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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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New to Maryland Titling and Registering Your Vehicle Information

As a new resident of Maryland you must register your vehicle within 60 days of moving to Maryland. If you delay beyond 60 days, you will not be eligible for a tax credit for any titling tax paid in another state, and you may be subject to a citation for an out of state registration.

Please Note: If an owner of a vehicle originally titled in Maryland obtains a title for the vehicle in another state in the same name, and returns to Maryland, it may be registered by surrendering the foreign title and securing a [Duplicate Maryland Title](#). There is a [fee](#) for a duplicate title.

Titling Your Vehicle

You can apply for a Maryland title, and registration, in person at any of the MVA's full service [branch offices](#). You also can mail the documents to the MVA's Out-of-State Title Unit, 6601 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21062, or go to an MVA licensed [tag and title service](#) where they will assist you in applying.

Typically, you will need to submit the following forms to obtain a title for your vehicle:

- **Proof of ownership** – This is the vehicle’s existing title that identifies you as the owner. If there is a lien against your out-of-state title:
 - [Make an appointment](#) to visit MDOT MVA.
 - If you do not have the title document or certificate, the MVA will provide you with a letter (form #[VR-056](#)) to send to your lien holder requesting the title(s) be sent to the MVA. Note: Please have the following information for the letter: Name of vehicle owner, MD address, phone number, VIN number, year, make of vehicle, lien holder's name, lien holder's address, lien holder's fax number, state where currently registered/titled and lien account number.
 - Upon receipt of the title document(s), the MVA will write or call you to inform you that we have received the title(s). We will inform you of the excise tax due and ask you to send your completed [Application for Certificate of Title](#) (form #VR-005), the MD Safety Inspection Certificate, and payment (check or money order made payable to the MVA) to the MVA. The check should include payment for the following:
 - [Title fee](#)
 - Fee to record the lien
 - Excise tax and [tag fees](#)
- Application form
 - The [Application for Certificate of Title](#) (form #VR-005) can be used to apply for both the vehicle’s title and registration. Be sure to include your insurance information. Your policy must conform to Maryland’s [minimum liability insurance requirements](#).

- Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate
 - This Maryland State Police form certifies that your vehicle meets Maryland safety standards. It is valid for up to 90 days from the date issued.
- Certificate of inspection

A Safety Inspection is required for all used cars, trucks, tractors, trailers, motorcycles, special equipment, and class "B" for hire vehicles being titled and registered in Maryland. They must be inspected by a licensed Maryland inspection station, such as automobile dealers, service stations and specialized automobile service centers. A certificate of inspection issued by the inspection station within the previous 90 days of the vehicle titling must accompany the Application for Title. To avoid delay, compare the vehicle identification number (VIN) entered on the inspection certificate with the VIN on the vehicle plus the vehicle ownership documents to make certain they agree. Altered inspection certificates will not be accepted.

 - [Vehicle Safety Inspection Information](#)
 - [Maryland Safety Inspection Station Lookup Tool](#)

Under certain circumstances, additional information and/or forms may be required:

- Proof of vehicle's value – If the vehicle's value cannot be identified by the MVA, you may need to submit a bill of sale. For leased vehicles, a lease agreement may also be acceptable.
- Lease agreement and proof of monthly lease payments (leased vehicles only) – If you have paid or are paying excise tax to another state through your lease payments, the documents may be needed to determine the amount of excise tax credit you may receive.
- Lien information – If you borrowed money to buy the vehicle, lien information may need to be recorded on the application. The MVA form entitled  [Security Interest Filing](#) (form #VR-217) must be used if a second lien is placed against the title.
- Lien release – If your title indicates that a lien exists, you must make arrangements with the lien holder to pay off the loan (lien) or the MVA will file the lien against your new title (i.e., transfer the lien).
- Power of attorney ([VR-470](#))-- If someone other than you, the new owner, is signing the titling forms, this document is required. A copy of the registered owner(s) state issued identification must accompany the Power of Attorney and the person submitting must present their state issued identification.

Excise Tax Credit

- You should title and register your vehicle within 60 days of moving to Maryland.
- When you title and register your vehicle in Maryland, you will pay an excise tax. How much you pay depends on the age of your vehicle and how much tax you paid in your previous state.

This information assumes that you are the current owner of the vehicle. If you are not the current owner, visit (make link to appropriate page) for information on how to title and register the vehicle in your name.

If you moved to Maryland in the last 60 days, your vehicle is 6 model years or newer, and your previous state's tax rate is:

- 6.5% or higher, you will pay \$100 in excise tax.
- Below 6.5%, you will pay the difference between the tax you paid in your previous state and —Maryland's 6.5% tax rate.

For example, you moved from Virginia to Maryland. Virginia's tax rate is 4%. You will pay 2.5% of the retail value of the vehicle. We use the "clean retail value" calculated by the National Automobile Dealers Association – or NADA – to determine the value of your vehicle.

Click here for the [State Tax Rate Chart](#).

- 0%, you will pay 6.5% of the retail value of the vehicle. We use the "clean retail value" calculated by the National Automobile Dealers Association – or NADA – to determine the value of your vehicle.

If you moved to Maryland in the last 60 days and your vehicle is 7 model years or older, you will pay \$41.60 for vehicles

or \$20.80 for trailers unless your previous state’s tax rate is 0%.

If your previous state’s tax rate is 0%, you will pay:

- 6.5% of the retail value of the vehicle if your vehicle is 6 model years or newer. We use the “clean retail value” calculated by the National Automobile Dealers Association – or NADA – to determine the value of your vehicle.
- \$41.60 for vehicles or \$20.80 for trailers if your vehicle is 7 model years or older.

I own a vehicle and I moved to Maryland in the last 60 days.		
My vehicle is...	Previous State’s tax rate is...	You pay...
6 model years or newer	6.5% or higher	\$100
	Below 6.5%	Difference between other State’s rate and 6.5%
7 model years or older	0%	6.5%
	1% or higher	\$41.60
	0%	\$41.60

If you moved to Maryland more than 60 days ago, you will pay:

- 6.5% of the retail value of the vehicle if your vehicle is 6 model years or newer. We use the “clean retail value” calculated by the National Automobile Dealers Association – or NADA – to determine the value of your vehicle.
- \$41.60 for vehicles or \$20.80 for trailers if your vehicle is 7 model years or older.

I own a vehicle and I moved to Maryland more than 60 days ago.	
My vehicle is...	You pay...
6 model years or newer	6.5%
7 model years or older	\$41.60

- If you lease your vehicle, bring a copy of the lease contract or a letter from the leasing company showing taxes paid (if any) to the previous state. If you paid or are paying excise tax to another state through your lease payments, documentation is needed to determine what you will pay when you title and register your leased vehicle in Maryland.
- Active Service Members or Service Members who return to the State from active duty, and whose vehicle is currently titled in their name, are exempt from paying the Maryland excise tax. Proof of active-duty status (DD-214 or official orders in the owner’s name) is required to be submitted to the MVA.

Note that if you also intend to register the vehicle, additional forms are usually needed.

Registration requirements vary greatly by the type and intended use of the vehicle. The requirements for most vehicles can be found in [Registration – Common Vehicles](#).

Your title will be mailed to you regardless of how you apply. If you also register the vehicle, your registration card, license plates and expiration stickers can be provided immediately when you apply in person to the MVA; otherwise, these items also will be mailed to you.

Maryland Excise Titling Tax

If the vehicle has been recently purchased, the 6.5% excise tax is based on the greater of the total purchase price verified by a notarized  **MVA Bill of Sale** (form VR-181), signed by both the buyer(s) and the seller(s) in which the actual price paid for the vehicle is stated or \$640. In other cases, the total purchase price or the valuation shown in a national publication of used car values adopted for use by the Administration will be used to establish the tax. There is an addition or subtraction for high or low

mileage. On vehicles seven years old and older, the tax is based on the greater of the purchase price or the minimum book value of \$640.

Driver Licensing Information is also available for new Maryland residents.

Start your Title and Registration here...

Streamline your MDOT MVA visit! Begin your title and registration transaction online - add vehicle owners, your insurance information, and get an estimate of fees - all before stepping foot inside a branch office. Print your confirmation with barcode and bring it with you to reduce your transaction time.

Begin Application



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6601 Ritchie Highway N.E., Glen Burnie, MD 21062
Call Center - 410-768-7000
Call Center - 1-800-950-1682

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