



## Competent authority

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

- The transit document;
- The invoice or contract of sale showing the purchase price and any freight invoices and documentation of other fees charged on the vehicle before it crossed the Norwegian border (e.g. insurance);
- The original foreign registration document;
- If possible, a European Certificate of Conformity (COC) or equivalent. When importing new vehicles for which the COC is submitted, you can, in most cases, pay the vehicle tax simultaneously with the VAT. If the seller doesn't provide a COC, you can contact the manufacturer to request a duplicate for a fee. If the manufacturer cannot provide a duplicate, you can order it from a private company.

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

**No**, as long as a COC is provided. **If the car was sold with a valid foreign technical inspection certificate, this is recognised in Norway.**

In Norway, every registered car must pass a periodic roadworthiness check (the first, 4 years after the date of its first registration and then every other year). The average cost of a test is EUR 150.

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

**Yes, you have to show confirmation of car insurance** or he/she will not receive permanent number plates.

## 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.** Purchases of second-hand cars are not subject to VAT. For a car to be considered second hand, no minimum age or mileage restrictions exist.

VAT should be paid to the Norwegian customs authority (Tollvesenet).

## Documents to be presented:

The same as for registration of the car (see above and

<http://www.vegvesen.no/en/Vehicles/Buy+and+sell/Importing+a+vehicle+vehicle+approval/Customs+clearance+and+payment+of+VAT>)

The Norwegian Public Roads Administration must individually approve all second-hand vehicles that are brought into the country at one of its traffic services offices. This must be done before the one-off registration tax and vehicle scrap deposit tax are calculated by Customs and Excise. VAT must be paid to Customs and Excise before a vehicle is presented for individual approval.

Upon approval, the Norwegian Public Roads Administration will record the basis for duties and taxes in the motor vehicle register.

Further information about the approval process and the tax rates are available from the Norwegian Public Roads Administration.

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# Norway



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

**Yes**, under specific conditions.

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

You can contact the Norwegian Consumer Council - [Forbrukerrådet](http://forbrukerradet.no).

If you have a question about your consumer rights when purchasing a car cross-border, contact your local ECC:

[www.forbrukereuropa.no](http://www.forbrukereuropa.no)

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