

From Comptroller Susan Combs


Dear Fellow Texan:

Everyone knows the pleasure of discovering a forgotten or lost treasure. Today, I invite you to find the treasures that might be looking for you – your own long-lost unclaimed property. The state of Texas is currently holding more than \$2 billion in cash and other valuables waiting for the rightful owners. It's never too late to make a claim, and we are committed to ensuring hardworking Texans don't lose a penny.

Find out what you may have been missing by searching our unclaimed property database at www.ClaimItTexas.org. It's easy and convenient. In addition, you can download claim forms and other helpful information. You can also contact us at 1-800-654-FIND (3463) to talk with one of our customer service representatives.

It's your money, and we want you to get it back. Every day, businesses and financial institutions report unclaimed property to our office – from payroll checks, royalties and safe deposit box contents to dividends, stocks and bonds. Make your claim. We have the list, and we encourage you to check it twice.

Sincerely,



Susan Combs

How do you prevent your money from becoming abandoned?

- When you move, officially change your address with the United States Postal Service at <https://moversguide.usps.com> or your local post office. This will ensure any checks, rebates or financial correspondence will be forwarded to your new address.
- Keep a current list of all open bank accounts and check in on them once a year to keep them active.
- If you leave a job, confirm with your employer that your current address is on file for any additional payroll or reimbursement checks.
- If you have a safe deposit box or oil and gas royalties, make sure it is listed in your estate and/or make someone aware of the property.

If you have any questions about Texas Unclaimed Property, you can contact us.

Phone: 1-800-654-FIND (3463)
(512) 463-3120 (direct in Austin)

E-mail: unclaimed.property@cpa.state.tx.us

Fax: (888) 908-9991 or
(512) 936-6224

Mail: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Unclaimed Property Division
Research and Correspondence Section
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Texas Unclaimed Property

COME AND GET IT.



www.ClaimItTexas.org

Do you have the combination to Texas' Unclaimed Property?

Texas Unclaimed Property Simple Search Steps

- 1 Go to www.ClaimItTexas.org and click on the "Search Unclaimed Property" link.
- 2 Enter your name to search statewide or click on "Narrow Your Search" and enter current and past cities of residence. Remember to try nicknames and maiden and married last names.
- 3 View the results. If any listing matches your name and address, select the listing(s) to start a claim.
- 4 Enter required information. Sign and mail claim form to the provided address with any documentation you may have.

Remember to check www.ClaimItTexas.org often and bookmark the Web site for easy reference. Names are updated daily, so don't give up the search.

You may have unclaimed property if you ever:

- ✓ Had a bank account, safe deposit box, trust fund or escrow account
- ✓ Received dividend, payroll or cashier's checks
- ✓ Made court deposits
- ✓ Had mineral interests or royalty payments
- ✓ Over paid on insurance, utility or other bills
- ✓ Received rebates on purchases, such as a cell phone or computer
- ✓ Held stocks, bonds or mutual funds
- ✓ Made utility deposits

Did you know that 1 out of 4 Texans has unclaimed property? You can find out if you are one today at www.ClaimItTexas.org.



- 1 Texas unclaimed property law requires financial institutions, businesses and government entities to report to the state personal property they are holding that is considered abandoned or unclaimed after a one- to five-year period.
- 2 There is no statute of limitations on unclaimed property. The property always belongs to the owner or legal heirs.
- 3 It takes approximately 60 to 90 days to process an original owner claim once it is received at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, if no additional information is needed. Certain claims may take longer.
- 4 If you have lived in states other than Texas, visit www.missingmoney.com to search for your unclaimed property.

