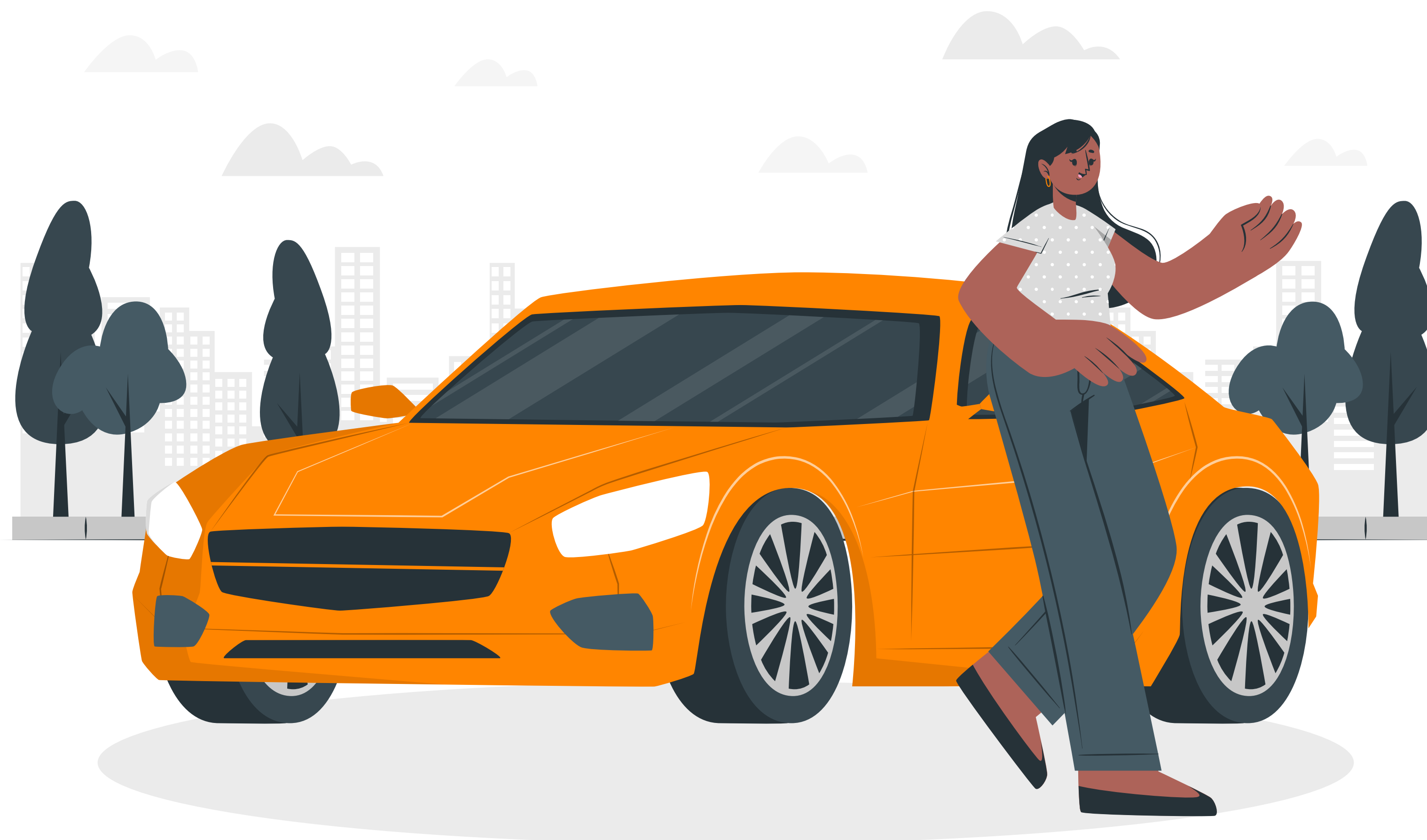


Car Owner Checklist

**Your Essential Guide to a Smooth and
Worry-Free Driving Experience**

Owning a car—whether it's your first or your fifth—is an exciting responsibility. Whether you're new to driving or an experienced driver, this checklist will help you take care of your vehicle, stay safe on the road, and handle unexpected situations with ease.



1. Get to Know Your Car

Even if you've owned cars before, every vehicle is different, and it's worth taking the time to familiarize yourself with the specifics of your current car.

- **Review the Manual:** It's not just for first-time drivers—your manual has essential details about your car's unique features, maintenance schedules, and warning lights.
- **Locate Key Components:** Ensure you know where important items like the spare tire, jack, and fluid reservoirs are located in this car, even if you've used them before.
- **Test New Features:** Modern cars often come with advanced features like driver-assist systems, parking aids, and infotainment technology.

2. Keep All Essential Documents Handy

Always have these items in your car:

- **Driver's License**
- **Vehicle Registration:** This proves ownership and is often required at checkpoints.
- **Proof of Insurance:** Ensure it's up-to-date. Consider saving a digital copy on your phone.
- **Emergency Contacts:** Include your insurance provider, roadside assistance service, and a trusted mechanic.

Tip: Use a sturdy, waterproof document holder to keep these safe in your glove compartment.

3. Build an Emergency Kit

Breakdowns and emergencies can happen, no matter how long you've been driving. Make sure your kit includes:

Reflective Vest and Warning Triangles:

Experienced drivers know that safety comes first when stranded on the road.

Tire Repair Kit or Spare Tire:

Even seasoned drivers can encounter unexpected flats.

Portable Phone Charger:

Useful for staying connected if your car breaks down.

Duct Tape and Multi-Tool:

A lifesaver for quick fixes, especially for DIY-savvy drivers.

First Aid Kit, Water, and Snacks:

Essential for comfort and safety during long waits.

4. Maintenance Is Your Best Friend

Good maintenance habits are key to keeping your car reliable, whether it's brand-new or a trusted companion you've owned for years.

- **Oil and Filter Changes:** Stick to the recommended intervals—usually every 5,000–10,000 km.
- **Tires:** Experienced drivers, don't forget to check tire tread depth and pressure regularly.
- **Fluids:** Monitor and top up coolant, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid.
- **Brakes:** Older cars may need more frequent checks to avoid unexpected breakdowns.

Pro Tip for Longtime Drivers: Even if your car is running fine, don't skip scheduled inspections. Preventive care reduces costly repairs later.

5. Master the Basics of Road Safety

Safety is always a priority, no matter how many years you've been driving.

- **Refresh Defensive Driving Skills::**

Familiarity with the road doesn't mean letting your guard down. Stay aware of newer driving habits and technologies.

- **Avoid Overconfidence:**

Even experienced drivers can misjudge traffic conditions or weather. Take your time.

- **Stay Updated on Road Rules:**

Traffic laws and regulations evolve—make sure you're compliant.

6. Be Ready to Call for Help

Not every issue can be solved on your own, and that's okay!

Some situations require professional assistance:

- **Flat Tire:**

No spare or tools? Call a roadside service.

- **Locked Out or Lost Keys:**

Swift key replacements are just a call away.

- **Dead Battery:**

If a jump-start doesn't work, get professional help.

Empty Tank: Fuel delivery services can save the day.

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7. Invest in Roadside Assistance

For ultimate peace of mind, sign up for a ResQx membership plan.

Benefits include:

- Affordable and reliable roadside assistance across Lagos.
- Comprehensive services such as towing, jump starts, key replacements, and more.
- Easy payment plans tailored to your needs.

8. Tips for a Smooth First Year

- **Stay Insured:**

Review your insurance policy annually to ensure it meets your needs.

- **Join a Community:**

Connect with fellow car owners to exchange tips and recommendations.

- **Learn Basic Repairs:**

Know how to change a tire, check oil levels, and handle minor issues.

Ready to hit the road?

Download this checklist, save it to your device,
or print it out for easy reference.

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