



## Title and Registration Requirements for a New Missouri Resident

This document provides new Missouri residents with the instructions, forms, and requirements to comply with Missouri law when applying for Missouri title and registration (i.e., license plates) for a vehicle.

**NOTE:** You have 30 days from the date of becoming a Missouri resident to title your vehicle.

**NOTE:** If your lienholder is currently in possession of your out-of-state title, please complete the owner and vehicle/unit information sections of the *Owner Out-of-State Title Request (Form 5834)*. Mail, email, or fax the completed form to your lienholder to request the original out-of-state title. If the lienholder is unable to release the out-of-state title to you, the lienholder may complete and notarize the bottom section of the form and return the completed form along with acceptable proof of ownership documents (as outlined below) to you. Once you have received the out-of-state title or acceptable proof of ownership documents, you may apply for Missouri title and registration. A Missouri vehicle registration cannot be renewed until a Missouri certificate of title has been issued in your name.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- A completed *Application for Missouri Title and License (Form 108)*, signed by the vehicle owner, **if applying by mail**.
- The current ownership document:
  - The original out-of-state title or ownership document; **or**
  - A written statement from your lienholder refusing to release the out-of-state title directly to you—on letterhead or using

the *Owner - Out-of-State Title Request (Form 5834)*—**plus** one of the following:

- A copy of the front and back of your out-of-state title held by your lienholder indicating your name as the owner and your lienholder's name as the lienholder; **or**
- An out-of-state title receipt indicating your name as the owner and your lienholder's name as the lienholder (when the out-of-state title is from an electronic titling state); **or**
- A statement from your lienholder declaring the out-of-state title is held by an electronic titling state.
- A statement from your lienholder, on letterhead, declaring the out-of-state title is held by an electric titling state.

For more details, see our [Motor Vehicle Titling](#) web page.

- A Vehicle Identification Number and Odometer Inspection (ID/OD) completed by an authorized Missouri inspection station (a copy is not acceptable). ***A Missouri safety inspection will satisfy this requirement.***
  - If you and the vehicle are out of state at the time of titling, you may submit:
    - A notarized *General Affidavit (Form 768)*, signed by you, explaining the reason you are unable to return to Missouri; **and**
    - A vehicle inspection performed by an authorized inspection station or law enforcement officer in the state where the vehicle is located.
  - If you are in the military and you and the vehicle are located out of state, you may submit a signed statement from a commissioned officer of the United States Armed Forces



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(other than the vehicle owner) verifying the vehicle's identification number and odometer reading.

For additional information, visit [dor.mo.gov/motorv/help.php#idod](http://dor.mo.gov/motorv/help.php#idod).

- One of the following as proof of personal property tax compliance:
  - A [paid personal property tax receipt](#) for the previous year from your county of residence (or city of St. Louis); *or*
  - A [statement of non-assessment](#), showing you do not owe personal property taxes in the county (or city of St. Louis).

**NOTE:** If you are *active duty military* and you *do not* claim Missouri as your state of residence, you must submit a recent Leave and Earning Statement indicating your state of residence in lieu of a statement of non-assessment.

- A legible, current [insurance identification card](#) (original, copy, or electronic), or other proof of [financial responsibility](#);
- A Missouri [safety inspection](#), not more than 60 days old, if applicable. *Exemptions from a safety inspection include:*
  - Any motor vehicle within the first ten years following the model year of manufacture *and* having less than 150,000 miles on the odometer.
  - When applying for registration for an "even" model year vehicle in an "odd" calendar year, or an "odd" model year vehicle in an "even" calendar year. In both instances, a one-year registration will be issued and, if the vehicle is not

otherwise exempt, a safety inspection will be required at the time of registration renewal.

- Please visit [dor.mo.gov/motorv/help.php#safety](http://dor.mo.gov/motorv/help.php#safety) for additional information.

- A Missouri emissions inspection, not more than 60 days old, *if you reside in St. Louis City or one of the following counties: Jefferson, St. Charles, or St. Louis*, if applicable.
  - Please visit [dor.mo.gov/motorv/help.php#emissions](http://dor.mo.gov/motorv/help.php#emissions) for additional information, including exemptions.

### YOU WILL PAY:

- \$14.50 title/processing fee; and
- The appropriate [registration and processing fees](#).

For an application submitted by mail, the acceptable payment types include personal check, cashier's check, or money order (do not send cash by mail).

- A payment by personal check must be made payable to the *Missouri Department of Revenue* and preprinted with the check writer's name, address, bank code, account number, and also include the driver license or nondriver ID number, date of birth, and daytime phone number.
- The Missouri Department of Revenue may electronically resubmit checks returned for insufficient or uncollected funds.

### SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:



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You have two options to apply for your initial Missouri title and registration:

- In person at any [Missouri license office](#); or
- By mail at the following address (please allow additional time for processing):  
**Motor Vehicle Bureau**  
**PO Box 100**  
**Jefferson City, MO 65105-0100**

There are [additional processing options](#) when *renewing* a Missouri vehicle registration. Missouri license plates may be renewed up to six months before expiration and must be renewed by the last day of the expiration month.