

# Registering a Car in North Carolina

## What do I need and where do I go?

You must have a North Carolina Driver's License, Permit or State ID to register your car in North Carolina.

You can register your car at the following DMV locations (Not the same locations as getting a Driver's License)

Durham	Chapel Hill
1058 West Club Blvd. Suite 626, Durham	1704-B E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill
Tel. (919) 286-4908	Tel. (919) 942-4972
5410 NC Highway 55 Suite AB, Durham	
Tel. (919) 544-3662	<b>All DMV locations are open 9:00am-5:00pm</b>

## What to bring to the DMV

- NC Driver's License or NC Driver's Permit or NC State ID
- Title (should be properly signed & notarized to you)
- Title Application Form (on the DMV website)
- Odometer Disclosure Statement (Cars less than 10 years old)
- Damage Disclosure Statement (if car less than 5 years old)
- Proof of insurance (policy statement)
- Car must be inspected prior to receiving tags
- Eligible Risk Statement Form (DMV website)
- **FEES: ACCEPTED ONLY BY CASH OR CHECK**
  - ◇ \$28 for License Plate Registration
  - ◇ \$5 for RTA/GTP (a tax)
  - ◇ \$40 for Title
  - ◇ Highway Use Tax = 3% of fair market value of your car (bought from private party) or 3% of bill of sale from dealership

For more info, visit: [www.ncdot.gov/dmv/vehicle/title/](http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/vehicle/title/)

At the DMV, you will be given your **car registration (this must be kept in the car glove compartment)** and license plate. A new Certificate of Title, in your name, will be mailed to your home. It should arrive in about ten days. Go back to the DMV if you do not receive the title within two weeks. You **will need the title** when you are finally ready to sell the car.

## Additional Yearly Charges

**Vehicle Tax:** Due to State law, a record of every vehicle registered with the DMV is sent to the county tax assessor for listing. The County Offices send a bill to taxpayers approximately three months after a license plate or sticker is issued. So be prepared to pay another fee again for your car after three months and every year after that.

**Registration Renewal and Vehicle Inspection:** You must have your vehicle inspected no more than 90 days before your plate expires. Registration Renewal costs around \$33 and Vehicle Inspection costs around \$43. Go to any local service station (such as JiffyLube) for vehicle inspection.