

How is Automobile Registration calculated in Maine?

First Time Registration Cost: Excise Tax + Plate Fees + Agent Fees (\$4) + Title (\$33.00) and Sales Tax (Cost X .055)

Renewal Cost: Excise Tax + Plate Fees + Agent Fees (\$3)

Maine vehicles must pay a plate use fee of \$35.00 annually in addition to calculated Excise Tax and Agent Fees. Specialty plates will add an additional fee of \$15-30 per plate in addition to the regular plate use fee of \$35.00.

Vanity plates may only be ordered through Bangor, Augusta /or Online. The vanity fee is \$25.00 and must be registered annually to retain the plate. If a vanity registration lapses more than six months, you must re-apply for the plate again.

1995 automobiles and newer must complete a MVT-2 Title Application and may not be registered without presenting a title the first time. If a lien holder has the previous title, you must present the original finance documents or a statement from lien holder which outlines the payment address and schedule.

If the vehicle is purchased from a private sale, sales tax is calculated by the following: Vehicle Price X .055. Vehicles which are gifted between family, friends or acquaintances must complete a \$0 sales tax form. All cars being registered the first time must have a Bill of Sale and MVT-2 Title along with proof of insurance to complete. Each person listed on registration must sign the Title application.

Auto Year	EXCISE Mil Rate X MSRP Price
2018	.0240
2017	.0175
2016	.0135
2015	.0100
2014	.0065
2013	.0040

If completing a Maine registration, YOU MUST PRESENT VERIFICATION of the insurance before beginning the transaction. If you have never registered a vehicle in Orono before, YOU MUST ALSO PRESENT PROOF OF RESIDENCY!

What are some quick tips to make transaction go smoothly?

To register a new automobile from a dealer: Bring proof of insurance, MVT-2 blue title application, window sticker and sales agreement. If vehicle is leased, bring all lease documents.

To register a new automobile purchased through private sale: Bring proof of insurance, bill of sale and previous title. For private sales, all registrants must be present at time of registration to sign the MVT-2 Title application. Previous Titles must also be complete with no cross-outs or errors.

To reregister a automobile already registered in Orono: Bring proof of insurance and yellow registration from the previous year. If you have lost the registration, bringing the plate number will speed up the visit.

To register a new automobile using a excise credit from a vehicle which you do not have possession of: Bring proof of insurance and yellow registration from the previous automobile reflecting the credit to be transferred to the new vehicle. Depending on the type of purchase bring the necessary documents on the new vehicle.

If you have a complicated situation regarding a motor vehicle, please call our office at (207)866-2556. (Ext. 2) In most cases, office staff is able to provide a rough estimate of automobile registration cost for Orono residents if all information is provided ahead of time. If purchasing out of state/country, you must present all documents.

The Town Office is open on Mon-Weds 8AM-4:30PM, Thursdays 10AM-6PM and Fridays 8AM-2PM.

Brand new registrations take at least 25 minutes to complete from start to finish without complication, so please plan accordingly in relation to the office hours. If you are short on time, please call the office ahead.

The Town of Orono accepts Cash, Check and Credit/Debit (2.5% service fee) for transactions.