

# VESSEL/BOAT APPLICATION (PWD 143)

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

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.

<b>A. This vessel is:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	<b>B. Is this vessel from out of state or USCG documented?</b>
<b>C. Enter the vessel serial/hull ID # (REQUIRED):</b> _____ If this vessel has a Texas Registration #, enter below: TX- _____ If acquired from a Texas Dealer/Mfg. enter the Dealer #: TX- _____ -AA If acquired from a Dealer/Mfg. outside of Texas, check this box: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if vessel requires a Game Warden inspection (see instructions for PWD 143).	1. Did this vessel come from another state or country? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes     If yes, enter: State/Country _____ Title or Registration # _____ 2. Is this vessel documented with the US Coast Guard? <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> The Applicant (you)     OR <input type="checkbox"/> Previous Owner's Name (someone else)

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from owner or dealer	<input type="checkbox"/> Government seizure	<input type="checkbox"/> Repossession by non-recorded lien holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from trust
<input type="checkbox"/> Received from inheritance	<input type="checkbox"/> auction/surplus sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Through divorce (spouse applicant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prize/lottery/raffle
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from an estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Court award	<input type="checkbox"/> Through divorce (new purchaser)	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-service storage lien
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift/donation	<input type="checkbox"/> Pawn shop	<input type="checkbox"/> From bankruptcy trustee	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage lien (not self-service)
<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement due to defect	<input type="checkbox"/> (pawn shop is applicant)	<input type="checkbox"/> From bankruptcy of dealership	<input type="checkbox"/> Garageman/mechanic lien
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance claim paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Repossession by recorded lien holder		<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is marine dealer
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is original owner (never registered or titled)			<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? (\$10 each)      Yes     How many ID cards? \_\_\_\_\_  
**If this is a Bonded Title Request**, attach your Security Bond and fill in the authorization number (from TPWD letter - effective 1/1/2004)  
**Authorization #** (available through TPWD HQ only) \_\_\_\_\_

**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)  
 Do you want additional ID cards? (\$10 each)      Yes     How many? \_\_\_\_\_

**Pay Sales Tax Only:** No title or registration issued. Select the qualifying reason from this list:

<input type="checkbox"/> Used outside of Texas _____ (state)	<input type="checkbox"/> USCG Documented Vessel (current owner USCG documentation pending)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel less than 14 feet and used without motor	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-docked USCG Documented
<input type="checkbox"/> Ship's lifeboat	<input type="checkbox"/> TPWD use

**F. Vessel Description:**

<b>Make of Vessel (Manufacturer)</b> _____			<b>Length</b> _____ FT.     _____ IN.		<b>Year Built</b> _____	<b>Model Year</b> _____
<b>Hull Material</b>	<b>Primary Hull Color</b>	<b>Secondary Hull Color</b>	<b>Propulsion</b>	<b>Fuel Type</b>	<b>Type of Vessel</b>	<b>Vessel Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	<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 _____	<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 _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Outboard <input type="checkbox"/> Inboard <input type="checkbox"/> Inboard/Outdrive <input type="checkbox"/> Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure <input type="checkbox"/> Livery <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial-Other <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision
<b>Inboard or Inboard/Outdrive Motors Only:</b>		<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Outdrive #</b>	<b>Horsepower</b>	<b>Special Classification</b>	
<b>Motor # 1</b>		_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Antique Vessel – Built prior to 1968	
<b>Motor # 2</b>		_____	_____	_____		

**G. Previous Owner (Seller, Donor, Trader):**

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

**H. 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?  Yes  No

**I. 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 H)		City	State Zip Code Phone Number

Rights of Survivorship?  Yes Attach form PWD 790 Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No

**J. 1st Lien Holder: Check  if there is a 2nd 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

**TAXES & FEES CALCULATION**

**VESSEL TAX AFFIDAVIT:** Any alterations to Section K item 1, Section L or Section M items 1-3 in the Tax Affidavit area will void this application. The seller must complete the applicable items in the Tax Affidavit Section K item 1, Section L and Section M 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.

**Qualifying Exemptions from Payment of Boat Sales Tax**

- 1. Ownership change is a result of gift, no sales tax owed. Complete Section M items 11-16.
- 2. New resident, transferring title/registration from out of state. Complete Section M items 10-16 (new resident tax applies – \$15).
- K.**  3. Applicant is owner, vessel purchased prior to 10/1/1991, no tax is owed. Complete Section M items 11-16.
- 4. Sales tax exemption claimed by federal or Texas gov't. entity or qualifying Emergency Service Organization. Enter \$0 in item 16.
- 5. Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, rafts, punts or other vessels designed to be propelled by paddle, oar or pole are excluded from boat sales tax.
- 6. Vessels greater than 65 feet in length are required to pay Texas Sales and Use Tax to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- 7. Vessel is being titled for resale purposes only and will not be used on Texas public waters (no registration will be issued).

L. 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-

<b>M.</b>	1. Date of sale: (mm/dd/yy)	/ /	9. Total sales tax and penalty 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 L) if any	\$	11. Title fee (\$25 regular/\$35 if bonded title)	\$
	4. Taxable amount (item 2 minus item 3)	\$	12. Additional Certificate of # ID Cards (\$10 each)	\$
	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 (\$10) if applicable	\$
	7. Total tax due Texas (item 5 minus item 6)	\$	15. Game Warden inspection (\$25) if applicable	\$
	8. Sales tax penalty (if past 20 working days from date of sale – see instructions to calculate)	\$	16. <b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b> (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**

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

Company name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Primary owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 2 OF VESSEL/BOAT APPLICATION (PWD 143)

### Section G: 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 H: 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 I: 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 J: 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.

### VESSEL TAX AFFIDAVIT: Sections K-O.

#### • Any alterations in Section K item 1, Section L or Section M items 1-3 will void the application.

- The seller must complete Section G and the applicable items in the Tax Affidavit Section K item 1, Section L and Section M items 1-3 and sign Section N.
- A bill of sale or invoice may be used in lieu of the seller completing the Tax Affidavit section and signing Section N. 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 K: Qualifying Exemptions from Payment of Boat Sales Tax.

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

1. If the ownership change is the result of a gift, the donor must check this box. Complete Section M 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 M item 10. Complete Section M items 11-16.
3. If the applicant purchased the vessel prior to 10/1/1991, check this box. Complete Section M items 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 M 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 M 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 to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Complete Section M 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 M items 11-16

### Section L: 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 L. 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 M item 2.

### Section M: 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. Enter the total here. For additional information regarding sales tax, contact the Comptroller of Public Accounts at 1-800-252-5555 or (512) 463-4600 or TTD at 1-800-248-4099.
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.
7. Total Tax Due Texas – Subtract sales tax previously paid to Texas or another state from Sales Tax. (Item 5 minus item 6)
8. Sales Tax Penalty – 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. If the tax is paid 1-30 calendar days late, a penalty of 5% of the tax amount (item 6) will be charged. If the tax is more than 30 calendar days late, an additional 5% of the tax will be charged (for a total of 10%) penalty. Minimum penalty is \$1.
9. Total Sales Tax and Penalty 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 \$25 for a regular title or enter \$35 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. Each additional Certificate of Number ID Card is \$10.
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 following chart:

#### REGISTRATION FEE CHART

If Length Is:	Livery under 16 ft	Less than 16 ft.	At least 16 ft. but less than 26 ft.	At least 26 ft but less than 40 ft.	40 ft to 115 ft.
Then Fee Is:	\$30	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$90

14. Ownership Transfer Fee – If ownership and registration of a vessel with a TPWD record is being transferred, then enter a fee of \$10 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.

### Section N: 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 O: 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.

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

Additional forms and information may be obtained at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us) under the "Boating" category. For telephone assistance contact TPWD at 1-800-262-8755 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" 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.
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 is the first four numbers and two letters at the start of the title number. 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 dealer 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.

### 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.  
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).

**Bonded Title** – Applies to situations where clear ownership of the vessel cannot be established. Certain conditions apply and in order to make this selection you must have first gone through the approval process with TPWD for obtaining a bonded title. The approval letter issued by TPWD, a security bond and other supporting documentation must accompany this application for a bonded title.

- **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 M items 1-3 and sign Section N.

### Section F: 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).