our board members are President-Elect, Dawn Vieth from Archer County, Vice President, Ellen Owens from Bastrop County, Becky Robles, Secretary from Tom Green County, Kristin Bulanek, Treasurer from Brazoria County, Christina McMurray, Immediate Past-President from Randall County, Karen Lane, Director from Madison County, Michelle Matus, Director from Bee County, Richard Rozier, Director from Ellis County and Ann Saxon, Director from Yoakum County. Together, we will continue building on the strong foundation set by Immediate Past-President Christina McMurray and all other Past Presidents whose outstanding service and guidance have helped shape the path forward for our association.

As we step into this new legislative term, let us embrace the spirit of collaboration and innovation. Let us continue to champion the work we do in every corner of Texas, and let us show—through our actions, our service, and our unity—what it truly means to be the **BOOTS ON THE GROUND.**

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to lead. I look forward to serving with you, learning from you, and accomplishing great things together in the legislative year ahead.

Monica H. Foster, PCC
TACA President
Jackson County Tax Assessor-Collector



TxDMV Engagement at the 92nd Annual TACA Conference

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) participated in the 92nd Annual Tax Assessor-Collectors Association (TACA) Conference held June 7–10, 2026, in Waco. Staff from the Enforcement Division, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA), and Vehicle Titles & Registration (VTR) Division supported multiple sessions and engaged directly with county partners throughout the event.

TxDMV representatives delivered updates on key operational topics, including registration ID requirements, VIN verification processes, First Data Merchant Services (FDMS), the County Equipment Guide, and MVCPA initiatives. Each session included dedicated Q&A time, giving county offices the opportunity to address real-world challenges and receive guidance from agency experts.

The TxDMV Exhibit Booth served as an additional touchpoint for collaboration, allowing attendees to connect with staff, gather resources, and discuss ongoing initiatives.



Top Left: VTR staff presenting Registration ID Requirements.

Top Right: Attendees visiting the TxDMV Exhibit Booth.

Bottom Left: The Vehicle Titles & Registration team at TACA 2026.

Bottom Right: Strategic Program Specialist Laura Nava and Training Coordinator Nieves Medrano preparing the TxDMV Exhibit Booth.

County Support Team

In 2025, VTR launched the County Support Team, led by Training Specialists Sarah Balderas and Jessica Kelley. The team strengthens TxDMV's partnership with county tax offices by providing targeted training and developing resources tailored to county needs. Learn more at: www.TxDmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors

McLennan County PQRP Award

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles awarded McLennan County a Silver-level Performance Quality Recognition Award. The award recognizes county Tax Assessor-Collectors who go above and beyond in complying with Texas laws, agency rules, and exceeding expected customer service.





Boat Titling, Registration & Marine Licensing

Automated Matrix

Announced at the Tax Assessor-Collector Association annual conference in June of 2026, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is in the process of automating the existing Guides to Required Forms and Documents for Specific Transactions matrices.

These matrices were originally developed over 20 years ago and are currently used by both customers and processing staff as a means to identify the specific documentation required for a given transaction type. Available through the Help menu in BTR (under the Forms heading) or directly from the TPWD website at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/boating/boating-references-tools-forms>, the seven matrices cover the following situations:

1. New from Dealer/Manufacturer or New Homemade
2. Not Currently Titled and/or Registered through TPWD
3. Transfer of Boat/Outboard Motor with Existing Title and/or Registration through TPWD
4. Maintenance of Boat/Outboard Motor with Existing Title and/or Registration through TPWD
5. Registration of USCG Documented Vessels
6. Sold Under Statutory Lien Foreclosure
7. Sales Tax Only

In an ongoing effort to modernize and improve services for both internal and external users, the department is automating these matrices, converting them from static PDF documents to an interactive question and answer format designed to identify a specific transaction type. Once at the final screen, users will have the option to print the page or save it to PDF.

This should be particularly helpful for processing staff in the event a customer does not have everything needed to process their transaction. Providing the customer with a printed document that lists only the required documentation that applies to their transaction type should help reduce the number of office visits needed to complete the transaction.

Production release of the automated matrix to the TPWD website is expected in the Fall of 2026.

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Guide to Required Forms and Documents for Specific Transactions

Select the applicable topic:

- ☐ New Boat/Outboard Motor or New Homemade
Provides the requirements for titling/registration of a brand new boat/outboard motor or a newly built homemade boat.
- ☐ Not Currently on Record or Coming from Out of State
Provides the requirements for titling/registration of a boat/outboard motor which is currently not titled/registered through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- ☐ Texas Boat/Outboard Motor with current Title or Registration
Provides the requirements for transferring ownership of a boat/outboard motor which is titled/registered through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- ☐ Maintenance on Existing Record with TPWD for Boat/Outboard Motor
Provides the requirements for maintenance events by the existing owner to a boat/outboard motor which is titled/registered through TPWD. Maintenance events include: renewal of registration; replacement of title(s), registration decals or Certificate of Number ID Card; additional ID card(s); and change or correction to name, address or vessel/outboard motor description.
- ☐ Registration of USCG Documented Vessel
Provides the requirements for registering or transferring registration of a boat/vessel which has been documented through the United States Coast Guard (USCG).
- ☐ Sold Under Statutory Lien Foreclosure
Provides the requirements for titling/registration of a boat/outboard motor which is being sold for non-payment of storage/mechanic fees.
- ☐ Sales Tax Only
Provides the requirements for paying Sales Tax Only. This applies when the boat/outboard motor is exempt from title and/or registration through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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Selections

Select the applicable topic:
Not Currently on Record or Coming from Out of State
Do records exist outside of Texas?
No
Original owner or acquired from previous owner?
Acquired from Previous Owner
Is this a Boat, Outboard Motor, or both a Boat and Outboard Motor?
Boat and Outboard Motor
How was the asset acquired?
To Title a Vessel and Outboard Motor

Required Documents

Vessel/Boat Application (PWD 143): Title & Registration, Registration for USCG, or Sales Tax Only
Is used to request a Texas title and/or registration for a vessel/boat or to pay sales tax only on vessels 115 feet and under.

Outboard Motor Application (PWD 144): Title or Sales Tax Only
Is used to request a Texas title for an outboard motor or to pay sales tax only on an outboard motor.

Verification of Vessel or Outboard Motor Serial Number (PWD 504)
Is required for verification of serial number(s).¹ A separate form is required for each vessel and outboard motor. You must take a photograph of the serial number located on the vessel and outboard motor and attach it to the form PWD 504. The entire serial number must be legible in the photograph. The form PWD 504 must be signed by the applicant/purchaser (or their legally documented representative) or the selling dealer.

Note: Appearance may change slightly between now and the final release.

If you have any questions about any of the information provided by TPWD in this article, or about any other aspects of the Boat Titling & Registration Program, please contact a TPWD Boat Liaison at (512) 389-4393 for assistance.



**Congratulations to our
new President and
this year's
Distinguished Service
Award recipient
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our 20+ years of
service award
recipients.**

**Congratulations
to everyone
that earned a
designation.**



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I want to express my deepest gratitude to these two men for their outstanding service and dedication. Thank you not only for serving your counties but also for your immense contributions to our association. I am incredibly grateful for your constant willingness to answer every single question I threw your way. I wish you the very best of success in your future endeavors!

Jenny Gentry, Parker County

November VG Young Conference- Bingo Night

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