

Title and Register Your Vehicle with Out-of-Country Ownership Documents



Use these instructions if you moved to Oregon and have the out-of-country ownership document or if you are already an Oregon resident and bought a vehicle with an out-of-country ownership document. Some vehicles from other countries do not comply with Oregon requirements and cannot be titled or registered.

How to Apply:

Title:

- Fill out an [Application for Title and Registration](#) (Form 735-226);
 - [Help](#) with the application.
- Provide the original foreign title or ownership document;
 - If the ownership document is lost, contact the other country to get a replacement before submitting your application.
- Provide the original [odometer disclosure](#), if required;
- Provide original releases from any previous owners;
 - This is usually provided on the foreign ownership document, an original bill of sale, or a Secure Odometer Disclosure/Reassignment. A [Bill of Sale](#) (Form 735-501) may be used.
- Fill out a [Certification of Liens on an Imported Vehicle](#) (Form 735-6436);
- Provide proof the vehicle meets U.S. Federal Vehicle Standards;
 - This is usually a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Form CF7501 or CBP7501, or original letter from the manufacturer.
 - For vehicles imported by the U.S. military or U.S. military personnel, a written notice or form issued by the U.S. military.
- Provide original lien releases from any previous security interest holders;
 - This is usually provided on the foreign ownership document, as an original signed letter, or a [Lien Release](#) (Form 735-524).
- Provide a certified translation for documents written in any language that uses a different alphabet than English (for example: Japanese, Arabic and Cyrillic);
- Get a [vehicle identification number \(VIN\) inspection](#) for \$7;
- Calculate all applicable title, registration, and plate [fees](#); and
 - If you choose to apply for registration at the same time as your title, see the [Registration section](#).
- Submit your completed application, supporting materials, and payment to DMV.

If you have questions regarding the U.S. Customs requirements for vehicle inspections, please contact:

- ❖ [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#): (503) 326-3260
- ❖ [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#): (734) 214-4100
- ❖ [U.S. Department of Transportation \(NHTSA\)](#)

For a definition of the Federal Standards, please refer to [OAR 735-022-0080](#). For information on DMV's authority to request proof of compliance, please refer to [ORS 803.045](#) and [OAR 735-022-0090 \(1\)](#). Some vehicles imported to the United States do not comply, and/or there is no proof of compliance, with U.S. vehicle standards and therefore do not qualify for title or registration.

Registration:

- Prove compliance with, or exemption from, the [Low Emissions Vehicle](#) (LEV) requirement, if applicable;
- Provide a Certificate of Compliance for passing an [emissions test at DEQ](#) if you live in the Portland Metro Area or the Rogue Valley (Medford area) and are required to do so; and
- [Choose your plates](#).
 - For a specialty plate, write the name of that plate in the "Remarks" section of your application.
 - You may [transfer](#) valid Oregon plates to your vehicle.

By submitting an application for registration, you are certifying:

- *You currently have, and will maintain, motor vehicle [insurance required](#) by Oregon law for as long as you register the vehicle; and*
- *Your [home](#) is in Oregon; or*
- *You are eligible, or required, to register under Oregon law.*