Congratulations on your 60-day Roadside Assistance membership

When out on the road, you will know that you are covered and protected by an organization that cares about the safety of you and your family. Our customer service representatives respond quickly to provide you the best service and protection available anywhere.

**24-Hour Emergency Roadside Assistance Benefits**
Customers are covered for emergency road service throughout the U.S. and Canada.

**24-Hour Towing Service**
Customers are entitled to emergency towing service at no out-of-pocket cost for any tow up to 75 dollars. One service per seven days, two services per contract. Extended distance will be an additional expense covered by the customer.

**24-Hour Mechanical First Aid**
Customers are entitled to any service requiring minor adjustments (exclusive of parts) to enable a disabled vehicle to proceed under its own power, where available.

**24-Hour Tire Change Service**
Customers may have their tire changed with their inflated and functional spare tire.
24-Hour Emergency Delivery
A service truck will deliver emergency supplies of gasoline, water, oil or other necessary supplies. Customers pay only for the cost of the supplies.

24-Hour Emergency Battery Service
Customers are covered for battery boosts and minor adjustments to alternators, starters, etc. while on the road.

24-Hour Lost Key Service
If keys are locked inside a customer's vehicle, the customer will be assisted in gaining entry to the vehicle's passenger compartment only. Locksmith services may be dispatched as needed at the customer's expense for labor and key making.

Rental Car Discounts
Customers are entitled to take advantage of our rental car discount codes and pre-negotiated group rates, which are honored at thousands of locations throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Map Routing Service
We will, at no charge, provide customers with a four-color mapping and travel route information to destinations they specify.

Theft And Hit & Run Protection
A $500 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for Hit & Run damages or stealing customers’ vehicles. Whenever you travel, you will like the secure and confident feeling of knowing that you are protected by NSD's Roadside Assistance. Fast response and excellent service are just two reasons why millions of motorists rely on NSD's Roadside Assistance for on-the-road protection.
Keeping You Safe Mile After Mile

Once your purchase is processed, you will receive an email with the information you need to start your 60-day Roadside Assistance membership.

CONGRATULATIONS! Redeem Your $25 Gas Card Online

Follow the link in your confirmation email to start redeeming your $25 Gas Coupon.

*PLEASE SAVE ALL THE INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS. You will use your log in information throughout the course of your complimentary gas membership.
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Getting a car is always an exciting adventure. It does not matter if it is your first car or if you have already purchased many vehicles in the past, making the decision to obtain a car is a big step and it must be taken carefully to avoid any inconveniences.

Whenever you purchase a car, whether it is new or used, it must be registered to be legally driven in your state of residence. Also, when you change your residential address to another state, you will have to follow the procedure to transfer your registration. The process seems complicated, but it does not have to be. This guide will help you in every step of the process toward registering your vehicle in Georgia. You will also learn how to transfer your registration from another state and how to renew your vehicle registration even when you are out of state.
Registration Insurance Requirements

Before you start the whole registration process, you should know that every car in Georgia is required to have financial responsibility, also known as insurance, in order to be driven on any GA road or highway.

This is vital since you must carry proof of it all the time and you may be requested to show it by a law enforcer or if you have a traffic accident. You will definitely need it to register your car or renew your registration.

The Georgia Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) needs to ensure you are protected in case you are part of an accident that may cause you injuries, damages or death. Liability insurance offers coverage in case you cause damage to another person or property due an accident while operating your vehicle. The MVD established the following minimum requirements of liability insurance for vehicles:

- $25,000 per person for bodily injury
- $50,000 per occurrence for bodily injury
- $25,000 per occurrence for property damage

These are the minimums that the DMV requires. However, you may get higher coverage amounts. There are also other types of insurance that you may add to your main liability insurance. Learn more about them at the automobile insurance section of the Office of Insurance.
Registering Your Vehicle in Georgia

The most important part of registering your vehicle in Georgia is taking a look at the requirements you will need to meet, as well as the steps you must take, depending on the type of vehicle you have.

No matter if your car is new, used or if you are out-of-state or on active duty, here you will find all the information you need to register your vehicle. Simply gather some documents, stick to the following steps according to your specific situation and you will have your registration in no time.
Register a New Vehicle

You have seven days from the date of purchase to register a new vehicle in Georgia. Usually, if you buy your new car at a dealership, you will not have to worry about the title of the car since the dealership should take care of the process. You must always confirm this with the dealership once you buy the car in order to avoid issues. However, you will have to register it on your own. Just follow the steps below:

1. Visit your local MVD office.
2. Present your valid GA driver license or ID.
3. Complete the MV-1 Title/Tag Application Form.
4. You will need your GA title. If you do not have it, then you may apply for both the registration and title with the same form.
5. Present proof of ownership (title).
6. Present proof of insurance.
7. Present proof of residency.
8. Pay the required fees.

Tip

If you want to register your commercial vehicle under the International Registration Plan (IRP), learn more here.
Register a Used Vehicle

If you bought your car from a used car dealership or from an individual, then you will need to complete the following steps:

1. Visit your local MVD office.
2. Present your valid GA driver license or ID.
3. Complete the Form MV-1 Title/Tag Application.
4. Present proof of ownership (title).
5. Present proof of insurance.
6. Present proof of residency.
7. Pay the required fees.

Important dates or time frames: You have 30 days, starting the day you established your residency, to register your car and obtain your Georgia license plate.

Before you register your car in Georgia, you must first obtain a Georgia driver's license and take the car to a vehicle inspection. Once you have done so, you will need to complete the following:

1. Visit your local MVD office.
2. Present your valid GA driver license or ID.
3. Complete the Form MV-1 Title/Tag Application.
4. You will need your GA title. If you do not have it, then you may apply for both the registration and title with the same form.
5. Present proof of ownership, such as the title, manufacturer's certificate of origin or registration certificate. It must be issued or assigned to your name.
6. If you use a registration certificate from a non-title state or country, then you must also include a completed Certification of Inspection.
7. If your lender or leasing company is holding your out-of-state title, then you will need an Affidavit of Title being Held by Lien or Security Interest Holder or Leasing Company and submit it with your original registration certificate instead of your title.

Register an Out-Of-State Vehicle

If you bought a new vehicle in a different state or a used vehicle that was previously registered in another state or country, then you will need to follow a different process which is outlined below.
If you are applying only for a registration tag and your car is registered in a non-title state/country, then you must present the car’s original valid registration certificate, issued in your name or assigned to you. If it was not issued in your name and there are no spaces for transferring the ownership, then you will need additional documents to establish ownership. You must also submit a Certification of Inspection.

Present proof of insurance.

Present proof of residency.

Pay the required fees.

Registration for Military Members

Registering a car in Georgia will be a little different if you are a military member. The requirements will vary depending on if you are a GA resident or not. You can review the requirements for the two different circumstances below.

Georgia Residents

If you are a Georgia resident and an active military member, then you will register your car by simply following the same process as if you were registering a new or used vehicle.

Non-Residents Operating a Vehicle in Georgia

If you are not a Georgia resident but you are stationed in Georgia, then you are allowed to operate your vehicle with valid plates from your state or country as long as you have valid car insurance in Georgia, have valid license plates issued to you or your spouse, have license plates issued in your state or country of residence or of your last permanent duty station and maintain your registration valid and current.

Fees

- Original Title Application: $18
- Standard License Plate Registration or Renewal: $20
- Replacement Title: $8
- Title (Change of Ownership): $18

Since the taxes and additional fees vary depending on your vehicle, it is recommended that you check the fee schedule here to determine the costs.
Renewing Your Vehicle Registration

Your vehicle registration might be at risk of expiring, which will mean that your vehicle will be deemed invalid to drive legally. Of course, this can be avoided by simply making sure you renew your vehicle’s registration before the expiration date is due. Follow the below steps according to your preferred renewal method and the process will be a simple procedure.

Important dates or time frames

The registration of your car must be done every year. There are three registration renewal systems in Georgia:

- Year-round registration, which applies to most counties.
- Four-month, non-staggered registration, which applies to Calhoun, Clay, Stewart and Turner only.
- Four-month staggered registration, which only applies to Talbot County.

Before your Georgia car registration expires, the MVD will mail you a renewal notice. This notice contains a detailed description of the various fees included in your annual vehicle registration payment, which documents you will need to submit, whether you need a smog certification or not and which payment options you have.

Tip

In case you do not receive your renewal notice, contact your MVD office and remember you must still renew to avoid being penalized.
Renewing Online

You may renew your registration online as long as your county offers it and you meet the following requirements:

- You must have passed the emissions tests (if necessary).
- The address on your renewal notice is correct.
- You have a credit card or checking account to pay all renewal fees.

You will know you are eligible to use the online method if you receive a Renewal Identification Number (RIN) in your renewal notice. Renewing online is easy and you do not even need to login for it. In addition, you do not need to pay an extra fee for renewing online. Just follow these steps:

- Go to the [online vehicle registration renewal](#).
- Select your county.
- Enter your RIN.
- Pay the fees.
- Get the confirmation.

Once you finish renewing, you will receive your new registration within five business days.
Renewing in Person

Sometimes, you will not be eligible to renew online, so there is always the option to renew in person. If you owe any delinquency fees or have any unpaid traffic tickets, then your renewal notice will indicate that you must renew your Georgia car registration in person. To do so, just follow these simple steps:

- Visit your closest MVD office.
- Present your renewal notice or a completed MV-1 Title/Tag Application Form.
- Show your valid GA driver license or ID.
- Present proof of liability insurance.
- Present proof of passing the emission's inspection, if applicable.
- Pay the fees.

Renewing by Mail

In case you are out of the state and you cannot renew online or in person, the MVD allows you to renew by mail. Doing so is very simple by having the following documentation ready to go:

- Your registration renewal notice or a completed MV-1 Title/Tag Application Form
- Proof of insurance

Proof of passing the emission's inspection, if applicable

A check or money order payable to the DMV for the corresponding amount

Send the documents and fees to your corresponding MVD office's mailing address.

Fees

The registration renewal fees will vary depending on your vehicle, the type of license plates you have, your local fees and delinquency status. The renewal notice will include all this information and you may also check the fee schedule here to determine the costs.
Replacing Your Vehicle Registration

If your Georgia car registration has been lost or stolen, then you need to replace it immediately. Remember, driving without your plates, registration sticker or certificate is a huge risk, as you may be pulled over and receive a traffic ticket. Also, take into account that if your registration certificate or sticker is damaged and cannot be read, you must also request a replacement.

Replacing Registration Stickers

In case you need to replace your registration stickers, you must first report the loss to law enforcement and ask them for a copy of the report. Once you do that, you just need to follow the below steps:

1. Complete an Application for Replacement License Plate (Tag) and/or Decal.
2. Include a copy of the police report and the damaged sticker, if applicable.
3. Pay the fees.
4. Visit or send the fee and documents to your closest MVD office.

Fees

If a registration decal is lost or stolen, then the fee for replacing it is $8. However, if the original sticker was lost in the mail and a replacement request is sent within 90 days of the tag's initial issuance, then the fee may be waived by the Georgia Motor Vehicle Division.
Updating Your Vehicle Registration

When you undergo a change in address or a change of name, it is important to keep the Georgia Motor Vehicle Division up to date with such information, as all documents, including your car registration, will need to have these details. To better understand the process, you must follow the steps that best fit your situation below.

Tip
Remember, before updating your car registration information, you must always update your driver license or ID card information first.
Changing Your Name

Have you gone through a divorce, marriage or just changed your name for any other reason? If so, then you will be required to change your name on all of your identification documents and cards, including your Georgia vehicle registration. Doing so is simple if you follow the steps below:

- Fill out and print the MV-1 Title/Tag Application Form.
- Include your current GA car title and registration certificate. If your title is held by a financial institution, then it must process the application for you.
- Include your valid GA driver license or ID (or a copy if you do it by mail).
- Add a certified copy of the document that authorized your name change, such as a divorce decree, marriage certificate or court order.
- Pay the fees.

You may either visit an MVD office in person to submit the documentation or mail it in. If you do it by mail, then make sure you indicate the requested change in a note.

Changing Your Address

In the case that you may have recently moved to a new address, it is essential that you update the address on your car registration in Georgia. You must notify the GA MVD within 30 days of your address change. Changing your address is an easy task though if you follow these steps:

- Fill out and print the MV-1 Title/Tag Application.
- Include your current GA car title and registration certificate.
- Include your valid GA driver license or ID.
- Pay the fees.

You may submit the documents and payment in person or by mail. There is no cost to change your name or your address on your registration certificate. However, you will have to pay a fee if you want a new title showing your new information.
License Plates

Once you register your car in Georgia, you must display your license plate with its current sticker to prove the registration is valid. License plates are as important as your driver’s license since they identify your car from other cars. License plates and registration stickers are also issued by the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) of Georgia when you register your car for the first time or renew your registration. All passenger vehicles must carry a license plate on the back of the car. The plates will identify what type of registration you have, and in case something happens to you or your car, work as a means of locating it or you through the MVD. Your license plates may be replaced in case something happens to them or you may get special interest plates. If you are leaving the state, then you may also need to surrender them.

Replacing Your License Plates

In the event that something happens to your license plates, you may rest assured that the GA MVD will provide you with replacements as soon as possible. You may request a replacement by mail or in person by following the process detailed below:

- Complete an Application for Replacement License Plate (Tag) and/or Decal.
- Include a copy of the police report and damaged plates, if applicable.
- Pay the fees.
In most scenarios, you will not need to surrender your GA license plates to the MVD because every time you sell a car the license plates will remain with it. However, there are some situations in which you will need to surrender your Georgia license plates to the MVD. One example is when something happens to your plates and you need to replace them due to damage. Also, you will need to surrender your license plate if you decide to apply for a specialty license plate and exchange your standard plate. Finally, if you buy a car and the previous owner did not remove the plate, then you need to surrender it. You may choose to surrender your plates in person by visiting your closest MVD office with the plates and the Report of Surrender.

Getting Custom Plates

In Georgia, you will find a wide variety of custom license plates that will adapt to everybody's tastes and needs. You may order these special license plates in standard numbering or in custom letters and numbers. Georgia offers 15 different plates and 14 of them are designed to reflect the owner's personality and personal interests. You may see all the available plates at the plate selection page. To order custom plates, consult your nearest MVD office. The process will be the same as if you were requesting a regular plate. You will still have to meet the same insurance and registration requirements. If you want to obtain a special prestige license plate, then you will need to complete the following steps:

1. Complete an MV-9B Special (Personal) Prestige License Plate Application Form.
2. Pay the fee. If it is prepaid, then present the receipt.
3. Take the form and fee to your closest MVD office.

Surrendering Georgia License Plates

Standard license plate replacements cost $8. However, the fees for special and custom plates may vary, so verify them by selecting your desired plate.
Before getting behind the wheel, it is important that the vehicle is prepared for any trip. This means checking the safety features and making any needed changes to your vehicle to guarantee a safe drive.
Emergency Kit
One of the essentials to safe driving is having a basic emergency kit available in your vehicle at all times. This kit should include items such as water, extra batteries, rope, a first aid kit, matches and a whistle. During the winter months, it is also important to carry items such as blankets, non-perishable foods, extra gloves and socks and a shovel.

Winter Driving
One of the most dangerous times to drive is during the winter, especially if you live in an area that snows or is prone to ice. Consider these tips below to drive safely during the winter.
Do Not Rush!
Roads are often covered in snow and ice after it snows. Instead of driving fast and risking an accident as you hurry to get to your destination, try leaving a few minutes earlier than usual. This will allow you to drive slower and avoid other dangerous drivers without being late for your appointment.

Do Not Panic If You Skid or Slip
In the event that your vehicle does skid or slip while driving, make sure you do not panic and slam down on your brakes. Instead, apply slow and even pressure on your brakes until you stop. This will prevent you from spinning further out of control.

Check Your Vehicle
Before leaving your house, make sure your vehicle’s controls, brakes, tank, tires, antifreeze and exhaust are all in working order. It is also important that you remove any ice and snow from your car before you begin driving, which prevents snow from blocking your view while you drive.
Drinking and Driving

Every year thousands are killed as a result of drinking and driving. These events can be prevented if you plan ahead of time and take certain steps to avoid such behaviors. Before you begin drinking, arrange for someone else to be the designated driver. If they also become intoxicated, then take a taxi or order a ride from a ride sharing app. Never allow someone drunk to drive. Instead, take away their keys and call for alternative transportation. If you see someone who you suspect is drunk and showing signs of intoxication while driving – such as making wide turns, weaving, swerving, breaking erratically or turning abruptly – contact the appropriate authorities immediately. Also, make sure to avoid them on the road to ensure your own safety. This could mean pulling over until they are at a safe distance from your car.

Using Your Phone

Driving while using your cell phone is one of the most dangerous things you can do. During those few seconds that your attention is diverted to your phone, a major accident could occur. Avoid texting, browsing the internet and receiving calls while you drive to prevent accidents.
Things To Avoid

Driving is not always a relaxing experience. There are certain actions that can be a danger to you while driving on the road. These things are often avoidable if you make sure to take preventative measures to stop accidents before they occur.

**Car Accidents**

One way to avoid car accidents is to ensure that your vehicle is safe to drive so as not to cause any mechanical failures. To do this, regularly check that your brakes are functioning properly, your tires are inflated and not worn out and that the steering and suspensions are checked by a mechanic.

**Wasting Gas**

If you drive often, then start looking for ways to save on those expensive trips to the gas pump. Saving on gasoline is possible if you take the following tips into consideration when operating your vehicle:

- Turn off the air conditioning when it is not in use.
- Do not leave your engine running when the car is parked.
- Do not speed above 60 mph.

Another way to save on gas is to make sure that your vehicle is functioning properly. You can do this by checking that your tires are properly inflated, your engine is well-tuned and that the octane level is correct according to your vehicle’s needs.

**Aggressive Driving**

Both aggressive driving and drivers should be avoided to prevent on-road aggression or accidents. Aggressive driving is categorized as exhibiting behaviors such as tailgating, verbal or physical harassment towards another driver or preventing another driver from merging or passing. If you are an aggressive driver, then you are putting others at risk every time you engage in any of the previously listed behaviors. When you encounter a frustrating situation on the road, instead of becoming aggressive, take a moment, breathe and continue moving.
There are several options available for you in case you need to visit or contact an MVD office. You may find all the tax commissioner’s tag offices here. You can sort them by city and by county. You can also find a list of all the office holidays and closings here.

Whenever possible, try to take advantage of the MVD online services. Many transactions are available online and do not require extra fees for the use of such services. If you need to contact the MVD for any other purposes, then you can visit their main office at the following address:

**Georgia Motor Vehicle Division**

4125 Welcome All Road  
Atlanta, GA 30349

You can also send the MVD mail at the following address:

**Attention: IRP Unit**  
DOR/Motor Vehicle Division  
P.O. Box 740381  
Atlanta, GA 30374-0381

You may also contact them through the contact center from Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-855-406-5221.