



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AT A GLANCE

Statute: Chapter 42, Texas Utilities Code; Chapter 2311, Texas Occupations Code; Chapter 51

Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. Chapter 96

Number of Licensees: 86 (FY 25)

Webpage: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/ev-charging/>

Overview

Legislation passed by the 88th Texas Legislature (Senate Bill 1001, Regular Session) gave TDLR the responsibility for creating a regulatory framework for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Texas. Starting in 2025, the agency began issuing registrations for EV supply equipment (EVSE) and administering consumer safety protections and consumer complaint procedures.

- A charging unit installed in Texas must be operated on the electric vehicle supply provider's digital network in compliance with manufacturer specifications and Texas law, not later than January 1, 2030, if the charging unit is installed before March 1, 2025, or is a legacy charger; or when the charging unit begins operating on the provider's digital network if the charging unit is installed on or after March 1, 2025.
- Any public charging unit installed after December 1, 2024, for commercial use, and funded by a public grant or state rebate program must be equipped with a charging connector or plug type that is widely compatible with as many types of electric vehicles as practicable. Providers are not required to comply with this subsection until January 1, 2030.

Regulatory Requirements

Unless exempted by law, an electric vehicle supply provider must register all electric vehicle supply equipment charging units operating in Texas by March 1, 2025, before making them available for use on a digital network for a commercial transaction.

An electric vehicle supply provider must disclose the following on the EVSE display or on the provider's digital network:

- the fee calculation method or methods; and
- all applicable surcharges.

Prior to charging, the provider must disclose to the user:

- the rate the user will be charged at the time of the transaction based on the available fee calculation method or methods; and
- a list of applicable surcharges.

Once the commercial transaction for electric vehicle charging is completed, the provider must transmit a summary of the transaction to the user.

Any damaged charging unit that poses a safety risk to the public must be removed from service by the electric vehicle supply provider in a way that prevents the use of the damaged charging unit by the public; and removes the damaged charging unit from the provider's digital network listing of available charging units. Providers are not required to physically relocate electric vehicle supply equipment from its current location while it's under repair.

(These regulatory requirements go into effect on March 1, 2026, for charging units installed on or after March 1, 2025.)



Inspections

TDLR will perform on-site inspections and tests of licensed EVSEs after March 1, 2026. However, before that time, the department will conduct investigations in response to consumer complaints.

Each electric vehicle supply provider that owns or operates electrical vehicle supply equipment available and accessible to the public for electric vehicle commercial charging transactions must maintain and preserve all documents related to the installation, maintenance, inspection, and calibration of electric vehicle supply equipment for a period of three years. This documentation must be available for inspection by TDLR on request.

Exemptions

The registration requirement does not apply to electric vehicle supply equipment that is installed in or adjacent to a private residence for noncommercial use; is provided for the exclusive use of an individual or group of individuals, including employees, tenants, visitors or

residents of a multiunit housing or office development; or provided by a business for use at no charge.

Complaints

The electric vehicle supply provider must show a notice on the charging unit display or its digital network that TDLR regulates electric vehicle supply equipment and include information about filing complaints with the department regarding unresolved consumer issues.

Fees

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| Initial Registration for Newly Registered Charging Units and Additional Units | \$30 per electric vehicle charging port |
| Renewal | \$25 per electric vehicle charging port |
| Duplicate license | \$25 |
| Consumer Information Sticker | \$1 each |

