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Registration and Title Bulletin # 002-26 Policy and Procedure

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Revised Requirements for Active-Duty Military without a Texas Address

PURPOSE

This bulletin provides policy changes for active-duty military service members obtaining registration without providing a Texas address.

DETAILS

Effective immediately, active-duty military service members serving outside of Texas, but claiming Texas as their legal domicile/residence, may register or renew their Texas vehicle registration without providing a physical address in Texas.

To register a vehicle or renew registration in person or by mail, the service members must complete the new *Certification of Texas Legal Domicile/Residence by Active-Duty Military* (Form VTR-218) certifying they are on active military duty and that Texas is their legal domicile/residence. Active-duty military members serving outside of Texas who claim Texas as their legal domicile/residence and are able to provide a physical Texas address do not need to complete and submit a Form VTR-218.

After verification of the form, if submitted in person, the form must be returned to the applicant. If submitted by mail, the form must be confidentially shredded.

Currently active-duty military service members without a Texas address are unable to renew registration online. Programming for department systems will be updated at a later date for registration renewal online to allow active-duty military service members to electronically certify they remain on active duty and that their legal domicile/residence is Texas.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

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