Delaware Car Registration Fees (2026)

Fee summary from vehiclefeecalculator.com/delaware/ · Rates checked October 21, 2026 · Next monthly check: November 2026

How much does it cost to register a car in Delaware? $40 a year for any passenger car and $15 for a motorcycle. Delaware has no sales tax; instead you pay the vehicle document fee when you title, about 5.25% of the price ($1,563 on $30,000), plus the $35 title ($55 with a lien): $1,638 in all. Since October 1, 2025 electric cars pay $110 a year more, plug-in hybrids $85 and hybrids $60.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration	$40/yr passenger car (any weight), $15 motorcycle
Truck	$40 up to 5,000 lbs + $18 per 1,000 lbs over
Document fee (instead of sales tax)	$13.75 for the first $500 + $5.25 per $100 ($1,563 on $30,000)
Electric / plug-in / hybrid fee	$110 / $85 / $60 a year (6,000 lbs or less)
Title fee	$35 ($55 with a lien)
Late renewal	$20
Sales tax	None

Starting example

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

Registration (1 yr) Passenger car	$40.00
Title fee	$35.00
Vehicle document fee On $30,000	$1,563.00
Estimated total	**$1,638.00**

What this estimate does and does not include

• Document fee (30 Del. C. ch. 30): $8 under $400; $13.75 from $400 to $500; then $5.25 more for each $100 or part of $100, rounded to the dollar. On $30,000 that is $1,562.50, rounded to $1,563 (a flat 5.25% would be $1,575). It is charged on the greater of the price less trade-in or the NADA average trade-in value.

• Passenger cars pay a flat $40 a year whatever the weight. Pickups, trucks and cargo vans pay $40 up to 5,000 lbs gross load weight plus $18 for each 1,000 lbs or part over. New current-model-year cars can be registered for up to 7 years at first titling; the calculator shows one year.

• Alternative fuel vehicle fees (since October 1, 2025), yearly at first registration and renewal: electric or fuel cell $110 (6,000 lbs or less) / $150 (to 10,000 lbs); plug-in hybrid $85 / $115; hybrid $60 / $80; electric motorcycles $15.

• Late renewal adds $20; a title application more than 30 days after the sale adds a $35 penalty. Plate transfer to another vehicle is $20. Inspections at DMV lanes are free.

• Not included: vanity plates ($40 a year), temporary dealer plates (up to $20), trucks over 10,000 lbs.

Official sources

Delaware DMV - Fees (registration, titles, alternative fuel vehicle fees, document fee)
https://dmv.de.gov/Common/DMVFees/index.shtml
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85 Del. Laws c. 40 (HB 164), effective October 1, 2025 (document fee $5.25 per $100; alternative fuel vehicle fees: electric $110 / $150 / $260 / $900, plug-in hybrid $85 / $115 / $200 / $600, hybrid $60 / $80 / $140 / $480 by weight; electric motorcycle $15)
https://legis.delaware.gov/SessionLaws/Chapter?id=42202
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Delaware DMV - Guidelines for New Residents (title $35, $55 with lien; registration $40; document fee on the greater of price or NADA value)
https://new.dmv.de.gov/forms/veh_serv_forms/pdfs/ve_frm_newresid.pdf?091019
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21 Del. C. ch. 21 (2121, 2128: one plate furnished, plate transfer $20; 2151: motorcycle $15, passenger $40, other vehicles $40 to 5,000 lbs + $18 per 1,000 lbs; late renewal $20)
https://delcode.delaware.gov/title21/c021/sc02/index.html
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21 Del. C. ch. 25 (title transfer $35; $35 penalty after 30 days)
https://delcode.delaware.gov/title21/c025/index.html
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30 Del. C. ch. 30 (vehicle document fee: $8 under $400, $13.75 for $400-$500, + $5.25 per $100 or fraction, on the greater of price less trade-in or NADA average trade-in value)
https://delcode.delaware.gov/title30/c030/index.html
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Before you pay

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