

Registration checklist for out of state vehicles

New to Colorado? Register your motor vehicle in the county where you reside. If you live outside of Arapahoe County, visit the [State of Colorado DMV Website](#) to find your county's website.

If you live in Arapahoe County, you can register your vehicle at any of our [four branch locations](#). Come prepared with the following:

- New owner identification ([secure and verifiable](#)) or designated power of attorney**
Anyone other than a named owner must present a completed and notarized [Form DR2175](#) Power of Attorney and their own identification ([secure and verifiable](#)).
- One of the following three types of documents:**
 - Vehicle title in your name;
 - An original out-of-state registration no more than six months expired; or
 - A vehicle record history on state letterhead from previous state of residence.
- Emissions test**
New residents must show proof of a passing Colorado vehicle emissions test. If you recently purchased a vehicle, you are required to have a new emissions test, even if the current inspection report from the previous owner still has time on it. Vehicles that are 7 model years old or newer are exempt from emissions requirements. Newly purchased vehicles still qualify for the exemption as long as there are at least 12 months remaining in the exemption. Visit [Air Care Colorado](#) for emissions test locations.
- Proof of insurance**
Out of state insurance policies that do not meet or exceed Colorado limits are not accepted. You will need your insurance card, a copy of your insurance policy or a letter from your insurance company on the company's letterhead including a description of the vehicle with the following information: year, make, model, vehicle identification number (VIN), effective date and expiration date of the policy.
- Vehicle identification number (VIN) verification**
A VIN verification is required if the seller has an out-of-state title or the vehicle is purchased outside Colorado. A VIN inspector must complete a [Verification Vehicle Identification Number form](#).
- Payment**

Expect your new Colorado title in the mail within 4 - 6 weeks after registering your vehicle.