Moving a Car to a New State: Registration and Inspection Rules

All 50 states and DC. Checked against each state's official pages in November 2026. Rules and fees change: confirm with the state before you go.

Alabama

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days from the date the car enters Alabama, if it has a valid registration from another state. If the old registration has expired, fees are due immediately.

TITLE AND VIN

A physical VIN inspection (Form MVT 5-9) is required when a vehicle is titled for the first time in Alabama.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection program found.

EMISSIONS

Alabama law does not provide for emissions testing of motor vehicles, per the state revenue department.

https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/faqs/i-just-moved-to-alabama-how-long-do-i-have-before-i-must-register-my-vehicle/

Alaska

10 days

DEADLINE

10 days after entering Alaska or starting work there to register the vehicle. A vehicle registered in another state may be driven for a grace period of about 60 days.

TITLE AND VIN

Alaska title and registration application V1 with your out-of-state title. A lien on the title is sent to the lienholder.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No statewide emissions test found.

Confirm with the state: The 10-day and 60-day figures come from different DMV pages.

https://dmv.alaska.gov/general-information/visiting-or-new-to-alaska/

Arizona

No set day count

DEADLINE

As soon as you become an Arizona resident (living there 7+ months a year, working there or registering to vote counts). The state gives no day count for movers.

TITLE AND VIN

Bring your out-of-state title and registration and Form 96-0236. A VIN inspection is needed only in some cases.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing in the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas. Most vehicles are exempt if 5 model years old or newer, 1966 or older, or electric.

https://azdot.gov/mvd/services/driver-license-ID/new-to-arizona

Arkansas

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days after you become a resident, according to the state revenue division.

TITLE AND VIN

VIN verification only if an out-of-state title is branded (salvage or similar).

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection for ordinary cars.

EMISSIONS

No emissions testing for ordinary cars.

Confirm with the state: An older Arkansas.gov moving guide says 30 days; the state revenue division says 60.

https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/office/motor-vehicle/faqs-for-dsmv/

California

20 days

DEADLINE

20 days after you become a resident or bring the car into California.

TITLE AND VIN

A vehicle verification (VIN check) by a DMV employee at a local office, or by a peace officer or licensed verifier using form REG 31. Also the out-of-state title and Application REG 343; an odometer disclosure if the car is under 10 years old.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

A smog certification is required to register a car for the first time in California, including cars from other states. Cars not certified for California, and motorcycles under 7,500 miles, generally cannot be registered.

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/vr/checklists/outofstate

Colorado

90 days

DEADLINE

90 days. Residency starts when you run a business, take a job, or live in Colorado for 90 consecutive days.

TITLE AND VIN

Form DR 2698: a physical VIN check by Colorado law enforcement, a licensed Colorado dealer or an emissions station, for out-of-state titles.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions test if the car is more than 7 model years old and you live in a designated Front Range county.

https://dmv.colorado.gov/registration

Connecticut

90 days

DEADLINE

90 days after you establish residency (rule effective October 1, 2021).

TITLE AND VIN

A VIN verification is required for cars exempt from emissions testing. The test station issues the report.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions test for cars 4 or more model years old; newer cars get a VIN verification instead.

https://portal.ct.gov/dmv/vehicle-services/transfer-registration-ct

Delaware

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days to title and register after you become a resident.

TITLE AND VIN

VIN verification is part of titling an out-of-state vehicle.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Delaware inspects vehicles; the state guide lists a passed inspection as a registration requirement.

EMISSIONS

Emissions test included in the inspection; exemptions apply for new vehicles.

Confirm with the state: The state guide we found is several years old; confirm inspection exemptions.

https://dmv.de.gov/VehicleServices/titles/index.shtml?dc=ve_title_outstate

District of Columbia

60 days

DEADLINE

60 calendar days from the date you begin living in DC. Convert your out-of-state driver license first.

TITLE AND VIN

DC DMV must receive the title; a lender sends it. Proof of valid DC insurance is required before registration.

SAFETY INSPECTION

DC inspection required; other states' inspection stickers are not accepted. A personal vehicle inspection is valid for 2 years.

EMISSIONS

Emissions are part of the DC inspection. Brand-new vehicles with a manufacturer's certificate get a 4-year sticker.

https://dmv.dc.gov/service/district-residency-and-documentation-vehicle-registrations

Florida

10 days

DEADLINE

10 days to title and register a vehicle after you establish residency, start work or enroll a child in public school. The driver license has a 30-day window.

TITLE AND VIN

A physical VIN and odometer check (form HSMV 82042 or 82040) by a law enforcement officer, licensed dealer, notary or state/tax collector employee. New vehicles are exempt.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

No emissions testing.

Confirm with the state: One state renewal page says 30 days for the vehicle; the new-resident page says 10.

https://www.flhsmv.gov/new-resident/

Georgia

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days from the date you move to Georgia. You need a Georgia driver license or ID first, then you apply at your county tag office (form MV-1).

TITLE AND VIN

Original out-of-state title (or registration from a non-title state). A law enforcement VIN inspection is needed only in some cases.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions test in 13 metro Atlanta counties (Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, Rockdale). A passing certificate is due within 30 days of establishing residence.

https://dor.georgia.gov/motor-vehicles/vehicle-registration-license-plates/new-georgia

Hawaii

30 days

DEADLINE

Each county issues an out-of-state permit within 30 days of the car arriving in the county. Full Hawaii registration follows.

TITLE AND VIN

Bring the out-of-state registration and a bill of lading or shipping receipt showing the arrival date. Cars bought out of state in recent model years may need a G-27 tax form.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Hawaii safety inspection at an authorized station is part of registration.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

Confirm with the state: We checked the Hawaii County and Maui County pages; Honolulu and Kauai are not covered.

https://www.vrl.hawaiicounty.gov/motor-vehicle-registration/out-of-state-permit

Idaho

90 days

DEADLINE

Register and title within 90 days of moving, per the Idaho Transportation Department fact sheet.

TITLE AND VIN

A VIN inspection ($5) is required for a vehicle coming in from another state. County assessor deputies, sheriff's deputies and law enforcement can do it.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

No emissions testing: the Treasure Valley program (Ada and Canyon counties) was repealed effective July 1, 2023, per Idaho DEQ.

Confirm with the state: The ITD "New to Idaho" guide says 30 days, while the fact sheet and DMV page say 90.

https://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/registrations-plates-titles/vehicle-titles/

Illinois

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after you establish residence to apply for an Illinois title and registration, if the car is properly registered in another state.

TITLE AND VIN

Application VSD-190 with the out-of-state title or other proof of ownership (a copy plus the loan agreement if a lender holds the title).

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing applies in the Chicago and Metro-East St. Louis areas and is checked at renewal. The new-resident pages do not say whether a test is needed at first registration.

https://www.ilsos.gov/services/newresidents/vehicle-titles-and-license-plates-for-new-illinois-residents.html

Indiana

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days to title a vehicle with an out-of-state title after you move to Indiana. A newly purchased vehicle must be registered within 45 days.

TITLE AND VIN

Any out-of-state vehicle needs a VIN inspection at a BMV branch, a certified provider or a law enforcement officer (form 39530). RVs and travel trailers always need one.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing only in Lake and Porter counties, for vehicles 4 or more years old and 9,000 lbs GVWR or less.

https://www.in.gov/bmv/licenses-permits-ids/new-indiana-residents

Iowa

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days from the date you establish residency, even if your out-of-state plates are still valid. Apply at your county treasurer.

TITLE AND VIN

Out-of-state title (or registration if a lienholder holds the title) and a signed Form 411007. A VIN inspection is needed only in certain cases.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No routine inspection.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://iowadot.gov/registration-plates

Kansas

90 days

DEADLINE

Kansas requires title and registration once a vehicle has been located in the state for up to 90 days or more, including frequent absences. Apply at the county treasurer where the car is kept.

TITLE AND VIN

A VIN inspection (form MVE-1) at an inspection station is required for any vehicle on an out-of-state title, regardless of age.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Kansas has no safety inspection program.

EMISSIONS

Kansas has no emissions test program.

https://www.ksrevenue.gov/dovtitlefaq.html

Kentucky

15 days

DEADLINE

15 days to title and register after you buy a vehicle or bring one in from another state, at the county clerk of your county of residence (KRS 186.020). Keep the assigned title or bill of sale in the car during that time.

TITLE AND VIN

A certified sheriff's inspection of the serial number is required for out-of-state titles (application TC 96-182 signed and notarized first).

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing in four counties only: Boone, Kenton, Campbell and Jefferson (per a Kentucky legislative document; confirm with your clerk).

https://drive.ky.gov/Vehicles/Pages/Vehicle-Titling.aspx

Louisiana

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days to register and to get a Louisiana safety inspection. Residency is counted from the date you get a Louisiana driver license.

TITLE AND VIN

Vehicle Application (DPSMV 1799), the out-of-state title and a lien release if there is one, plus an odometer disclosure for vehicles under 20 years old. No separate VIN inspection described.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Louisiana safety inspection required within 30 days of establishing residency.

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing, done with the annual safety inspection, in five Baton Rouge-area parishes: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston and West Baton Rouge.

https://expresslane.la.gov/omv/vehicles/title-and-registration/new-title-registration/

Maine

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days from establishing residency. Start at your town office, which collects the excise tax.

TITLE AND VIN

Out-of-state title (for vehicles 25 years old and newer), registration, proof of insurance and the registration application. A Maine Use Tax form proves the sales-tax exemption.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Maine requires an annual safety inspection. It honors your previous state's inspection until that sticker expires.

EMISSIONS

Cumberland County cars need an annual enhanced emissions inspection with the safety inspection.

https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/vehicles/register-a-passenger-vehicle

Maryland

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days to title and register after moving. Vehicles with out-of-state tags get a written warning with 60 days to comply, then a daily fine.

TITLE AND VIN

Out-of-state title, Maryland insurance and a valid Maryland license or proof of address. The VIN on the inspection certificate must match the car and the documents.

SAFETY INSPECTION

A Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate is required to title and register (valid 90 days).

EMISSIONS

Emissions (VEIP) testing is separate; the state sends a notice about 3 months after you register.

https://mva.maryland.gov/your-mva-guide/new-maryland-residents/title-register-your-vehicle

Massachusetts

No set day count

DEADLINE

No grace period: register as soon as you become a resident.

TITLE AND VIN

Massachusetts insurance is needed first. Some states' titles (for example NY, KY, MN, MD, MO, MT) must be the physical title even when there is a lien. The new title arrives by mail in about 6 to 8 weeks.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Massachusetts inspection sticker required within 7 days of registering ($35 for most cars).

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing is part of the Massachusetts inspection.

https://www.mass.gov/how-to/transfer-your-registration-and-title-from-out-of-state

Michigan

No set day count

DEADLINE

No grace period: new residents must title and register right away.

TITLE AND VIN

The VIN on the title must match the car. If a lender holds the title, Michigan issues a "Foreign Ownership-Registration Only" registration.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://www.michigan.gov/sos/vehicle/titles

Minnesota

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days for passenger vehicles, motorcycles and trailers. Register immediately if the old registration is expired.

TITLE AND VIN

Current out-of-state title (or manufacturer's statement of origin) and the latest registration card. No VIN inspection described for ordinary cars.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/vehicle/vehicle-registration/vehicle-registration-new-mn-resident

Mississippi

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after moving, if the car still has a valid registration or plate from your previous state. Missing it brings standard late penalties plus a $250 penalty.

TITLE AND VIN

Previous state's title and an odometer disclosure. No VIN inspection requirement found in our check.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://www.dor.ms.gov/motor-vehicle/motor-vehicle-frequently-asked-questions

Missouri

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days from becoming a Missouri resident to title and register.

TITLE AND VIN

An identification-number and odometer inspection at an authorized inspection station for a car previously titled elsewhere. A Missouri safety inspection satisfies it.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Safety inspection certificate valid for 60 days. Vehicles in their first ten model years and under 150,000 miles are exempt.

EMISSIONS

Emissions test applies in St. Louis City and St. Louis, St. Charles and Jefferson counties, within 60 days of the application.

https://dor.mo.gov/forms/Title-and-Registration-for-New-Resident.pdf

Montana

60 days

DEADLINE

60 consecutive days of living in Montana makes you a resident for title and registration (MCA 61-3-302); the vehicle must be titled and registered before it is driven after that. A county treasurer FAQ gives the same 60 days.

TITLE AND VIN

Not confirmed in our check.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0610/chapter_0030/part_0030/section_0020/0610-0030-0030-0020.html

Nebraska

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after arriving in Nebraska to get a Nebraska title and registration, at your county treasurer.

TITLE AND VIN

A vehicle inspection is required for all vehicles brought in from out of state: the inspector compares the VIN with the title and notes the odometer. A state police officer in another state can complete form NSP 455 if the car is still there.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/new-nebraska

Nevada

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days to register (and to get a Nevada driver license). You need Nevada insurance; out-of-state insurance is not accepted.

TITLE AND VIN

A VIN inspection (form VP 015) for a vehicle coming from out of state. It is free at a full-service DMV office; some private businesses and officers also do it.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions test required for most 1968 and newer vehicles in Las Vegas and Reno.

https://dmv.nv.gov/newresident.htm

New Hampshire

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days from establishing residency (RSA 261:45). You register at your town or city clerk, not at a state DMV office.

TITLE AND VIN

Title and proof of residency (a utility bill or lease); out-of-state registration if there is a lender or lease.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Annual safety inspection; the DMV says all registered vehicles must be inspected, and a town page says within 10 days of registration.

EMISSIONS

Emissions inspection applies to vehicles newer than 1996.

https://www.dmv.nh.gov/vehicles-boats-or-titles/vehicle-registrations/new-resident-new-hampshire

New Jersey

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days to transfer title and registration, tied to when your license or registration expires, whichever comes first.

TITLE AND VIN

Original title, proof of identity and insurance, a Universal Title Application (OS/SS-UTA) and a Vehicle Registration Application (BA-49). A lender needs to complete form OS/SS-54.

SAFETY INSPECTION

New Jersey inspection program; a new car gets a one-time five-year decal at a state inspection station within 14 days.

EMISSIONS

Cars are inspected every two years (new cars get a five-year inspection); the on-board computer check is the core emissions test. Some older cars are exempt.

https://www.nj.gov/mvc/drivertopics/movetonj.htm

New Mexico

No set day count

DEADLINE

No day count found for movers. A nonresident may drive on current out-of-state plates for 180 days, and someone employed in New Mexico for 30 days within a 60-day period is presumed a resident. The 30-day window applies to purchases.

TITLE AND VIN

A VIN inspection for vehicles arriving from another state, at an MVD office or a certified inspector. Out-of-state inspections are valid 90 days.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing only in Bernalillo County (also for cars commuted there 60+ days a year). New cars get a 4-year exemption.

Confirm with the state: The state pages we found are several years old.

https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/vehicles/vehicle-registration/register-your-vehicle/

New York

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after you establish residence. If you are still out of state, you can apply by mail (form MV-82).

TITLE AND VIN

Original proof of ownership, New York auto liability insurance (out-of-state insurance is never accepted) and ID copies. The title is mailed separately and can take up to 90 days.

SAFETY INSPECTION

New York safety inspection within 10 days of registration; the DMV mails a 10-day extension sticker.

EMISSIONS

Emissions are checked as part of the New York inspection.

https://dmv.ny.gov/registration/register-an-out-of-state-vehicle

North Carolina

60 days

DEADLINE

Generally 60 days after you establish permanent residence to get a license, title and registration. Registration is due earlier if you start work in the state or your previous state's reciprocity ends (usually 30 days).

TITLE AND VIN

North Carolina driver license first, then the title application, an odometer disclosure for vehicles under 10 years old and North Carolina insurance (out-of-state policies are not accepted).

SAFETY INSPECTION

You can register without an inspection the first time; the car must pass a safety inspection when the next annual renewal is due.

EMISSIONS

Emissions inspection applies in 19 counties, together with the safety inspection. It is not required for the out-of-state title process.

Confirm with the state: Sources differ slightly on the registration deadline.

https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/help/moving/Pages/new-residents.aspx

North Dakota

No set day count

DEADLINE

Register as soon as you establish residency or accept a job in North Dakota, whichever comes first. The state Highway Patrol says residency generally starts after 90 days, and the DOT manual says there is no grace period.

TITLE AND VIN

A VIN inspection (form SFN 61999) is required for untitled vehicles; for an ordinary out-of-state title we found no VIN inspection requirement. Salvage-branded titles need an inspection before registration.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

Confirm with the state: The state sources do not give one clear number of days.

https://www.dot.nd.gov/motor-vehicle

Ohio

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after you establish residency (taking a job, signing a lease, buying a home or enrolling a child in school) to transfer your license, title and registration.

TITLE AND VIN

Convert the out-of-state title at a county clerk of courts title office. An out-of-state VIN inspection ($8) is done at a deputy registrar, a participating title office or a licensed dealer.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No annual safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

E-Check emissions test in 7 northeast counties: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit. Newer vehicles and electric vehicles are exempt.

https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/new-to-ohio.aspx

Oklahoma

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days from the date of purchase or acquisition to apply for title and registration. We did not find a separate day count for people who move in with their own car.

TITLE AND VIN

A vehicle previously titled in another state needs a physical VIN inspection by a Service Oklahoma agent or licensed operator. New vehicles are exempt.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

Confirm with the state: The new-resident deadline was not stated separately.

https://oklahoma.gov/service/all-services/auto-vehicle/vehicle-titles.html

Oregon

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after you establish Oregon residency, per the Oregon DMV. Title first, then register; the title application cannot be mailed without the out-of-state title.

TITLE AND VIN

A VIN inspection ($9) for a vehicle with an out-of-state title, done at your DMV title appointment (or by law enforcement or the DMV in the other state).

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions test (DEQ) to register a car in the Portland Metro and Medford/Ashland areas. Newer model years are exempt.

https://www.oregon.gov/odot/dmv/pages/new2or/moving.aspx

Pennsylvania

20 days

DEADLINE

20 days to apply for a Pennsylvania title and registration after you establish residency. A Pennsylvania license or photo ID is needed first.

TITLE AND VIN

Form MV-1 completed by an authorized agent (most notaries and dealers), a valid out-of-state title and Pennsylvania insurance.

SAFETY INSPECTION

A safety inspection within 10 days of registering.

EMISSIONS

Emissions inspection depends on your county: 25 counties, for gasoline vehicles 9,000 lbs or less and model year 1975 or newer.

https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dmv/resources/relocation/motor-vehicle-information-for-new-residents

Rhode Island

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after moving to get a Rhode Island title and registration.

TITLE AND VIN

Every vehicle from out of state needs a VIN check by a local police department before registering (some pages limit this to 2001 and newer). Out-of-state title for 2001 and newer vehicles; a transfer tax form is required.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Safety and emissions inspection within 5 days (or 5 business days) of registering, or the registration can be suspended.

EMISSIONS

Included in the Rhode Island inspection.

Confirm with the state: The DMV pages say both 5 days and 5 business days for the inspection.

https://dmv.ri.gov/registrations-plates-titles/registration/moving-ri-out-state

South Carolina

45 days

DEADLINE

45 days to transfer your vehicle registration after you move.

TITLE AND VIN

Out-of-state title (or registration if there is a lien), Form 400, a statement of vehicle operation (TI-006C), proof of liability insurance from a South Carolina-licensed insurer, and the paid county property tax receipt. We found no standard VIN inspection for new residents.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://dmv.sc.gov/vehicle-owners/moving-to-sc

South Dakota

90 days

DEADLINE

90 days from your date of arrival to title and license a vehicle that is already titled in another state.

TITLE AND VIN

Original out-of-state title, a copy of your driver license, your Social Security number and the application, taken to the county treasurer. Your existing title gives tax reciprocity.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://dor.sd.gov/individuals/motor-vehicle/all-vehicles-title-fees-registration/

Tennessee

30 days

DEADLINE

Register within 30 days of moving to Tennessee, through your county clerk. There are limited exceptions, such as out-of-state students.

TITLE AND VIN

Proof of identity and residency, your most recent out-of-state registration and current title (or the lienholder's details). A VIN inspection was not mentioned.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions testing: Tennessee's programs ended in January and February 2022.

https://www.tn.gov/revenue/title-and-registration/vehicle-titling---registration/vehicle-titling/titling-a-vehicle--new-residents-or-those-relocating-to-tennessee-.html

Texas

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after moving to register the vehicle. (A TxDMV page for service members gives 60 days.)

TITLE AND VIN

Texas insurance first, then apply in person at your county tax office. No separate VIN inspection described.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No safety inspection for non-commercial vehicles since January 1, 2025 (a $7.50 fee replaced it).

EMISSIONS

Emissions test in 17 counties: Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis, Williamson and El Paso. DPS says Bexar County joins the list starting November 1, 2026.

https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/new-to-texas

Utah

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days from establishing residency to transfer title and registration.

TITLE AND VIN

A VIN inspection is required for any vehicle titled in Utah for the first time (unless new from an in-state dealer). A peace officer, inspection station, Utah dealer or DMV employee can do it. Utah title application is Form TC-656.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions certificate needed in Cache, Davis, Salt Lake, Utah and Weber counties, based on the model year and your county. A certificate is valid for two months.

https://dmv.utah.gov/titles-overview/moved-from-outofstate/

Vermont

60 days

DEADLINE

60 days after moving into Vermont, or before your out-of-state registration expires if that comes first.

TITLE AND VIN

Title and current registration, the Vermont Registration, Tax & Title Application (VD-119), and a current odometer reading. A lender holding the title means you must visit a DMV office in person.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Vermont inspection within 15 days of registering, at a Vermont-licensed station (bring your insurance card).

EMISSIONS

Emissions are part of the Vermont inspection.

https://dmv.vermont.gov/registrations/new/moving-to-vermont

Virginia

30 days

DEADLINE

Title the car within 30 days of moving, then register it at a DMV customer service center within 30 days. A Virginia driver license is due within 60 days.

TITLE AND VIN

Title from the state where the car was last titled (or a bill of sale and current registration if that state issues no titles). Liability insurance, or a $500 uninsured motor vehicle fee.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Annual Virginia safety inspection and sticker before driving the car in Virginia.

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing only in Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. A recent out-of-state pass can be accepted.

https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/moving/new-virginia

Washington

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days from the date you become a resident (RCW 46.16A.140). The driver guide also says out-of-state purchases should be registered immediately.

TITLE AND VIN

Current title (or registration if the state issues no titles) and a Washington driver license or ID first. No separate VIN inspection described.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

No emissions testing. Model year 2009 and newer cars must meet California emissions standards to be registered (some exemptions).

https://dol.wa.gov/vehicles-and-boats/vehicles/buying-and-selling-vehicle/buy-and-register-vehicle/vehicle-title-application-instructions

West Virginia

30 days

DEADLINE

30 days after establishing residency to title and register.

TITLE AND VIN

Out-of-state title with form DMV-1-TR, an odometer disclosure (DMV-TM-1) and insurance information. The title must be received before you can register.

SAFETY INSPECTION

West Virginia safety inspection within 10 days of titling, then every 24 months. Valid out-of-state stickers from some states (such as TX, NY, OK, MO) are honored.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

https://dmv.wv.gov/out-state-transfers-new-residents

Wisconsin

No set day count

DEADLINE

Wisconsin's current vehicle law no longer states a number of days; you may drive after applying for registration and title. Apply as soon as you move. A regular driver license is due within 60 days.

TITLE AND VIN

Out-of-state titles can be used online. If you have only the registration, you can still get plates, pay the title fee and receive the Wisconsin title after sending in the out-of-state title.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection.

EMISSIONS

Emissions testing applies in some southeast counties and must be done within 45 days of first registering; the DMV sends a letter if you need one. Out-of-state tests may be accepted.

Confirm with the state: We did not find a current day count on the DMV pages.

https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/title-plates/new-res-default.aspx

Wyoming

No set day count

DEADLINE

We did not find a day count for new residents in the state pages we checked.

TITLE AND VIN

A Title Application and VIN Inspection Form is on the WYDOT site. Titles go through the county clerk and registration through the county treasurer.

SAFETY INSPECTION

No periodic safety inspection found.

EMISSIONS

No emissions test found.

Confirm with the state: Confirm the deadline and VIN inspection rules with your county treasurer.

https://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/titles_plates_registration.html