



VESSEL/BOAT APPLICATION (PWD 143)

Title & Registration, Registration for USCG, or Sales Tax Only

OFFICE USE – REGISTRATION
DECAL NUMBER ISSUED: _____

This form is used to request a Texas title and/or registration for a vessel/boat or to pay sales tax on vessels 65 feet and under. To title an outboard motor, please use Outboard Motor Application (PWD 144). Supporting documents, original signatures and payment for fees and taxes must accompany this form for processing. Please refer to the instructions for PWD 143. Complete in blue or black ink. Titles print 21 days after being processed and are mailed from TPWD Headquarters in Austin.

A. This vessel is: New Used

C. Enter the vessel serial/hull ID # (REQUIRED):

If this vessel has a Texas Registration #, enter below:
TX- _____

If acquired from a Texas Dealer/
Distrib./Mfgr. enter the License #
TX- _____ -AA

If acquired from a Dealer/
Distrib./Mfgr. outside of
Texas, check this box:

Check this box if vessel requires a Game Warden
inspection (see instructions for PWD 143).

B. Is this vessel from out of state or USCG documented?

1. Did this vessel come from another state or country? Yes If yes, attach PWD 504
and enter: State/Country _____ Title or Registration # _____

2. Is this vessel documented with the US Coast Guard? Yes If yes, enter:
USCG DOC# _____ Hailing Port City _____
Vessel Name _____ Hailing Port State _____

3. If yes is checked in B1 or B2, was the ownership documentation in the name of the
applicant or the previous owner's name?
 The Applicant (you) OR Previous Owner's Name (someone else)

D. How was this vessel acquired? Select only one.

<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is original owner (never registered or titled)	<input type="checkbox"/> Repossession by non-recorded lien holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from trust
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from dealer	<input type="checkbox"/> Government seizure auc- tion/surplus sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Through divorce (spouse applicant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prize/lottery/raffle
<input type="checkbox"/> Received from inheritance	<input type="checkbox"/> Pawn shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Through divorce (new purchaser)	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-service storage lien
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from an estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement due to defect	<input type="checkbox"/> From bankruptcy trustee	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage lien (not self-service)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift/donation	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance claim paid	<input type="checkbox"/> From bankruptcy of dealership	<input type="checkbox"/> Garageman/mechanic lien
<input type="checkbox"/> Court award	<input type="checkbox"/> Repossession by recorded lien holder	<input type="checkbox"/> From bankruptcy of dealership	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is Marine Dealer/Distrib./Mfgr.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Homemade vessel

E. Please select only one of the following transactions from the list below:

Title & Registration: Issues a title and a Certificate of Number ID Card. Registration decals will be issued if registering for the first time, or if the existing registration decals are expired or within 90 days of expiration.
Do you want additional ID cards? Yes How many additional ID cards? _____ **See Fee Chart**

Title Only: Issues a title; does not issue registration. Select the qualifying reason from this list: Not used on TX public waters
 Government or EMS/VFD owned Tournament or exhibition use only Ship's lifeboat Other vessels less than 14 feet without motor
 Currently registered Canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats or rubber rafts not used with a motor **See Fee Chart**

Registration for USCG Documented Vessel: Issues a Certificate of Number ID Card. Registration decals will be issued if registering for the first time, or if the existing registration decals are expired or within 90 days of expiration. (Effective 1/1/2004) **See Fee Chart**
Do you want additional ID cards? Yes How many additional ID cards? _____

Pay Sales Tax Only: No title or registration issued. Select the qualifying reason from this list:
 Used outside of Texas _____ (state) USCG Documented Vessel (current owner Ship's lifeboat
 Vessel less than 14 feet and used without motor USCG documentation pending) TPWD use
 Dry-docked USCG Documented Title documents pending

F. Purchaser/Applicant: This should be the name of the primary owner. The title and other mail will be sent to this address.

Last Name or Company Name		Suffix	First Name		MI
Address		City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number ()
County		Are you a U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

G. Co-Owner(s): Check if more than one co-owner and attach sheet with additional co-owner information.

Last Name or Company Name		Suffix	First Name		MI
Address (check <input type="checkbox"/> if same as Section F)		City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number ()
Rights of Survivorship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Attach form PWD 790		Are you a U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

H. First Lien Holder: Check if there is a second lien holder and attach sheet with additional lien information.

Last Name or Company Name		First Name		Lien Date (mm/dd/yy) / /	
Address		City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number ()

I. Vessel Description:

Serial/Hull ID # (from Section C)		Make of Vessel (Manufacturer)		Length _____ FT. _____ IN.		Year Built	Mdl/Prog Year
Hull Material <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	Primary Hull Color <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Tan/Beige <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	Secondary Hull Color <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Tan/Beige <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	Propulsion <input type="checkbox"/> Outboard <input type="checkbox"/> Inboard <input type="checkbox"/> Inboard/Outdrive <input type="checkbox"/> Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	Fuel Type <input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	Type of Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	Vessel Use <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure <input type="checkbox"/> Livery <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial-Other <input type="checkbox"/> Political Subdivision	
Inboard or Inboard/Outdrive Motors Only:		Serial #	Outdrive #	Horsepower	Special Classification		
Motor # 1					<input type="checkbox"/> Antique Vessel – Year built 35 years or older		
Motor # 2							

J. Previous Owner (Seller, Donor, Trader):

Last Name or Company Name		Suffix	First Name		MI
Address		City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number ()

K. If the vessel was acquired from a Texas Marine Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer, enter the License Number: TX- _____ -AA
 If acquired from a Dealer/Distributor/Manufacturer outside of Texas, check this box:

VESEL TAX AFFIDAVIT: Any alterations to Section L item 1, Section M or Section N items 1-3 in the Tax Affidavit area will void this application. The seller must complete the applicable items in the Tax Affidavit Section L item 1, Section M and Section N items 1-3. A complete bill of sale or invoice signed by the seller may be used in lieu of the seller completing the Tax Affidavit and signing below. See PWD 143 instructions for bill of sale or invoice requirements.

TAXES & FEES CALCULATION	Qualifying Exemptions from Payment of Boat Sales Tax						
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Ownership change is a result of gift, no sales tax owed. Complete Section N items 11-16. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. New resident, transferring title/registration from out of state. Complete Section N items 10-16 (new resident tax applies – \$15). <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Applicant is owner, vessel purchased or first used in Texas more than 4 years prior to the date of application and subject to assessment limitation. Complete Section N item 1 and 11-16. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Sales tax exemption claimed by federal or Texas gov't. entity or qualifying Emergency Service Organization. Enter \$0 in item N16. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, rafts, punts or other vessels designed to be propelled by paddle, oar or pole are excluded from boat sales tax. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Vessels greater than 65 feet in length are required to pay Texas Sales and Use Tax directly to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Vessel is being titled for resale purposes only and will not be used on Texas public waters (no registration will be issued).						
	L.						
	M.	TRADE-IN INFORMATION (if any) VESSEL/OUTBOARD MOTOR ONLY – NO TRAILER INFO	Make of Vessel/ Outboard Motor	Hull Identification or Serial Number	Year	Length/ Horsepower	Registration Number TX-
	N.	1. Date of sale: (mm/dd/yy) _____ / _____ / _____	9. Total sales tax, penalty & interest owed (add items 7&8)		\$		
		2. Sales price (do not include price of trailer) \$ _____	10. New resident tax (\$15) if applicable		\$		
		3. Trade-in amount (Section M) if any \$ _____	11. Title fee (see Fee Chart)		\$		
		4. Taxable amount (item 2 minus item 3) \$ _____	12. Additional Certificate of No. ID Cards (see Fee Chart)		\$		
		5. Sales tax – multiply item 4 x .0625 \$ _____	13. Registration fee if new or expired (see Fee Chart)		\$		
		6. Tax paid previously to _____ (list state) \$ _____	14. Ownership transfer fee if applicable (see Fee Chart)		\$		
	7. Total tax due Texas (item 5 minus item 6) \$ _____	15. Game Warden inspection (\$25) if applicable		\$			
	8. Sales tax penalty & interest (if past 20 working days from date of sale—see form PWD 930 to calculate amount owed) \$ _____	16. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (add items 9 through 15)		\$			

WARNING: Falsifying information on documents is a punishable offense – Texas Penal Code Chapter 37, Section 37.10. Any person who knowingly makes a false entry in, or false alteration of a governmental record is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable by confinement in jail for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000. I hereby certify that all statements in this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURES

O. Seller(s), Previous Owner(s), or Lawful Representative – This individual is responsible for completing Section J and the applicable items in Section L item 1, Section M and Section N items 1-3.

Company name (if applicable): _____ Date: ____/____/____
 Primary owner signature: _____ Printed name: _____
 Co-owner signature: _____ Printed name: _____

P. Purchaser(s), Applicant(s), or Lawful Representative

Company name (if applicable): _____ Date: ____/____/____
 Primary owner signature: _____ Printed name: _____
 Co-owner signature: _____ Printed name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAGE 1 OF VESSEL/BOAT APPLICATION (PWD 143)

Additional forms and information may be obtained at www.tpwd.state.tx.us under the "Boating" category. For telephone assistance contact TPWD at (800) 262-8755 or (512) 389-4828. The form PWD 143 must be completed and submitted with any supporting documentation and appropriate fees to TPWD Headquarters in Austin, a TPWD local law enforcement office, or a participating County Tax Assessor-Collector office. Effective 1/1/94, all vessels/boats and outboard motors are required to be titled unless exempt. Registration is required for use on all Texas public waters. Outboard motors must be titled separately using PWD 144.

Section A: Is the Vessel New or Used?

- 'New' is defined as: Brand new vessels purchased from a Dealer, Distributor, or Manufacturer; or a newly built homemade vessel. Typically, these vessels have not been used other than in a demonstration by the Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer.
- 'Used' is defined as: Any vessel with an existing TPWD title or registration record, any vessel that is recorded in another state or country, any USCG documented vessel, or any vessel that is not currently on record and does not have a Manufacturers Statement of Origin or is not newly homemade.

Section B: Is the Vessel From Out of State or USCG Documented?

1. If the vessel is coming from another state or country, check "yes," attach completed PWD 504, and enter the name of the state or country. Enter the title or registration number or if the vessel was not registered or titled, leave the "title/registration number" box blank. **If the vessel is titled in another state, you must submit the original out-of-state title with this application (form PWD 143). If the vessel is registered in another state that does not title vessels, you must submit the original out-of-state registration certificate with this application (form PWD 143).**
2. If the vessel is United States Coast Guard (USCG) documented, check "yes" and enter the USCG documentation number, vessel name, and the hailing port city and state.
3. If the vessel is coming from out of state or is USCG documented, check the box to indicate whether the ownership documentation is in the name of the applicant or the previous owner's name.

Section C: Identify the Vessel.

- Enter the vessel serial/hull ID number in the space provided. This is REQUIRED information and is typically found at the back of the boat on the transom. The vessel serial/hull ID number can also be found on the title and Certificate of Number ID Card.
- If the vessel is currently recorded with TPWD enter the Texas registration number in the space provided. This number should be displayed on both sides of the bow. Example: TX-0123-AB. The vessel registration number can also be found on the Certificate of Number ID Card and on the title. If you do not have this number, leave this space blank.
- If the vessel was acquired from a Texas Marine Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer enter their license number in the space provided. Example: TX-0321-AA. If this vessel was not acquired through a Texas Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer, leave this blank.
- If the vessel was acquired from a Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer from outside of Texas, check the box. If it was not, leave this box blank.
- If a Game Warden inspection is required, check the box. If the vessel is newly homemade, or if the vessel is manufactured but has no serial number, a Game Warden inspection is required. Your ownership documents and applications must be reviewed prior to requesting an inspection in order to verify that you have all the relevant and necessary information completed. Contact the nearest TPWD law enforcement office to review documents and make arrangements for an inspection. Attach a completed PWD 736.

Section D: How Did You Acquire this Vessel?

- Make one selection that best describes how the applicant acquired the vessel.

Section E: Select the Type of Transaction You are Requesting.

Select one of the transaction options listed:

- **Title and Registration** – Titling a vessel provides a Certificate of Title, which is the legal documentation of ownership. Registration of a vessel is required when you want to use this vessel on Texas public waters such as lakes, rivers, creeks or coastal waters. Sailboats less than 14 feet, canoes, kayaks, punts, rubber rafts and rowboats when they are paddled, poled, oared or windblown are not required to be registered. Registration provides a set of decals for display on the vessel and expires after two years. Once registered, you will receive a registration renewal notice prior to expiration. **If you are transferring ownership of a titled vessel, you must submit the original title along with this application (form PWD 143).**
Note: If a title correction is needed or if the applicant wishes to obtain extra Certificate of Number ID Card(s) for a vessel that has already been titled and registered in the applicant's name in the state of Texas, please use Vessel/Boat Records Maintenance (PWD 143M).
- **Title only** – Titling a vessel provides a Certificate of Title, which is the legal documentation of ownership. Selecting this option will not add or renew registration on a vessel. If the vessel has never been registered, no registration will be provided. If a vessel has been previously registered, the registration will remain in effect.
- **Registration for USCG Documented Vessel** – Effective 1/1/2004, vessels 115 feet or less in length that are documented with the United States Coast Guard are required to be registered if used on Texas public waters such as lakes, rivers, creeks or coastal waters. USCG documented commercial vessels engaged in coastal shipping (tugs, crew boats, pilot boats) are exempt from registration. Registration provides a set of decals for display on the vessel and expires after two years. Once registered, you will receive a registration renewal notice prior to expiration.
Note: The purchaser of a vessel that is 65 feet or less in length is required to pay boat sales tax (6.25%) to TPWD. The purchaser of a vessel longer than 65 feet is required to pay sales and use tax to the Texas State Comptroller. Taxes are due within 20 working days from the date of delivery. If payment for tax has already been made, verification of payment must be provided at the time of registration. Boat sales tax has been a state law since 10/1/1991.
- **Pay Sales Tax Only** – This applies when the vessel is exempt from titling and registration or you have a qualifying reason to pay sales tax only. A qualifying reason must be chosen from the list provided. The seller must fill in the date of sale and sales price under the Tax Affidavit Section N items 1-3 and sign Section O.

Section F: Purchaser/Applicant – This Should Be the Name and Address of the Primary Owner.

- Provide the name, address, phone number, and citizenship information for the primary owner to whom the vessel will be registered/titled or who is paying Sales Tax Only. If the applicant is a business, or another entity other than an individual, list the citizenship status for the individual who is financially responsible for the business or entity.

Section G: Co-Owner(s).

- If there are additional owners, provide the name, address, phone number and citizenship information for the co-owner(s) of the vessel.
- **Rights of Survivorship** – Indicates that both the owner and the co-owner(s) agree that the ownership of the vessel is to be held jointly and in the event of the death of any party the ownership of the vessel will belong to the survivor(s). To make this selection, check the Rights of Survivorship box on the application and attach a completed Rights of Survivorship Ownership Agreement for a Boat and/or Outboard Motor (PWD 790).

Section H: Lien Holder(s).

- If you have financed the purchase of this vessel, provide the name, address, phone number, and the date the lien was issued for the first lien holder of the vessel. If there is a second lien holder, check the box and attach another sheet to the application that includes the lien holder name, address and the date the lien was issued. If you have not financed the purchase, leave this section blank.

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Section I: Vessel Description.

- Complete each of the fields with the appropriate vessel information. For vessels with inboard motor(s) enter the motor serial number and the horsepower for each motor listed. For vessels with inboard/outdrive motor(s) enter the motor serial number and outdrive number and the horsepower for each motor listed. If your vessel has an outboard motor, you must title the outboard motor separately by completing an Outboard Motor Application (PWD 144).

Section J: Previous Owner (Seller, Donor, Trader).

- Provide the name, address, and phone number of the person(s) or company that previously owned the vessel. This would apply to the seller, donor, dealer, or trader of the vessel.

Section K: Marine License Number (complete this section and Section C, third line).

- If the vessel was acquired from a Texas Marine Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer, enter their license number in the space provided. Example: TX-0321-AA. If this vessel was not acquired through a Texas Marine Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer, leave this blank.
- If the vessel was acquired from a Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer from outside of Texas, check the box. If it was not, leave this box blank.

VESSEL TAX AFFIDAVIT: Sections L-P.

- **Any alterations in Section L item 1, Section M or Section N items 1-3 will void the application.**
- The seller must complete Section J and the applicable items in the Tax Affidavit Section L item 1, Section M and Section N items 1-3 and sign Section O.
- A bill of sale or invoice may be used in lieu of the seller completing the Tax Affidavit section and signing Section O. A bill of sale or invoice must contain the purchaser's name, description of vessel (make, year built, TX# or HIN), date of sale, sales price, and an original signature of the seller.

Section L: Qualifying Exemptions from Payment of Boat Sales Tax.

If any of the following exemptions are checked, enter \$0 in Section N item 9.

1. If the ownership change is the result of a gift, the donor must check this box. Complete Section N items 11-16.
2. If you are a new resident and are transferring title/registration from another state, check this box. Enter the new resident tax fee of \$15 in Section N item 10. Complete Section N items 11-16.
3. Sales tax will not be collected if the applicant purchased the vessel or first used the vessel more than 4 years from the date of application. If this situation applies to you, check this box and complete Section N item 1 (date of sale or date first used in Texas) and 11-16.
4. If the applicant is a federal or Texas government entity (political subdivision), or a qualifying Emergency Service Organization who can claim a tax exemption, check this box. Enter \$0 in Section N item 16.
5. If this vessel is a canoe, kayak, rowboat, raft, punt or other vessel designed to be propelled by paddle, oar, or pole, check this box. Complete Section N items 11-16.
6. If this vessel is greater than 65 feet in length check this box. Texas Sales and Use Tax must be paid directly to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Complete Section N items 11-16.
7. If the applicant is a Marine Dealer, insurance company, lien holder or pawn shop and are required by a state or governmental entity to title for resale purposes only, check this box. Complete Section N items 11-16.

Section M: Trade-in Information.

- Trade-in Information – If you have traded a vessel or outboard motor towards the purchase of the vessel, the seller must complete Section M. Include the make, hull identification/serial number, year built, length and/or horsepower and, if applicable, the registration or TX number of the vessel/outboard motor traded in. Any trade other than a vessel or outboard motor requires the seller to provide the value of the item traded as the sales price in Section N item 2.

Section N: Date of Sale, Sales Price, Taxes, and Fees Owed.

1. Date of Sale – The seller must fill in the date that the purchaser took delivery of the vessel.
2. Sales Price – The seller must fill in the sales price for the vessel.
3. Trade-in Amount – The seller must fill in the amount you were credited for a taxable vessel and/or outboard motor that was accepted as trade-in for the transaction.
4. Taxable Amount – Subtract the amount of the trade-in from the sales price and enter that value on this line. (Item 2 minus item 3)
5. Sales Tax – Multiply the amount on item 4 by .0625 or use form PWD 930 to calculate this amount for you. Enter that amount here. For additional information regarding sales tax, contact the Comptroller of Public Accounts at (800) 252-5555 or (512) 463-4600 or TTD at (800) 248-4099.
6. Tax Paid – If the applicant previously paid sales tax in Texas or in another state on this vessel, enter the abbreviation of the state where the tax was paid and the amount of sales tax paid. You will have to provide proof for any tax claimed under this item.
7. Total Tax Due Texas – Subtract sales tax previously paid to Texas or another state from Texas Sales Tax. (Item 5 minus item 6)
8. Sales Tax Penalty & Interest – If you do not owe a penalty, enter zero (\$0). If you have not paid sales tax within 20 working days from the date of delivery or the date the vessel is brought into Texas, you will owe a sales tax penalty and interest may be due. To calculate the amount of penalty and interest owed, please use form PWD 930 which can be found at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/forms.phtml. You will need to enter the date of sale, the sales price, any trade-in amount (Section N items 1-3), and any sales tax previously paid in Texas or another state (Section N item 6).
9. Total Sales Tax, Penalty & Interest Owed – Add items 7 and 8 and enter the total on this line.
10. New Resident Tax – If you owned the vessel in another state where it was titled and/or registered, you will need to pay New Resident Tax of \$15.
11. Title Fee – If you are titling this vessel, enter fee for a regular title or enter bonded title fee if this is an application for a bonded title.
12. If you are registering, you will receive one (1) Certificate of Number ID Card. If you would like to purchase additional cards, enter the fee for the number of cards you are requesting.
13. If you are registering this vessel for the first time, or are transferring ownership with registration expiring within 90 days, or if the registration has expired, enter the appropriate registration fee according to the fee chart. Registration provides a set of decals for display on the vessel and expires after two years.
14. Ownership Transfer Fee – If ownership and registration of a vessel with a TPWD record is being transferred, then enter the ownership transfer fee on this line.
15. Game Warden Inspection – If you are paying for an inspection by a Texas Game Warden, enter \$25 on this line.
16. Total Amount to Be Paid – Add the amounts from items 9 through 15 and enter the total on this line. This is the amount you owe.

A fee chart can be obtained:

- online at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/forms
- by telephone utilizing the Boat Information System (800) 262-8755
- at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters in Austin
- from any of the 28 TPWD Law Enforcement field offices throughout the state
- from any participating Tax Assessor-Collector office (contact your local tax office to confirm if they process boat registration titles)

Section O: Seller(s), Previous Owner(s), or Lawful Representative – Original signatures are required, copies will not be accepted.

- The previous owner(s) must sign their name and date this section. A bill of sale or invoice may be used in lieu of the seller(s) completing the Tax Affidavit and signing this section. A bill of sale or invoice must contain the purchaser(s) name, description of vessel (make, year built, TX# or HIN), date of sale, sales price, and an original signature of the seller(s).

Section P: Purchaser(s), Applicant(s), or Lawful Representative – Original signatures are required, copies will not be accepted.

- The applicant(s) must sign their name and date this section.