



FALCONRY ONLINE 3-186 SYSTEM Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the online 3-186 system?**

The online 3-186 system is used to submit 3-186A forms and update your contact information via the internet. This automated system immediately notifies TPWD when a falconer submits a 3-186A or updates his/her contact information.
- **Is this a federal permit?**

No, this is not federal permit. Texas falconers are no longer required to have a federal permit to practice falconry.
- **How do I register to use the system?**

Request the Registration Instructions from TPWD from the contact below. These instructions provide a link to the registration site.
- **What if I forgot my Federal ID number?**

Contact the Wildlife Permits Office at TPWD at the email below.
- **What if I forgot my username or password?**

On the login page there is a Forgot Username/Password link. Please attempt to recover your username using this link. If unsuccessful please contact the Wildlife Permits Office at the email below.
- **How can I confirm that the 3-186A form was submitted?**

The green bar at the top of the page contains links to navigate the system. By clicking the "list submitted reports" link you will see a list of all 3-186A forms entered that involve you. From this screen you may print and/or save a copy of the 3-186A.
- **Do I need to send a copy to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)?**

No, sending a copy to the USFWS is not necessary or desired.
- **Do I need to email or mail a copy to the state?**

No, a 3-186A only needs to be submitted via email or mail if you were unsuccessful in submitting the 3-186A online.
- **Why was this system implemented?**

The USFWS created this online system to track wild caught raptors. State agencies are allowed access to monitor bird transfers between permit holders.
- **Am I required to submit a 3-186A online?**

Yes, regulations require online submission of a 3-186A. If the site is down or computer error prevents the 3-186A from being submitted online we do allow for submission via email or postal mail.
- **What do I do if the sender/recipient of the transferred raptor is in a state not using the system?**

You will need to complete a 3-186A using the pdf version and email or postal mail a copy to TPWD.
- **What do I do if computer, internet, or system errors are preventing the submission of a 3-186A online?**

You will need to complete a 3-186A using the pdf version and email or postal mail a copy to TPWD.
- **What do I do if I discover a mistake on a 3-186A that I have already submitted online?**

Contact TPWD via email informing us of the mistake. Please let us know what information is incorrect and how it should be corrected. Our office will make the correction to the submitted 3-186A.

For additional questions on the Form 3-186 System or other falconry issues, contact the Wildlife Permits Office at 512-389-4481 or send an email to wpoffice@tpwd.texas.gov.