



Competent authority

The Estonian Road Administration – Maanteeamet

What documents do I need to present to register a car?

- A completed application form; duplicate for a fee;
- Proof of purchase;
- Identification card or passport (or designation of a proxy if you are represented by someone else);
- The European Certificate of Conformity (COC). If the seller doesn't provide one, you can ask the manufacturer for a duplicate for a fee;
- For used cars, the registration certificate;
- Customs documentation if the car is from outside of the EU;
- Other documents if needed.

To register the car, do I have to show that a technical inspection has been performed?

No.

Is it mandatory to show proof of insurance to the registration service?

Every driver and car must be covered by insurance allowing them to use public roads, but the registration service will not ask for proof.

To whom should VAT be paid?

A car is considered new if no more than 6 months have passed since the date on which it was first registered or if its mileage does not exceed 6 000 km. For intra-EU transactions, **new cars are VAT exempt**. Thus, the supplier should not charge VAT. Instead, if you have bought a new car in another EU Member State with the intention of importing it to and registering it in your country of residence, you must pay VAT in your own Member State at that country's rate.

All other cars are considered second hand (more than 6 months since the date of first registration and mileage of more than 6 000 km). They are generally sold inclusive of VAT if the supplier is a taxable person for VAT purposes. You don't have to pay VAT in your country of residence.

VAT should be paid to the Estonian Tax and Customs Board.

Documents to be presented: Proof of purchase of the vehicle, <http://www.emta.ee/?lang=en>

Before final registration, can I drive in Estonia with temporary plates?

Yes, you can use transit plates until registration (for up to 30 days), when you will receive a national registration number and plates.

Whom do I contact in the event of difficulties with the registration authority/administration?

You can contact the [SOLVIT Centre Estonia](#) for help with any difficulties. If you have a question linked to your consumer rights when purchasing a car cross-border, contact your local ECC: www.consumer.ee