

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE

All new residents are required to make application for Pennsylvania title and registration of their vehicle(s) within 20 days of entry into the Commonwealth when establishing residency in Pennsylvania.

You will need to obtain the necessary forms to get your Pennsylvania vehicle registration. Forms are available at any messenger service office or any Driver and Vehicle Service Center location.

In order to register your vehicle(s), you will need to bring the following items with you:

- A valid title for all of the vehicles you want to register in Pennsylvania, issued in your name, from the state you left; and
- Proof of Pennsylvania insurance, such as a valid insurance identification card, declaration page of an insurance policy, a copy of a valid binder or a copy of an application for insurance to the Pennsylvania Assigned Risk Plan for all of the vehicles you will be registering. These documents must indicate both effective and expiration dates.
- Form of personal identification
- A tracing of the vehicle identification number (VIN) or the verification of the VIN by an inspection mechanic or notary at a dealership.

Sales Tax: If you hold a valid title issued in another state and, if you owned the vehicle at least 6 months before moving to Pennsylvania, you will not be required to pay any sales tax when you register your vehicle in Pennsylvania.

If your vehicle was purchased less than 6 months before moving to Pennsylvania, you must pay sales tax based on the difference between the Pennsylvania tax (6% of the purchase price less any trade-in or 7% of the purchase price less any trade-in for Philadelphia County and Allegheny County residents) and any sales tax you paid in the other state, unless the other state's sales tax is greater.

Vehicle Safety Inspection: A vehicle newly registered in Pennsylvania must be safety inspected within ten (10) days of the registration date. Inspections are performed at official inspection stations (usually a repair garage or a service station with a repair shop). Equipment checks include: lights, brakes, horn, tires, safety belts, exhaust system, mirrors, tag mounting, suspension, turn signals, steering, glazing, wipers, and other major parts of your vehicle. Inspection fees are posted at official inspection stations. These fees do not include repairs to correct vehicle defects.

Emission Inspection Maintenance: Pennsylvania is one of many states required by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to have a vehicle emissions inspection & maintenance (I/M) program. The I/M program is a key part of the Commonwealth's strategy to improve its air quality. Currently, a vehicle emissions inspection is required in Allegheny, Beaver, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Washington and Westmoreland Counties.

The I/M program covers all gasoline-powered 1975 and newer passenger cars and light duty trucks. Inspections are performed at privately owned garages and service stations certified by PENNDOT. Inspection fees can vary, and motorists should shop around. For more information about the Commonwealth's I/M program call the I/M customer hotline at 1-800-265-0921.

To Obtain Your Pennsylvania Driver's License/Learner's Permit/ Identification (ID) Card: Pennsylvania has enhanced its driver licensing requirements. All new residents must obtain a Pennsylvania Driver's License within 60 days after moving to Pennsylvania. You must be at least 16 years of age to apply for a PA Driver's License or Learner's Permit. New residents must surrender their out-of-state driver's license and/or ID card before a new product will be issued. To apply, you must appear in person at one of our Driver License Centers and will need to complete the necessary forms with the correct classification(s) and endorsement(s), and take a vision screening test. The forms will be provided at the Driver License Centers. You will need to bring valid identification and residency documents and your valid driver's license from your prior state (valid license or expired six (6) months or less.)

Identification and residency requirements vary depending upon Pennsylvania residency status, U.S. citizen status, and Non-U.S. citizen status. Additionally, the status of Non-U.S. Citizens has been further expanded into Immigrant, Non-Immigrant, Refugee (and Asylee). These distinctions will quickly allow you to determine the necessary documents you will need to show when applying for a Pennsylvania Driver's License, Learner's Permit or ID card.

The Pennsylvania Driver's Manual assists new drivers and is available online at http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/drivers_manual/index.shtml. This manual is also available at Driver License Centers, most messenger service centers, notaries and auto clubs.

To Obtain Your Non-Driver Identification(ID) Card: Non-driver ID cards are a viable source of identification for individuals 16 years of age and older who may not have a driver's license. Along with identification and residency requirements, a check or money order for \$10 and a completed application form must be included. Forms are available online for downloading at

<http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/forms/index.shtml> and at any Driver License Center location. Identification and residency requirements vary depending upon Pennsylvania residency status, U.S. citizen status, and Non-U.S. citizen status and follow the same requirements necessary for obtaining a PA Driver's License or Learner's Permit.

To Apply To Register To Vote: When visiting a Photo License Center, you will be asked if you would like to make application to register to vote. Please note that if you are currently a registered voter in Pennsylvania, you do not need to re-register unless you have changed your name or address. After a series of questions regarding your application to register to vote, you will be asked to confirm the information you have provided. Once you have completed this process, you will be given a receipt as proof of having made application to vote. It is important to keep this receipt until you receive your voter identification card from your county voter registration office. If you do not receive your card within two weeks, please contact your county voter registration office.

Westmoreland County: Westmoreland Co. Elections/Voter Reg.
109 Courthouse Square
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-830-3151

Organ Donor: Upon your initial visit to have your photo taken at a Photo License Center, and every time you renew your driver's license and/or ID card, you will be asked if you want to be an organ donor. If you say "yes" to be designated as a donor the words "Organ Donor" will be placed on your driver's license or ID card.

Boat/Snowmobile Registration: For information on registering your boat or snowmobile, please call: Fish & Boat Commission: (717) 705-7940 or Bureau of State Parks: (717) 783-1364

Driver and Vehicle Services Customer Call Center
Monday through Friday 7 AM to 9 PM ET(except holidays)

If you are calling from...	Within state	1-800-932-4600
	Out of state	1-717-391-6190
	Hearing impaired	1-800-228-0676 (TDD)