

How to Register and Title Your Vehicle in Utah

Utah State Tax Commission

Division of Motor Vehicles

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General Information

What Vehicles Must Be Registered?

- cars
- trucks
- motorcycles
- off-highway vehicles
- snowmobiles
- watercraft
- trailers
- campers
- aircraft

Trailers weighing less than 750 pounds, when empty, are not required to be registered. However, any trailer may be registered for your convenience.

Who Must Register Their Vehicles?

Utah residents must register any of the above vehicles for use in the state.

Nonresidents using their watercraft in Utah for more than 60 days per year, must register in Utah.

Nonresidents using their off-highway vehicle or snowmobile in Utah pay an annual user fee to the Division of Parks and Recreation. Upon payment of the \$30 fee, a user receives a decal for display on the off-highway vehicle or snowmobile. Decals are available from Parks and Recreation or their authorized agents.

Exceptions: Nonresident students who pay nonresident tuition, certain military personnel, temporary workers and individuals temporarily in Utah engaged in public or charitable service may be exempt from registering vehicles in Utah.

Where to Go and What to Bring

Bring to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) the following for each vehicle:

- Utah safety inspection certificate, where required
- Utah gas or diesel emission certificate, where required
- Serial number (VIN) inspection, where required
- Title, if not held by lienholder
- Most recent registration

Safety Inspection Certificates

Cars, trucks and on-highway motorcycles are required to be inspected prior to registration, as follows: Vehicles with model years **less than eight years old** need a safety inspection once every two years. Vehicles in this category having even-numbered model years must have safety inspections in even-numbered years, and vehicles having odd-numbered model years must have safety inspections in odd-numbered years. For example, a 2007 model year vehicle must have a safety inspection when it is registered in 2009. **Vehicles with model years eight years old and older must pass safety inspections every year.** Safety inspection is not required for non-commercial trailers, regardless of age.

Inspections are available at most service stations and are valid for two months.

For more information about Safety Inspections, call the Dept. of Public Safety at 801-965-4461.

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or Hull Identification Number (HIN)

Inspections of identification numbers are required for all vehicles or vessels to be titled in Utah. Safety and emission inspection certificates are acceptable means of verification for cars, trucks and motorcycles, providing that the VIN is accurate on the safety inspection certificate. Trailers, boats, off-highway vehicles and snowmobiles require separate VIN or HIN inspections which can be completed by a Utah peace officer, a qualified safety inspection station, a Utah licensed dealer or a DMV employee. This inspection will be completed at any DMV office at no extra charge.

Emission Certificates

As a prerequisite for registration, emission certificates are required in Davis, Salt Lake, Utah and Weber counties and are valid for two months. All 1968 or newer model gas-powered cars and trucks in these counties must have an emissions test, which can be completed at most service stations.

Emission certificates in Davis, Salt Lake, Utah and Weber counties for gas-powered cars and trucks are required every other year for vehicles **less than six years old**. Vehicles in this category having even-numbered model years must have emission tests in even-numbered years, and vehicles having odd-numbered model years must have emission tests in odd-numbered years. **Vehicles with model years six years old and older (to 1967) must pass emission tests every year.**

Farm trucks may apply for an exemption from emissions with their County Health Departments. For county emission requirements for diesels, or for additional information about emission tests and requirements, contact one of the following Environmental Health Offices:

- Davis County 801-456-8860
- Salt Lake County 801-313-6720
- Utah County 801-851-7600
- Weber County 801-399-7140

First-time Registration

To register and title in Utah for the first time, an Application to Register/Title must be completed and required documentation provided. Required documentation may include a vehicle title, a bill of sale, a previous registration, and safety and emission certificates.

All vehicles in Utah are subject to either an age-based uniform fee or a 1.0 or 1.5 percent uniform property assessment fee. The appropriate fee must be paid when you register your vehicle. For additional information regarding these fees, see Tax Commission Publication 23, *Motor Vehicle Property Assessment Fees*.

Plates and/or decals will be issued to you at the completion of your motor vehicle transaction. All plates are issued to the owner of the vehicle and should be removed and returned to a motor vehicle office if the vehicle is sold.

Titles

What Vehicles Must Be Titled?

- Cars
- Trucks
- Motorcycles
- Off-highway vehicles 1988 and newer
- Snowmobiles 1988 and newer
- Watercraft 1985 and newer
- Trailers 751 pounds or more unladen weight

What Is Needed to Title a Vehicle?

- **Evidence of ownership**
Documentation showing ownership and vehicle description. A Utah title or an out-of-state title can be provided as evidence of ownership.
- **Payment of sales/use tax**
Sales and use tax is imposed on the purchase of a vehicle or watercraft and is calculated using the purchase price. Purchase price should be listed on the title being transferred or on a bill of sale.

- **Payment of motor vehicle title fee**
Required title fee must be paid before a Utah title can be issued.
- **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) inspections**
VIN number inspections are required on vehicles and watercraft that have been titled in other states and are being titled/registered for the first time in Utah.
- **Odometer statements**
When a vehicle ownership change takes place the mileage of the vehicle must be disclosed. Exceptions to this are when the vehicle has gross laden weight rating of more than 16,000 pounds, is ten years or older, or sold directly by the manufacturer to any agency of the United States government.
- **Property tax clearance**
Property tax or age-based fees are paid at the time of vehicle or watercraft registration.

Title/Registration Hints

- If an out-of-state lien holder or leasing company holds the title, the vehicle will be registered only. Current registration will be needed as evidence of ownership.
- Leased vehicles will need the leasing company's power of attorney, billing statement, Utah sales tax number, and current registration.
- Vehicles and personal watercraft are required to be insured.

What to do if You Sell Your Car

Remove your license plates from the vehicle. If you do not you may be liable for any parking or traffic violations, towing, storage, and impoundment fees should the vehicle be ticketed or impounded while your plates remain on the car.

Give the new owner the signed title and a bill of sale. Please ensure that you keep copies of this transaction for future reference or if the need arises to prove you sold the car. The new owner may obtain a temporary permit (<http://dmv.utah.gov/registerpermits.html>) from any Motor Vehicle office by presenting the signed title, proof of insurance, and picture identification and paying all applicable fees.

Notify the Division of Motor Vehicles in writing that your vehicle has been sold. The notification must include the vehicle year, make, and model. You also must include the plate number or vehicle identification number and the owner's signature. This notification can be sent by fax (801) 297-3570 or mail to:

Division of Motor Vehicles
Suspended Transaction Unit
210 N 1950 W
Salt Lake City, UT 84134

MV Office Locations by County

BEAVER COUNTY

105 East Center, Beaver
26 South 100 West, Milford

BOX ELDER COUNTY

01 South Main (Courthouse), Brigham City

CACHE COUNTY

179 North Main, Logan

CARBON COUNTY

540 West Price River Drive, Price

DAGGETT COUNTY

95 North 100 West, Manila

DAVIS COUNTY

969 West Clark Lane, Farmington

DUCHESNE COUNTY

734 North Center Street, Duchesne

270 North 500 West, Roosevelt

EMERY COUNTY

95 East Main, Castle Dale

48 Farrer St., Green River

GARFIELD COUNTY

55 South Main, Panguitch

GRAND COUNTY

125 East Center, Moab

IRON COUNTY

82 North 100 East #103, Cedar City

68 South 100 East, Parowan

JUAB COUNTY

160 North Main, Nephi

KANE COUNTY

76 North Main, Kanab

MILLARD COUNTY

50 South Main, Fillmore

71 South 200 West, Delta

MORGAN COUNTY

48 West Young St., Morgan

PIUTE COUNTY

550 North Main, Junction

RICH COUNTY

20 South Main, Randolph

SAN JUAN COUNTY

117 South Main, Monticello

SANPETE COUNTY

160 North Main, Manti

SALT LAKE COUNTY

380 West 2880 South, Salt Lake City

14555 Minuteman Drive, Draper

SEVIER COUNTY

250 North Main, Richfield

SUMMIT COUNTY

60 North Main, Coalville

6505 North Landmark Dr., Suite 400, Park City

110 North Main, Kamas

TOOELE COUNTY

47 South Main, Tooele

UINTAH COUNTY

152 East 100 North, Vernal

UTAH COUNTY

150 East Center #1400, Provo

WASATCH COUNTY

25 North Main, Heber City

WASHINGTON COUNTY

100 South 5300 West, Hurricane

WAYNE COUNTY

18 South Main, Loa

WEBER COUNTY

2447 Lincoln Ave., Ogden

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