Arizona Car Registration Fees (2026)

Fee summary from vehiclefeecalculator.com/arizona/ · Rates checked October 20, 2026 · Next monthly check: November 2026

How much does it cost to register a car in Arizona? Most of the bill is the Vehicle License Tax: 60% of the manufacturer's base retail price, taxed at $2.80 per $100 in the first year ($504 on a $30,000 car) and dropping 16.25% every year after. On top come the $8 registration fee ($9 for motorcycles), a $1.50 air quality fee (not for electric vehicles), and $4 for a title and $5 for a plate when you need them. Arizona has no county registration fee and no extra electric vehicle fee.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Vehicle License Tax	60% of base retail price x $2.80 per $100 (year 1), then $2.89 on a value 16.25% lower each year; $10 minimum
Registration fee	$8/yr ($9 motorcycle)
Air quality fee	$1.50/yr (not electric)
Title / plate	$4 / $5
Commercial truck	$4 + gross weight fee $7.50 – $918
Sales tax	5.6% state + county + city (dealer sales); private sales none
Electric vehicle fee	none

Starting example

Example for a $30,000 car. Change the inputs on the calculator page for your own figures.

Vehicle License Tax (1 yr) Year 1: $2.80 per $100 of 60% of base price	$504.00
Registration fee (1 yr)	$8.00
Air quality fee (1 yr)	$1.50
Title fee	$4.00
License plate	$5.00
Sales tax Enter your combined rate	not available
Estimated total	**$522.50**

The total leaves out items marked "not available".

What this estimate does and does not include

• The Vehicle License Tax (VLT) is based on the manufacturer's base retail price, not what you paid or the car's current value: 60% of it in the first year, 16.25% less each year after, at $2.80 per $100 in the first year and $2.89 after, with a $10 minimum. Small rounding differences from your MVD bill are possible.

• Electric and other alternative fuel vehicles first registered in Arizona in 2023 or later pay the normal VLT. The reduced VLT (1% of the base price before 2022, 20% in 2022, $4 per $100, $5 minimum) only applies to vehicles first registered before 2023. Electric vehicles don't pay the $1.50 air quality fee.

• The $32 Public Safety Fee was repealed on July 1, 2021, and the motorcycle registration fee is $9. Older calculators

still show the old amounts.

• Commercial trucks pay a $4 commercial registration fee plus a gross weight fee by declared weight ($7.50 up to 8,000 lbs, $234 at 24,001-26,000 lbs, $918 at 75,001-80,000 lbs). Over 80,000 lbs is not in our table. Farm plates (half the weight fee) are not covered.

• Sales tax: an Arizona dealer collects 5.6% state transaction privilege tax plus county and city tax, on the price less any trade-in. A private sale between individuals in Arizona is not taxed. A vehicle bought from an out-of-state dealer owes Arizona use tax, less sales tax paid to the other state. Use tax for new residents bringing a vehicle they already own is not covered.

• Late renewal: $8 for the first month and $4 for each month after, up to $100. Emissions tests (Phoenix and Tucson areas) cost $12.25 to $23.75 at the station; the common OBD test is $16.15.

• Two-year and five-year registrations exist for vehicles that don't need an emissions test during the term; they are not modelled here. Specialty and personalized plates are not covered.

Official sources

Arizona Revised Statutes 28-5801 (Vehicle License Tax: 60% of the manufacturer's base retail price in the first year, 16.25% less each later year; $2.80 per $100 in the first year, $2.89 after; $10 minimum)
https://www.azleg.gov/ars/28/05801.htm
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Arizona Revised Statutes 28-5805 (alternative fuel vehicles: reduced Vehicle License Tax only for vehicles first registered in Arizona before 2023: 1% of base price before 2022, 20% in 2022, $4 per $100, $5 minimum)
https://www.azleg.gov/ars/28/05805.htm
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Arizona Revised Statutes 28-2003 (fees: title $4, registration $8, motorcycle $9, plate $5)
https://www.azleg.gov/ars/28/02003.htm
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Arizona Revised Statutes 28-5432 and 28-5433 (commercial vehicles: $4 registration plus the gross weight fee, $7.50 up to 8,000 lbs to $918 at 75,001-80,000 lbs; private pickups of 3/4 ton or less excluded)
https://www.azleg.gov/ars/28/05433.htm
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Arizona Revised Statutes 49-551 (air quality fee $1.50 a year; electrically powered vehicles exempt)
https://www.azleg.gov/ars/49/00551.htm
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Arizona Revised Statutes 28-2162 (late registration: $8 for the first month plus $4 for each further month, $100 maximum)
https://www.azleg.gov/ars/28/02162.htm
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myAZcar.com (ADEQ) – Testing info and fees (OBD test $16.15 in the Phoenix and Tucson areas; other tests $12.25 to $23.75)
https://www.myazcar.com/testing-info-and-fees
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Arizona Department of Revenue – Motor vehicle sales (transaction privilege tax on dealer sales; state rate 5.6% plus county and city tax)
https://azdor.gov/business/transaction-privilege-tax/motor-vehicle-sales
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Arizona Department of Revenue – Vehicle use tax Q&A (FS-20-04: private-party sales not taxable; vehicles from out-of-state dealers owe Arizona use tax, less sales tax paid to the other state)
https://azdor.gov/sites/default/files/2023-03/BROCHURE_VUTCalculator_fs.pdf
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division (ADOT MVD). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/arizona/