

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

If you own a vehicle that you plan to drive or park on California roads, you must have a driver's license and auto insurance, and register your vehicle with the DMV.

Car Registration

Registration fees depend on the type of vehicle, value, where you live, and other factors. The DMV has an online calculator that can help estimate how much it will cost to register your car.

Calculating registration fees for a new vehicle:

- dmv.ca.gov/wasapp/FeeCalculatorWeb/newVehicleForm.do

Calculating registration fees for a used vehicle:

- dmv.ca.gov/wasapp/FeeCalculatorWeb/usedVehicleForm.do

If you own a vehicle for which the registration payment has lapsed or that has never been registered, you will have to pay a penalty fee to renew your registration. More information on late fees can be found here, under the section "Penalties for Vehicles Registered in California": dmv.ca.gov/portal/vehicle-registration/registration-fees/.

Auto Insurance

In California, auto insurance must minimally cover:

- \$5,000 for property damage
- \$15,000 for cases of injury or death to one person
- \$30,000 for cases of injury or death to more than a single person

You must have liability insurance, not just comprehensive or collision coverage. You can find information on low cost car insurance here: mylowcostauto.com/