

Harris County and Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority Veteran Discount Tolling Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) Veteran Discount Tolling Program?

Effective December 18, 2009, [eligible veterans](#) receive free tolls.

The HCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program was approved by Harris County Commissioners Court on September 29, 2009.

What is the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority (FBCTRA) Veteran Discount Tolling Program?

Effective December 18, 2009, eligible veterans receive free tolls.

The FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program was approved by the FBCTRA Board of Directors on November 18, 2009.

Who is eligible for the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program?

Per [Texas Transportation Code § 372.053](#), eligibility is limited to vehicles which are:

1. registered with the State of Texas and
2. displaying the qualifying specialty license plate for any of the following:
 - Disabled Veterans
 - Purple Heart Medal recipients
 - Congressional Medal of Honor recipients

Vehicles which are not eligible are required to pay the applicable toll.

NOTE: To see examples of qualifying Texas license plates please visit www.texasonline.gov and choose "Order Specialty License Plates" then "Qualifying Specialty License Plates."

What is Texas Transportation Code § 372.053?

Texas Transportation Code § 372.053, adopted by the State of Texas during the 2009 Texas Legislative Session, authorizes the option for Texas tolling entities to offer discounted or free tolls to Texas-registered vehicles with qualifying specialty license plates for Disabled Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

Where does the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program apply?

The HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program apply only to toll roads within Harris and Fort Bend County.

Each tolling entity may choose if and how they implement [Texas Transportation Code § 372.053](#). Please check with other tolling agencies directly for questions about their policies and programs.

How do I participate in the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program?

[Eligible vehicles](#) will automatically receive the discounted tolling rate in qualified tolling lanes. No additional action, purchase, or enrollment is required.

If your [eligible vehicle](#) has an EZ TAG backed by an active EZ Account, you may use any EZ TAG lane on the Harris County or Fort Bend County toll road system.

If your [eligible vehicle](#) does NOT have an EZ TAG backed by an active EZ Account, your vehicle may use any non-gated EZ TAG lane on the Harris County or Fort Bend County toll road system. Drivers will be electronically identified by their qualified specialty license plate. Gated lanes will require a cash payment.

If I use a Harris County or Fort Bend County toll road prior to December 18, 2009, will I have to pay tolls?

Yes. Tolls incurred before the program's implementation date of December 18, 2009 require full toll payment. Failure to pay a toll will result in a Violation Invoice. A Violation Invoice requires payment of the toll violation event plus toll violation administrative and attorney fees.

What if I'm a veteran with two cars, are they both eligible? What about my spouse's car?

Check your [vehicle's eligibility](#).

I am a veteran with a disability. Am I eligible for the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program?

Check your [vehicle's eligibility](#).

Do I need an EZ TAG to be eligible for the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program?

No, an EZ TAG is not required for participation in the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program, but a vehicle with an EZ TAG will have greater access to the Harris County and Fort Bend County toll road system.

See [how to participate](#) in the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program.

What if I don't have a qualifying veteran's license plate?

Check your [vehicle's eligibility](#). Vehicles which are not eligible are required to pay the applicable toll.

Are there certain toll lanes I must use?

Yes. See [how to participate](#) in the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program.

What if I am a veteran with a specialized plate pulling a trailer?

If you have a qualifying license plate and received a violation notice because you were pulling a trailer, you will be required to complete an affidavit. The affidavit will attest that the trailer's license plate number that is reflected on the invoice was being pulled by 1) a vehicle registered with a qualifying specialty license plate, or 2) a vehicle registered to a Medal of Honor recipient. Once HCTRA's Customer Service Department receives your affidavit, the violation invoice will be closed and no tolls or fees will be due.

Whom should I contact for more information about the HCTRA and FBCTRA Veteran Discount Tolling Program?

Please call (281) 875-3279, click [here](#) to send us an e-mail, or visit one of our convenient store locations listed at https://www.hctra.org/about_locations/.