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## Adopted Regulation Bulletin

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<b>Topic:</b>	Texas DLR Activates Emergency Tow Provisions
<b>Jurisdiction(s):</b>	Texas
<b>Line(s) Affected:</b>	Auto--Commercial, Auto--Nonstandard, Auto--Personal, Auto--Residual Market
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### Overview

In response to Hurricane Harvey, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has activated its emergency tow provisions for more than 50 counties impacted by the hurricane.

### Details

On August 29, 2017, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation activated its emergency tow provisions in 16 TX ADC s 86.1 through 86.1002. The emergency provisions are intended to help expedite recovery and cleanup efforts and allow more tow operators to help Texans impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Applicants seeking an emergency consent tow operator's license may apply [online](#) and should hold a valid driver's license issued by a U.S. state; pass a background check; and pay the consent tow operator license fee of \$100. The license will expire 90 days after issuance and is valid only for towing operations that originate in the disaster areas designed by the governor. Also, the license may be renewed for an additional 90 days if the disaster or disaster recovery period extends beyond 80 days.

The emergency towing provisions will impact the following counties which were identified in Governor Greg Abbott's updated disaster proclamation, effective August 27, 2017: Aransas,

Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy, and Wilson.

### **Attachment**

The DLR's activation notice and relevant emergency towing regulations are available as attachments on PCI's website.

### **Related Information**

[TXemergency082917attach.pdf](#)

[TXtowing082917attach.pdf](#)