

Vehicle Registration Changes Effective March 1, 2015



The Texas “Two Steps, One Sticker” Program - <http://twostepsonesticker.com/>

As a result of House Bill 2305 passed during the 83rd legislative session, the State of Texas will stop issuing inspection stickers and transition to a “Two Steps, One Sticker” vehicle inspection and registration program. Beginning **March 1, 2015**, vehicles will no longer be issued an inspection sticker. The registration sticker will serve as a combined proof of registration and inspection.

Standard exempt license plates are issued to vehicles owned by government entities. AgriLife Research vehicles have the word “EXEMPT” printed on the plate. As a result of “Two Steps, One Sticker,” these vehicles, which have not had registration stickers in the past, will now receive a registration sticker as proof of both inspection and registration.

There are two steps to follow under “Two Steps, One Sticker”:

- **Step 1:** Pass a vehicle inspection no more than 60 days prior to the old sticker’s expiration date and pay \$7.00 to the state inspection vendor. The vendor will provide a hard copy receipt and enter the vehicle data into the state’s database.
- **Step 2:** Pay the remainder of the inspection fee by mail or in person at the county tax office (\$7.50). A registration sticker will be issued upon verification of passing inspection.

As in the past, there is no registration fee for government vehicles. There is also no change in fees for state inspections, including both emissions testing counties and non-emissions testing counties.

- **Sync Year:** The state has designated March 1, 2015 thru March 1, 2016 as the “sync” year. By the end of the “sync” year all vehicles will have a single date on a registration sticker. If the inspection sticker expires before March 1, 2015, it must be renewed during the expiration month (same as previous years).

If the inspection sticker expires after March 1, 2015, it must be renewed no more than 60 days prior to the registration expiration (for government vehicles with no registration sticker the inspection expiration date will be used). If these rules are followed, citations for expired inspection stickers will not be issued during the sync year.

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