Vehicle Registration

A North Carolina driver license is required prior to titling/registering a vehicle in this State. Except for owners of exempt farm vehicles and exempt road construction equipment, every vehicle owner must register his or her motor vehicle with the Division of Motor Vehicles.

If you are a new North Carolina resident moving from out-of-state, your valid out-of-state driver's, along with your North Carolina Temporary Driving Certificate (TDC) will be required to title and register your vehicle.

See MyNCDMV.gov for more information on title and registration, available online services, fees, forms and license plate office hours and locations.

To register a vehicle:
- The owner must complete the required application forms; and
- Pay the appropriate title and registration fees.

Upon receipt of the application for motor vehicle registration:
- The DMV will issue a registration card, registration plate (license plate) and validation stickers to the owner;
- The registration card must be kept in the vehicle at all times and must always be available to show a law enforcement officer upon request;
- The license plate will show the unique number that has been assigned to the vehicle, the expiration date of the registration and that the vehicle is registered in North Carolina;
- The license plate must be displayed as required by law,
- Plastic license plate covers are prohibited. GS 20-63g.

How to change the address on your vehicle registration online:

To change the physical address on your vehicle registration, you can use our online duplicate vehicle registration card application at MyNCDMV.gov

You will need the following information:
- Vehicle license plate number
- Last five (5) characters of the vehicle title number
- Valid email address, so we can email your receipt

There is no charge to change your address online.

If your vehicle's registration is expired, you will need to renew your registration and change the address at the same time. The cost will be your regular renewal fee.