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P R E S S R E L E A S E

New Vehicle Fees Take Effect September 1

Nearly every vehicle owner in Texas will feel the impact of a vehicle registration fee simplification schedule that takes effect September 1. Some will save a couple of dollars and some will spend a few more.

More than seventy-nine trailer, vehicle and truck fees have been consolidated into three, over sixteen hundred weight classified fees were consolidated into seven, golf cart fees dropped four dollars and, although the License Plate Replacement Fee increased from five to six dollars, the Personalized License Plate Replacement dropped from thirty dollars to six. Reflectorization and Plate Transfer Fees totaling \$5.30 have been entirely eliminated.

Beginning in August, DMV registration renewal notices will reflect the new fees which were approved in 2009 by the 81st Legislature in House Bill 2553. Registration fees for passenger vehicles will now be based on weight rather than age and all passenger vehicles and light trucks (6,000 lbs or less) will be charged a base fee of \$50.75. With the current fee ranging from a low of \$40.80 for 2005 and older to a high of \$58.80 for 2009 and newer, owners of cars older cars will pay nearly \$10 more and drivers of newer cars will pay \$8 less. Trailers up to 6,000 lbs will be charged a base flat fee of \$45.00.

A complete fee schedule is included on the following page and is posted on the Galveston County Tax Office website at www.galcotax.com (click on the Motor Vehicle Information button). You may renew online by clicking on [Renew Your Vehicle Registration Online](#) button **if your registration has not expired**. You may also visit any of our offices Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm or drop it off (along with proof of insurance) in any of the drop boxes located outside most of our offices. Online renewals and renewals left in drop boxes are processed within three to five working days.

For additional information, contact our office at (409) 766-2284 or toll free (877) 766-2284 or email our office at galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us.

New Registration Fee Table

Only the fees that have changed appear in the table below. All other fees remain the same.

Fee Description	Current Registration Fees	New Registration Fees
Registration Fees - previously more than 79 different fees simplified to 4		
0 - 6,000 lbs Trailers	\$26 - \$45	\$45.00
Passenger Vehicles	\$40.80,\$50.80,\$58.80	\$50.75
Light Trucks	Avg. \$54.54	\$50.75
Weight Classification Registration Fees - previously more than 1,600 different fees simplified to 7		
6,001-10,000 lbs	\$45 - \$86	\$54.00
10,001-18,000 lbs	\$86 - \$164	\$110.00
18,001-25,999 lbs	\$134 - \$254	\$205.00
26,000-40,000 lbs	\$182 - \$421	\$340.00
40,001-54,999 lbs	\$266 - \$566	\$535.00
55,000-70,000 lbs	\$354 - \$740	\$740.00
70,001-80,000 lbs	\$446 - \$840	\$840.00
Over 80,000 lbs	Varies	Varies
Classic	\$15.00	- 0 -
Cotton Vehicles	\$8.00	- 0 -
Forestry Vehicles	\$8.00	- 0 -
Lic. Plate Replacement*	\$5.00	\$6.00
Personalized LP Replacement	\$30.00	\$6.00
Radio Operators	\$1.00	- 0 -
Tow Trucks	\$15.00	- 0 -
Volunteer Firefighter	\$4.00	- 0 -
Miscellaneous Fees - standardized Automation Fee for all counties and eliminated the Reflectorization Fee and Plate Transfer Fee		
Automation Fee	\$1.00 certain counties	\$1.00 all counties
Reflectorization Fee	\$0.30	- 0 -
Plate Transfer Fee	\$5.00	- 0 -

* Replacement Fees

With a few exceptions, the fee for replacement plates and/or stickers is now \$6 including personalized license plate replacements. The \$5 replacement fee still applies to Antique, Antique Motorcycle, Classic Plates, Machinery, Motorcycle, Military Vehicle, Military Motorcycle, Old Plate Classic and Permits.