



Registering an Out-of-State Vehicle in Arizona

Moving to Arizona or buying a vehicle titled in another state? Use this checklist to register your out-of-state vehicle through the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division (MVD).

QUICK ANSWER

New Arizona residents must title and register their vehicle with the Arizona MVD. You'll typically need the out-of-state title, a Level I vehicle inspection if the title or VIN can't be verified, an emissions test if you live in the Phoenix (Maricopa) or Tucson (Pima) area, proof of Arizona insurance, and payment of the title fee and annual Vehicle License Tax (VLT). Confirm the current new-resident timeframe and requirements with the Arizona MVD.

KEY FACTS

State	Arizona
Agency	Arizona Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)
Process	See official source
Notary required	Not specified
Bill of sale	Not specified
Odometer disclosure	Not specified
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QUICK REFERENCE

NOTARY Not specified	BILL OF SALE Not specified	ODOMETER Not specified	INSPECTION Conditional
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PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Required checklist

- ☐ **Out-of-state title (properly assigned to you, if purchased)** **REQUIRED**
The existing title from the other state. If you purchased the vehicle, it must be signed over to you.
- ☐ **Government-issued photo ID (current Arizona address)** **REQUIRED**
Most states require proof of residency to register a vehicle.
- ☐ **Proof of Arizona address** **REQUIRED**
Utility bill, lease agreement, or other proof of current residency.
- ☐ **Proof of insurance meeting Arizona minimum requirements** **REQUIRED**
Insurance from an insurer licensed in Arizona.
- ☐ **Odometer disclosure statement** **CONDITIONAL**
Required if the vehicle is under 10 years old.
- ☐ **VIN verification (may be required)** **CONDITIONAL**
Some states require a physical VIN inspection by law enforcement or a DMV inspector.
- ☐ **Safety and/or emissions inspection (if required)** **CONDITIONAL**
Check whether your state requires an inspection before registration.
- ☐ **Payment for title and registration fees** **REQUIRED**

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Inspection: Conditional — A Level I inspection may be required to verify an out-of-state VIN, and an emissions test is generally required in the Maricopa and Pima metro areas before registration.

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- 1 Establish residency in Arizona (get a local address if you haven't).
- 2 Obtain the out-of-state title (properly assigned to you, if purchased).



- 3 Check whether Arizona requires a VIN verification or safety/emissions inspection.
- 4 Complete any required inspections.
- 5 Submit the title, application, ID, proof of insurance, and fees to the state motor vehicle agency.
- 6 Surrender the out-of-state plates if required.
- 7 Receive your new Arizona title and registration.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Not getting the Level I inspection when the out-of-state VIN or title needs verification.
- Overlooking the Phoenix/Tucson-area emissions test before registering.
- Budgeting only for the \$4 title fee and not the annual Vehicle License Tax (VLT).
- Waiting too long after moving — confirm the current new-resident window with the Arizona MVD.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Arizona MVD — Vehicle Fees & Taxes

<https://azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/vehicle-services/vehicle-fees-taxes>

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