Texas Driver's License/ID and Tags

As a full-time student, you are not required by the State of Texas to obtain a Texas driver's license or Texas tags. However, it is wise to obtain a Texas ID that can be used for check cashing purposes. A Texas ID is also sufficient for opening a checking account at most banks in the Dallas Metroplex.

A Texas ID may be purchased at any Dept. of Public Safety office. Indicate that you are a full-time student and the appropriate forms will be given to you. A form of identification will be required at that time; a birth certificate or a valid driver's license from any state is acceptable. A temporary ID will be issued and is valid for check cashing until the permanent card is delivered.

If you are married your wife can also obtain a Texas ID in place of a license. However, if she owns a car and it is in her name and she is not a full-time student, she must register her car in Texas and receive a Texas driver's license. If the car is registered in both names, you don't need Texas tags.

A part-time job while attending school and permanent address in Texas does not disqualify you for a Texas ID. The key is that you are a full-time student. Remaining in the Dallas area during the summer months and working full-time, again, does not necessitate getting a Texas license.

You will find the information you need to register your vehicle and obtain a driver’s license on the following website: www.texas.dmv.org.

The nearest place to get a driver’s license is:

1500 Marilla 1B
South City of Dallas Building
(214) 651-1859