National Register of Historic Places

El Paso Natural Gas Company Building
What is the National Register of Historic Places?

**Designation**
Official list of historically significant properties
  - No restriction imposed

**Federal Program**
Establishes standards for evaluating historic properties

These standards are followed in all federal preservation programs, including:

- Tax Credit Rehabilitation Program
- Section 106
Properties eligible for listing in the National Register possess historic **significance** and retain **integrity**.

Only one of the four criterion must be met at **local**, **state** or **national** level:

A. Association with historic events or activities  
B. Association with important persons  
C. Distinctive design or physical characteristics  
D. Potential to provide information about prehistory or history  

Riley’s Tavern, Comal County
What property types are eligible for listing in the NRHP?

- Buildings
- Structures
- Sites
- Objects
- Districts
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What is Integrity?

“The ability of a property to convey its significance”

(\textit{NOT condition})

Location – \textit{is the property in its original place?}

Setting – \textit{is the historic character of the surroundings intact?}

Materials – \textit{are the original components intact?}

Workmanship – \textit{is there evidence of the builder’s level of skill?}

Design – \textit{is the original arrangement apparent (form, plan, style)?}

Feeling – \textit{does the property evoke a historic period of time?}

Association – \textit{is the property intact enough to retain a link with historic persons or events?}
Integrity
The ability of a property to convey its significance
Significance
Criterion A: Historic events or activities

Johnson Rooming House, Dallas

Colored Knights of Pythias Lodge, Dallas

Lerma's Nite Club, San Antonio
Significance
Criterion B: Association with Important Persons

Katherine Ann Porter House
Kyle, Hays County

Galvan Ballroom (Rafael Galvan)
Corpus Christi
Significance
Criterion C: Distinctive design or physical characteristics

East Main Street Historic District, Pflugerville

Masonic Temple, Fort Worth

600 Building
Corpus Christi
Significance
Criterion C: Distinctive design or physical characteristics
Significance
Criterion D: Information Potential

Perez Rancho and Delores Crossing
San Antonio
Some properties are eligible only if special criteria are met

A: Religious properties
B: Moved properties
C: Birthplaces or Graves
D: Cemeteries
E: Reconstructed properties
F: Commemorative properties
G: Properties that have achieved significance within the last 50 years
Determinations of Eligibility

It is *highly recommended* that THC History Programs Division staff make a determination of eligibility before a property owner prepares a nomination or tax credit application.

For each determination request, applicants must submit:

- Current and historic photos
- Map
- Brief history of property

History Programs staff will make a site visit to proposed districts.

[www.thc.texas.gov/nr-doe](http://www.thc.texas.gov/nr-doe)
What is the National Register Process in Texas?

1. Determination of Eligibility by THC
2. Preparation of DraftNomination
3. Staff Review and Editing
4. Placing the Nomination on the State Board of Review Agenda
5. Presentation to the State Board of Review
6. Final Edit and Submission to the National Park Service
7. Listing in the National Register of Historic Places
How long does it take to get a property through the nomination process?

Expect the process to take at least a year, perhaps longer, depending on:

- the type and complexity of the property
- how quickly documentation can be properly assembled
- the Texas State Board of Review Board schedule
- THC staff workload

San Jacinto Building, Beaumont
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Pioneer Woman, Denton