



Registering an Out-of-State Vehicle in Georgia

Moving to Georgia or buying a vehicle titled in another state? Use this checklist to register your out-of-state vehicle through the Georgia Department of Revenue — Motor Vehicle Division.

QUICK ANSWER

New Georgia residents must register their vehicle at the county tag office within 30 days of establishing residency. If you are in the Atlanta metro area, a Clean Air Force emissions test is generally required before registration — check cleanairforce.com for covered counties. TAVT may apply on vehicles not previously titled in Georgia — check the GA DOR Motor Vehicle Division website for current rates and exemptions.

KEY FACTS

State	Georgia
Agency	Georgia Department of Revenue — Motor Vehicle Division
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
Conditional

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Within 30 days
Register within 30 days of establishing Georgia residence

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 Georgia address)** **REQUIRED**
Most states require proof of residency to register a vehicle.
- ☐ **Proof of Georgia address** **REQUIRED**
Utility bill, lease agreement, or other proof of current residency.
- ☐ **Proof of insurance meeting Georgia minimum requirements** **REQUIRED**
Insurance from an insurer licensed in Georgia.
- ☐ **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**

FEES



TAVT may apply on out-of-state vehicles not previously titled in Georgia (TAVT is based on fair market value. Check official source for exemptions and current rate.)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Inspection: Conditional — No statewide safety inspection. Emissions testing (Clean Air Force) is required in the Atlanta metro area. Out-of-state vehicles must pass emissions before registration in affected counties — check the Georgia Clean Air Force website for current county coverage.

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- 1 Obtain the out-of-state title (properly assigned to you, if purchased).
- 2 If in the Atlanta metro area, pass a Clean Air Force emissions inspection before registering.
- 3 Visit your county tag office with the title, proof of Georgia insurance, proof of residency, and photo ID.
- 4 Pay TAVT (if applicable), title fee, and registration fee.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Forgetting emissions testing in Atlanta metro counties.
- Waiting beyond 30 days after moving to Georgia.
- Not accounting for TAVT on the out-of-state vehicle.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

GA DOR — Motor Vehicle Division
<https://mvd.dor.georgia.gov>

GA Clean Air Force — Emissions Testing
<https://www.cleanairforce.com>