

**Form 2601—General Information**  
**(Automobile Club Application for Certificate of Authority)**

The attached form is designed to meet minimal statutory filing requirements pursuant to the relevant code provisions. *This form and the information provided are not substitutes for the advice and services of an attorney.*

**Commentary**

Automobile Clubs are governed by Chapter 722 of the Texas Transportation Code and the secretary of state's administrative rules found in 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 75.

Complete this form to obtain a new or renewed automobile club certificate of authority. Automobile club certificates of authority expire annually on August 31<sup>st</sup> and must be renewed.

**Instructions for Form**

- **Preliminary Information:** Select the appropriate box indicating whether this is a new application or an application for renewal. If it is a renewal, you should provide the registration number assigned by the secretary of state to facilitate processing of the document.
- **Applicant Information:** Include the name, principal business address, and office address of the automobile club applying for the certificate. You should also include the requested contact information. An email address is requested to facilitate communication with the secretary of state. Any email address provided is confidential pursuant to § 552.137 of the Texas Government Code. The secretary of state will redact the email address prior to providing a copy of this form in response to a public information request.
- **Owner/Officer Information:** If the automobile club is *not* a corporation, the application must list all of club's owners and officers. If the automobile club has more than three owners and officers, use an additional sheet.

A document on file with the secretary of state is a public record subject to public access and disclosure. When providing address information, use a business or post office box address rather than a residence address if privacy concerns are an issue.

- **Operating/Management Agreement:** If the automobile club is *not* a corporation, the application must include a list of all parties to any operating or management agreement governing the club.
- **Attachments:** The following items *must* be included with the application:
  1. Annual fee of \$150.
  2. If the applicant is a corporation, a certificate status from the secretary of state showing the corporation is "in existence." A certificate of status may be ordered in one of the following ways:
    - a. Via SOSDirect, our web-based system;
    - b. By telephone at (512) 463-5578;
    - c. By fax at (512) 463-2512;
    - d. By email to [corpcert@sos.state.tx.us](mailto:corpcert@sos.state.tx.us); or
    - e. By mail to the Secretary of State Corporations Section Records Department, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711-3697.
  3. If the applicant is *not* a corporation, a copy of any operating agreement or management agreement affecting the club and a list of each party to the agreement.

4. Proof of a \$25,000 security deposit. The security may be in the form of (1) a certified check or money order made payable to the secretary of state; (2) a bond payable to the state, executed by a corporate surety licensed to do business in Texas, and meeting the conditions set forth in Section 722.005(a)(3), Texas Transportation Code; or (3) a certificate of deposit with assignment to the secretary of state.
5. A certified copy of each service contract plan that the automobile club is offering to its members.
6. If the automobile club provides participation in a group accidental injury or death policy, a copy of the certificate of participation.

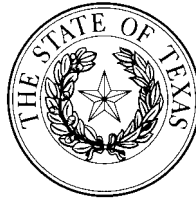
Note: Automobile clubs are also required to file changes to service contracts with the secretary of state.

- **Execution:** A person who is authorized to sign on behalf of the person or entity applying for the automobile club certificate of authority must sign and date the application before a notary public or other official who has authority to administer an oath.
- **Payment and Delivery Instructions:** The annual fee for the Automobile Club Certificate of Authority is **\$150**. Fees may be paid by personal checks, money orders, LegalEase debit cards or MasterCard, Visa, and Discover credit cards. Checks or money orders must be payable through a U.S. bank or financial institution and made payable to the secretary of state. Fees paid by credit card are subject to a statutorily authorized convenience fee of 2.7 percent of the total fees.

The completed form along with the fee, certificate of status or operating/management agreement, if required, proof of security, service contract plan, and certificate of participation, if required, may be mailed to P.O. Box 13550, Austin, Texas 78711-3550 or delivered to the James Earl Rudder Office Building, 1019 Brazos, Austin, Texas 78701. The secretary of state will issue a certificate of authority upon filing of a completed application.

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Submit to:  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
Statutory Documents Section  
P O Box 13550  
Austin, TX 78711-3550  
512-475-1769  
512-475-2815 - Fax  
Filing Fee: \$150



**AUTOMOBILE CLUB  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
APPLICATION / RENEWAL**

Application for New Registration  
 Application for Renewal of Registration  
Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information**

Automobile Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Business Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address (if different from above):

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Is the automobile club a corporation?  Yes  No

Does the club provide participation in a group accidental injury or death policy?  Yes  No

**Owner/Officer Information**

*Complete this section only if the automobile club is not a corporation. List each person who holds an ownership interest in the automobile club and each person who is an officer of the club. For "Position," write "owner" if the person holds an ownership interest and write the office held if the person is an officer.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST ANY OTHER OWNERS AND OFFICERS ON A SEPARATE SHEET**

## Operating/Management Agreement

Complete this section only if the automobile club is not a corporation. If the automobile club is governed by an operating agreement or management agreement, list each party to the operating/management agreement and submit a copy of the agreement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

*LIST ANY OTHER PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON A SEPARATE SHEET*

### Attachments

The following items are included with this application:

1. Annual fee of \$150.
2. If the applicant is a corporation, a certificate status from the secretary of state showing the corporation is "in existence."
3. If the applicant is not a corporation, a copy of any operating agreement or management agreement affecting the club and a list of each party to the agreement.
4. Proof of security.
5. A certified copy of each service contract plan; and
6. If the automobile club provides participation in a group accidental injury or death policy, a copy of the certificate of participation.

### Execution

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized person for automobile club

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed or typed name authorized person for automobile club

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

(seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature