



Registering an Out-of-State Vehicle in Florida

Moving to Florida or buying a vehicle titled in another state? Use this checklist to register your out-of-state vehicle through the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV).

QUICK ANSWER

New Florida residents must register their vehicle within 30 days of establishing Florida residency. Florida does not require a statewide safety or emissions inspection. Submit Form HSMV 82040, your out-of-state title, proof of Florida insurance, proof of residency, and fees to a Florida tax collector's office.

KEY FACTS

State	Florida
Agency	Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV)
Process	See official source
Notary required	Not specified
Bill of sale	Not specified
Odometer disclosure	Not specified
Filing deadline	30 days
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QUICK REFERENCE

NOTARY Not specified	BILL OF SALE Not specified	ODOMETER Not specified	INSPECTION No
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Within 30 days

New Florida residents must register within 30 days of establishing residency (note: the 10-day rule applies only when accepting employment in Florida)

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 Florida address)** **REQUIRED**
Most states require proof of residency to register a vehicle.
- ☐ **Proof of Florida address** **REQUIRED**
Utility bill, lease agreement, or other proof of current residency.
- ☐ **Proof of insurance meeting Florida minimum requirements** **REQUIRED**
Insurance from an insurer licensed in Florida.
- ☐ **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: No — Florida does not require a statewide safety or emissions inspection for registration. VIN verification may be required for some out-of-state titles.

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- 1 Obtain the out-of-state title (properly assigned to you if purchased).
- 2 Complete Form HSMV 82040 (Application for Certificate of Title).
- 3 Submit HSMV 82040, title, proof of FL insurance, proof of residency, and fees to a Florida tax collector office.
- 4 Pay title fee, registration fee, and any applicable sales tax.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Waiting beyond the 30-day deadline after establishing Florida residency.
- Not updating your driver's license to Florida within 30 days of moving.
- Forgetting that Florida sales tax (6% + local surtax) may apply on the vehicle purchase.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

FLHSMV — Motor Vehicle Titles

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/motor-vehicles-tags-titles/titles/>

FLHSMV — Fee Schedule

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/motor-vehicles-tags-titles/fees/>

FLHSMV

<https://www.flhsmv.gov>

FLHSMV Forms

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/forms.html>