

foreign indicator

If you buy a new or used vehicle abroad or move to Germany with a vehicle registered to you abroad, you must apply for registration for this vehicle.

Competent Department

- [BürgerServiceCenter-Stresemannstraße](#)
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Basic information

The registration of a vehicle that was previously registered abroad is more complicated than a new registration or transfer, as more documents are required.

Note:

In order to be able to complete the procedure quickly, it is particularly important to be able to submit all the necessary documents to the relevant office as completely as possible.

Requirements

- no overdue fees and expenses from previous registration processes.
In the case of payment arrears, the registration authority may not register the vehicle until these have been settled.
- No motor vehicle tax arrears (including ancillary tax payments, e.g. interest, late payment surcharges).
Motor vehicle tax accounts are verified by the registration authority as part of the processing of the registration application. In the event of tax arrears, the registration authority may not register the vehicle until these have been settled.
- Written direct debit authorization for the collection of the motor vehicle tax

What documents do I need?

- valid identity card, passport or electronic residence permit (eAT) as well as the original national passport of the applicant vehicle owner
- in case of representation with written power of attorney
 - Additionally: identity card or passport of the authorized person
- Proof of the authorisation of the vehicle owner to be registered

Information on the documents required for the initial registration of vehicles with

- EC type approval

- National type approval

please refer to the service description "Registering a motor vehicle" under "Requirements".

- foreign registration papers and number plates
- electronic insurance confirmation (eVB)
- if applicable, sales tax return (for EU import)

Vehicles that were first registered in another EU member state no more than six months ago and whose previous mileage is less than 6,000 km are considered new vehicles for tax purposes.

- if the vehicle was imported from countries outside the EU

(applies to both new and used vehicles):

additionally

- customs clearance certificate (available from the main customs office)
- for vehicles with EC type approval: Inspection report on general inspection
- for vehicles without EC type approval: Expert opinion of an officially recognized expert according to § 21 StVZO (full expert opinion)

- Direct debit authorisation for motor vehicle tax (SEPA Direct Debit Mandate)
- valid identity card or passport
- valid test report on a general inspection

e.g. TÜV, DEKRA, GTÜ, KÜS, GTS, FSP

- if registered to companies

additionally:

- Current and valid business registration and, if available, current and valid excerpt from the commercial register (also as a copy)
- Power of attorney, if the person authorized to dispose does not personally submit the application on site

Procedure

- An application for registration must be submitted to the registration authority. The application can also be made by a representative (e.g. car dealer) with a written power of attorney.
- If a desired license plate is desired, reservation, even before the new registration can be made in person, in writing or by telephone and as an online service via the Internet.
- The registration authority may require the vehicle to be presented for identification purposes.

- The insurance company is automatically informed by the registration authority about the allocation of the license plate.

Appointments can be reserved online at any time via www.service.bremen.de/dienststelle/termine or by telephone Mon-Fri from 07:00-18:00 on the following telephone numbers:

Vehicle Registration Authority: (0421) 361-88668 or (0421) 115.

Citizens Service Center-North: (0421) 361-88644 or (0421) 115

Tip:

License plates can be produced during the registration process. Private providers have set up near the registration authorities for this purpose. The cost of the plates is not included in the fees. The license plates are stamped by the registration authority, i.e. they are provided with stickers for the main inspection and the registration district.

Legal bases

- [§ 13 Kraftfahrzeugsteuergesetz \(KraftStG\)](#)
- [§ 6a Abs. 8 Straßenverkehrsgesetz \(StVG\) iVm § 1 Gesetz zur Beitreibung von Gebühren- und Auslagenrückständen bei der Zulassung von Fahrzeugen im Land Bremen \(Beitreibungserleichterungsgesetz Kfz-Zulassung – BEG HB\)](#)
- [Gebührenordnung für Maßnahmen im Straßenverkehr \(GebOSt\)](#)
- [§§ 6, 8 Fahrzeug-Zulassungsverordnung \(FZV\)](#)

More information

- Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Vehicle Registration Ordinance (FZV) regulate which vehicles are subject to mandatory registration.
- An amendment to the Vehicle Tax Act came into force on July 1, 2010. The following changes apply to registrations from July 1, 2010:
 - When registering a vehicle, a SEPA direct debit mandate is required to collect the vehicle tax. A SEPA direct debit mandate issued for the first taxation is also valid for subsequent years.
- Vehicle tax exemption or reduction as a result of severe disability: Severely disabled persons with the mark "H", "BI" or "aG" in their severely disabled ID card continue to be exempt from vehicle tax. Based on the proof in their ID card, they do not have to submit a direct debit authorization. Further information is available from the main customs office in Bremen.
- Electronic confirmation of insurance (eVB): You can obtain the confirmation of insurance regarding the motor vehicle liability insurance from the insurance company of your choice. In most cases, you can request the insurance confirmation from your insurance company by telephone. Since March 1, 2008, the insurer can give you an insurance confirmation with a 7-digit alphanumeric VB number, which the registration authority uses to retrieve the insurance data electronically from the central database of the German Insurance Association.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The re-registration of a registered vehicle must take place immediately.

What are the costs?

27,60 EUR up to 53,80, depending on the case

Additional fees may apply in individual cases.