

Occupational License An occupational license, also called an essential need license, is a special type of restricted license issued to individuals whose driver license has been suspended, revoked, or denied for certain offenses other than medical or delinquent child support.

NOTE: Individuals may still qualify for an occupational license even if their driver license has been suspended for surcharges. An occupational license authorizes the operation of a non-commercial motor vehicle in connection with an individual's:

1. Work,
2. School-related activities, or
3. Performance of essential household duties.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE PETITION: PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING WITH THE PETITION:

1. MONEY ORDER OR PAYMENT \$54.00 PAYABLE TO: JUSTICE COURT P.O. BOX 729, KAUFMAN, TX 75142

(MAKE SURE TO PROVIDE CORRECT INFORMATION SUCH AS CURRENT ADDRESS, PHONE ETC.)

2. PETITION
3. CERTIFIED ABSTRACT TYPE AR DRIVER RECORD
4. SR 22 - INSURANCE PROOF
5. PROOF OF NEED TO DRIVE, EXAMPLES LISTED ON YOUR PETITION LETTERS FROM EMPLOYERS (MUST BE ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD).
6. MONEY ORDER \$10.00 PAYABLE TO: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TXDPS)

Financial Responsibility Insurance Certificate (SR-22)

A Financial Responsibility Insurance Certificate (SR-22) is a type of motor vehicle liability insurance. An SR-22 can be issued by most insurance providers and certifies that an individual has the minimum liability insurance as required by law. An insurance provider will automatically notify the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) when an SR-22 is cancelled, terminated or lapses.

Financial Responsibility for Crash, Conviction or Judgment Any individual whose driving privilege has been suspended or revoked as the result of a car crash, conviction or judgment is required to file an SR-22 with DPS and maintain coverage for two years starting from the date of the conviction. An insurance card or policy will not be accepted in place of an SR-22.

Authorized Insurance Providers Individuals should contact their local insurance agent or provider to obtain an SR-22 or visit the **Texas Department of Insurance** for a complete list of providers authorized to write liability insurance for the State of Texas. Individuals who do not own a vehicle should ask an insurance provider about a Texas Non-Owner SR-22 Insurance policy.

Cancelled, Terminated or Lapsed SR-22 An individual's driving privilege and vehicle registration may be suspended if:

1. An SR-22 must be maintained, and the individual does not have a valid SR-22 on file with DPS, or
2. DPS receives notification that an SR-22 has been cancelled, terminated, or lapsed.

Minimum Liability Amounts

The minimum liability coverage amounts required by law are:

- \$30,000 for bodily injury to or death of one person in one accident,
- \$60,000 for bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in one accident, and
- \$25,000 for damage to or destruction of property of others in one accident.

For more information on minimum liability insurance laws, please visit the **Texas Department of Insurance**.

Driver Eligibility Status

For individuals who are required to submit compliance documents (i.e., certificate of completion, SR-22, etc.), their driver eligibility status will change from "ineligible" to "eligible" on the **License Eligibility** website once all documents have been processed and fees have been paid.