Connecticut Car Registration Fees (2026)

Fee summary from vehiclefeecalculator.com/connecticut/ · Rates checked October 16, 2026 · Next monthly check: November 2026

How much does it cost to register a car in Connecticut? Registration is $120 for three years. A first registration adds a $5 plate, a $25 title, a $10 administrative fee, the $15 Clean Air Act fee (not for electric cars) and the $24 Passport to the Parks fee, plus $40 and a greenhouse gas fee for newer cars. Sales tax is 6.35%, or 7.75% on cars over $50,000.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration (passenger car)	$120 for 3 years
Plate / title / administrative	$5 / $25 / $10
Clean Air Act fee (not electric)	$15
Passport to the Parks fee	$24
Emissions exemption (4 years old or newer)	$40
Greenhouse gas fee	$15 new, $7.50 used
Sales tax	6.35% (7.75% over $50,000)
Electric vehicle fee	none

Starting example

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

Registration (3 yrs)	$120.00
License plate	$5.00
Title fee	$25.00
Administrative fee	$10.00
Clean Air Act fee	$15.00
Passport to the Parks fee	$24.00
Emissions exemption fee Four years old or newer	$40.00
Greenhouse gas fee Certificate of origin	$15.00
Sales tax 6.35% of price	$1,905.00
Estimated total	**$2,159.00**

Fee history

Passport to the Parks fee (three-year registration): Until Jun 30, 2025	$15
Passport to the Parks fee (three-year registration): From Jul 1, 2025 (now)	$24

What this estimate does and does not include

• This calculator covers a first Connecticut registration of a passenger car: after buying one, receiving one from family, or moving here. The DMV's fee list shows $120 for a three-year registration; the law also allows a two-year registration at $80 (Public Act 19-165).

• The DMV's car and SUV registration page still gives a $190 total. That total is outdated: it uses the old $15 Passport to the Parks fee. Public Act 24-81, § 43 raised the fee to $24 for a three-year registration ($16 for two years, $8 for one) from July 1, 2025, as the DMV's fee list also shows, so the calculator uses $24.

• Cars four years old or newer pay a $40 emissions exemption fee instead of an emissions test. The greenhouse gas fee is $15 for a new car (certificate of origin) and $7.50 for a used car with an existing title. Electric cars pay neither the emissions exemption fee nor the Clean Air Act fee.

• Sales tax: 6.35%, or 7.75% when the car costs more than $50,000. Dealers give full credit for your trade-in; manufacturer rebates are taxable. Private sales are taxed on the price or the NADA average trade-in value, whichever is higher.

• No sales tax on a car from your spouse or civil union partner, parent, child, brother or sister, if it was registered in their name for at least 60 days and taxed on its last sale; no tax on a true gift either (Form AU-463).

• New residents pay no sales tax if the car was registered in their name in another state for at least 30 days before they moved. Otherwise Connecticut credits tax paid in the other state and collects the difference.

• Not included: your town's yearly motor vehicle property tax, which is billed separately by the town where the car is registered, and convenience fees at DMV Express locations (up to $8).

Official sources

CT DMV – Fees: passenger car $120 registration, $5 plate, $25 title, $10 administrative, $15 Clean Air Act, Passport to the Parks $24 from July 1, 2025, $40 emissions exemption (4 years old or newer), $15 greenhouse gas fee (certificate of origin), $10 lien; electric cars no Clean Air Act fee
https://portal.ct.gov/dmv/resources/dmv-fees
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CT Office of Legislative Research – 2024 Acts Affecting Transportation (2024-R-0109): Passport to the Parks fee raised to $24 triennial / $16 biennial / $8 annual, from $15 / $10 / $5 (PA 24-81, § 43, effective July 1, 2025)
https://cga.ct.gov/2024/rpt/pdf/2024-R-0109.pdf
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CT DMV – Register a car or SUV: greenhouse gas fee $15 with a certificate of origin, $7.50 with an existing title; emissions exemption $40 if four years old or newer (the page's $190 registration total is outdated: it still uses the old $15 parks fee from before PA 24-81)
https://portal.ct.gov/dmv/vehicle-services/register-a-new-vehicle-or-boat-in-ct
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CT DMV – Sales tax on first-time vehicle registrations: 6.35% (7.75% over $50,000); private sales on the higher of NADA average trade-in value or bill of sale; full trade-in credit at dealers; immediate family and gifts exempt; new residents exempt after 30 days' registration elsewhere; credit for tax paid out of state
https://portal.ct.gov/dmv/vehicle-services/sales-tax-registrations
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CT DMV – Vehicle sales tax calculator: 7.75% when the vehicle costs $50,000.01 or more; trade-ins not taxable; manufacturer rebates taxable
https://portal.ct.gov/dmv/vehicle-services/sales-tax-registrations/sales-tax-calculator
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Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Legislative Research – Public Act 19-165 summary: passenger registrations for two years ($80) or three years ($120) from January 1, 2020

https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/SUM/pdf/2019SUM00165-R01HB-07201-SUM.pdf
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/connecticut/