

OCCUPATIONAL/ESSENTIAL NEEDS DRIVERS LICENSE

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THE PROCESS:

You will file with the clerk's office a Petition for Occupational/Essential Needs Driver's License and an Order Granting Occupational/Essential Needs Driver's License. There are forms located in the Law Library on the 3rd floor of the Brazoria County Courthouse which you would fill out & sign in front of a notary.

Once filed you will receive an information sheet with the cause number and which court it is assigned to. It is your responsibility to contact the Court Coordinator in order to set up your hearing date.

After your hearing with the Judge, you will return to the civil office where you will then receive a certified copy of the Petition and Order. The civil office will also send a certified copy of the same to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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Frequently Asked Questions
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Do I need an attorney?

You can retain an attorney or file pro se (without an attorney). If you are filing pro-se you will have to do the research yourself. It is against Texas law for a non-attorney, county clerk's office, to practice law.

Where do I file for an Occupational/Essential needs drivers license?

If your license was suspended by a County Court at Law Judge (misdemeanor offense), then you file with the County Clerk's office. If your license was suspended by a District Court Judge (felony offense/even if reduced to a misdemeanor), then you would file with the District Clerk's office.

Where can I get the forms?

There are two (2) forms in the Law Library on the 3rd floor of the Brazoria County Courthouse which you would fill out & sign in front of a notary. The name of the forms:

1. Petition for Occupational/Essential Needs Drivers License
2. Order Granting Occupational/Essential Needs Drivers License

Do I need any other forms?

Yes, you will need the following forms:

- 1) SR-22 and/or valid proof of insurance
- 2) Certified copy of your driving record (form 3A) from DPS which can be obtained at <http://www.texas.gov>

Is there a filing fee?

Yes, there is a \$262.00 fee to file with the County Clerk which will not be refunded if filed in error. (We do not accept personal checks, only cash, money order, or debit/credit cards)