Renewing License Plates While Living Out-of-State

The Motor Vehicle Bureau is pleased to provide you with information on how to renew your Missouri license plates while living out-of-state. Submit required documents and applicable payment to:

Motor Vehicle Bureau
PO Box 100
Jefferson City, MO 65105-0100

OR

If a PIN is on your Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice, you can renew online, and designate a mail-to address for the tabs, on the Department’s online plate renewal application at: https://sa.dor.mo.gov/mv/MORE/

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

☐ An Application for Motor Vehicle License (Form 184).
  • You must record your license plate number and complete the Vehicle Out of State section of the form which indicates that you must have your vehicle inspected for safety and/or emissions within ten days after returning to the state of Missouri;
  • You must sign this form to certify that you have and will keep financial responsibility/liability insurance on each vehicle that you own, license or operate.
  • If you wish to have your registration documents and receipt mailed to your out-of-state address, record “Mail To” in the remarks section of the application and indicates the out-of-state address.
  • Proof of insurance, such as an insurance card (original or copy) that shows insurance effective dates or any other acceptable proof.

☐ Safety inspection and/or emissions inspection, if applicable.
  • Motor vehicles are exempt from safety inspection requirements for the first five years following the model year of manufacture, regardless of whether or not a change in ownership occurs during this timeframe.
  • Each official inspection station may charge a fee not to exceed $12 for a motor vehicle safety inspection or up to $10 for a motorcycle inspection.
  • You must have your vehicle inspected for safety and/or emissions within ten days after returning to the state of Missouri.
  • The safety inspection must not be completed more than 60 days prior to the date the owner submits an application for registration.

☐ Your personal property tax receipt (original or copy) for the previous calendar year (or previous two years if the last registration was a biennial registration). If you did not pay personal property tax you must get a statement of non-assessment from the Missouri county (or city of St. Louis) where you lived on January 1 of that year; and
  • The tax receipt or statement of non-assessment must be in your name unless you are leasing the vehicle. If leased, the tax receipt or statement of non-assessment must be in the leasing company’s name.

☐ Applicable license fees (Motor Vehicle Fees) as outlined on the Department’s website at www.dor.mo.gov. The Department cannot extend the date that your plates expire. If you do not renew your license plates before they expire, a $5 late fee will be assessed.
  • The law allows you to make the following donations:
    ✓ $1 donation to promote blindness education, screening and treatment programs;
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- $1 donation to promote an organ donor program; or
- $1, $10 donation to the WWI Memorial Trust fund. This trust fund is used toward funding the National WWI Memorial to be located in Washington, D.C.

You may be able to register your vehicle for a period of two years. Please see below for more information on eligibility.

TWO-YEAR (BIENNIAL) VEHICLE REGISTRATION:
Odd-numbered model year vehicles may obtain a two-year registration in an odd calendar year. Even-numbered model year vehicles may obtain a two-year registration in an even calendar year.

You may obtain a two-year registration when your vehicle qualifies at the time you purchase new license plates, transfer your current license plates, or renew your current license plates.

You cannot obtain a two-year registration for the following:
- Commercial vehicles licensed for more than 54,000 pounds;
- Trailers.

WHAT ARE THE FEES FOR A TWO-YEAR REGISTRATION?
Although your license fees and the processing fees double when you register your vehicle, you only pay these fees every two years.
- A $3.50 processing fee is due on a one-year registration OR a $7 processing fee due on a two-year registration.

WHAT ABOUT MY SPECIAL/PERSOALIZED LICENSE PLATES?
The cost is $15 for a one-year registration OR $30 if you choose a two-year registration when eligible. All special plates that require a minimum donation to a college or organization require double the required amount and submission of the Emblem Use Authorization Statement (EUAS) receipt. For example, if the minimum donation is $25 for a one-year registration, $50 is the required minimum donation for a two-year registration.

If you require additional information or assistance, please contact the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Post Office Box 100, Jefferson City, Missouri 65105-0100 or by telephone at (573) 526-3669 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.