

Requirements for Texas Auto Insurance

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In the United States, liability Auto Insurance covers claims against the policy holder and generally, any other operator of the insured's vehicle, provided that they do not live at the same address as the policy holder and are not excluded on the policy.

In the case of those living at the same address, they must be specifically covered on the policy. Thus it is necessary for example, when a family member comes of required driving age they must be added on to the policy. Liability Auto Insurance sometimes does not protect the policy holder if they operate any vehicles other than their own.

When you drive a vehicle owned by another person, you are covered under that persons Auto Insurance policy. Non-owners policies may be offered that covers and insured on any vehicle they drive. This coverage is available only to those who do not own a vehicle and is sometimes required by the government for drivers who have previously been found guilty in an accident.

In Texas a driver if taken a Texas Auto Insurance, he must have a minimum coverage of \$20,000 for bodily injury to one person, \$40,000 for bodily injury sustained by two or more persons in an accident, and \$15,000 for the property damage that results from an accident. To adequately protect yourself, you may have to purchase much more than the minimum amount of coverage required for Texas.

The common exclusions in the Texas Auto Insurance policies are that of bodily injury and property damage coverage's apply only to injury and damage from normal use of the insured vehicle. Coverage's are limited by the policy and there may be some circumstances in which the coverage does not apply. For example, in some policies coverage does not in these cases:

1. Bodily injury or property damage arising out of the use of own vehicle while transporting people or property for a fee.
2. Injury or damage that is caused by an intentional act.
3. Injury or damage as a result of operating a vehicle owned by a person covered by your policy, and the vehicle is not listed on your policy.
4. Injury or death of oneself or a family member.
5. Property owned by, rented by and in the control of an insured person.

Generally, liability coverage does extend when a car is rented. Comprehensive policies of full coverage usually also apply to the rental vehicle, and this should be verified beforehand. Full coverage premiums are based on the value of the insured's vehicle.

Texas Auto Insurance coverage may not apply to rental cars because the insurance company doesn't want to accept responsibility for a claim greater than the value of the insured vehicle, assuming that a rental car may be worth more than the insured vehicle.

Most rental car companies offer insurance which covers damage of the rental vehicle. These policies may be not necessary for many customers as credit card companies, such as MasterCard, now provide supplemental coverage for collision damage to rental cars, if the transaction is done using one of their cards. These benefits are however restrictive in terms of the types of vehicles covered.