



Registering an Out-of-State Vehicle in New York

Moving to New York or buying a vehicle titled in another state? Use this checklist to register your out-of-state vehicle through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

QUICK ANSWER

New York new residents must register their vehicle at a NY DMV office within 30 days of establishing New York residency. Complete Form MV-82 and bring your out-of-state title, proof of NY insurance, proof of residency, and payment. A New York safety and emissions inspection is required after registration.

KEY FACTS

State	New York
Agency	New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
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 Yes
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Within 30 days
Register within 30 days of establishing New York 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 New York address)** **REQUIRED**
Most states require proof of residency to register a vehicle.
- ☐ **Proof of New York address** **REQUIRED**
Utility bill, lease agreement, or other proof of current residency.
- ☐ **Proof of insurance meeting New York minimum requirements** **REQUIRED**
Insurance from an insurer licensed in New York.
- ☐ **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: Yes — New York requires a NY safety and emissions inspection. After registering an out-of-state vehicle, you must pass a NY inspection promptly.

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- 1 Obtain the out-of-state title (properly assigned to you if purchased).
- 2 Complete Form MV-82 (Vehicle Registration/Title Application).
- 3 Submit MV-82, title, proof of NY insurance, proof of residency, and fees to a NY DMV office.
- 4 Pay title fee, registration fee, and NY sales/use tax if applicable.
- 5 Get a NY safety and emissions inspection promptly after registration.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Not scheduling a NY safety/emissions inspection promptly after registration.
- Waiting beyond 30 days after moving to New York.
- Forgetting to update your driver's license to New York.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

NY DMV — Register Vehicle First Time in New York

<https://dmv.ny.gov/registration/register-vehicle-first-time-new-york>

NY DMV — Registration Fees

<https://dmv.ny.gov/registration/registration-fees>

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