Louisiana Car Registration Fees (2026)

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

How much does it cost to register a car in Louisiana? The license plate costs 0.1% of the car's value per year, sold for two years at a time, with a $20 minimum, so a $30,000 car pays $60. When you buy, add the $68.50 title fee, an $8 handling fee and sales tax: 5% to the state plus your parish and city rate, on the price minus any trade-in. Electric cars add a $110 yearly road usage fee and hybrids $60.

Fees at a glance (2026)

License plate (passenger car)	0.1% of value a year, $20 minimum for 2 years
Title fee	$68.50
Handling fee	$8
Road usage fee, electric	$110/yr
Road usage fee, hybrid or plug-in hybrid	$60/yr
State sales tax	5%
Local sales tax (by parish and city)	0% – 8.5% (table on the web page)
New resident use tax	up to $90 after credit
Local fee	up to $6, not available

Starting example

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

License plate (2 yrs) $30 a year (0.1% of value, $10 minimum)	$60.00
Title fee	$68.50
Handling fee	$8.00
Local fee Up to $6 where it applies	not available
State sales tax 5% of price	$1,500.00
Local sales tax 5% (Orleans Parish)	$1,500.00
Estimated total	**$3,136.50**

The total leaves out items marked "not available".

Fee history

State sales tax rate: Until Dec 31, 2024 5% less the additional 0.55% added in 2025	4.45%
State sales tax rate: From Jan 1, 2025 (now)	5%

What this estimate does and does not include

• Plate fee (R.S. 47:463): $10 a year for a car worth $10,000 or less, plus $1 a year for every $1,000 of value above $10,000; $500 or more rounds up to the next $1,000. Plates are sold for two years, so the calculator shows two years. The value is fixed when you buy the car and is used again at every renewal.

• Sales tax is 5% to the state (from January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2029, per the Department of Revenue) plus the local rate where you live, from the OMV's Parish & Municipality Tax Table. Dealer purchases are taxed on the price minus your trade-in and any manufacturer rebate. Tax on an in-state purchase is due by the 40th day after the sale. The Department of Revenue's motor vehicle tax guide (R-20164) is dated June 2020 and still shows the old 4.45% state rate.

• The OMV says a local fee of up to $6 may apply when you title and register. It isn't published by parish, so it shows as not available.

• Electric and hybrid vehicles pay a road usage fee of $110 or $60 a year (R.S. 32:461). It's a yearly fee paid separately from the two-year plate: from 2026 the OMV collects it through its own road usage fee form, and it's prorated by month if you own the car for part of the year (Department of Revenue). The calculator shows one year ($110 or $60) next to the receipt but leaves it out of the total, because it is billed separately. The law (R.S. 32:461) says the OMV collects it with the plate fee for the same period, so you may be asked for more than one year at once. Plug-in hybrids count as hybrids. The fee for 2025 was paid to the Department of Revenue instead.

• Moving to Louisiana: register within 30 days of getting your Louisiana driver's license (R.S. 47:513.2). Use tax is due on the car's value, minus credit for tax you paid in another state that gives Louisiana the same credit. Since January 1, 2025 it can't be more than $90 if the car is for personal use, was registered in your name in the other state and you register it within 90 days of bringing it here (RIB 25-011). The calculator assumes you qualify for that cap.

• A car received by an act of donation pays no sales tax when no loan is taken over (OMV policy 52.00); you still pay the title, handling and plate fees. Taking over a loan makes the outstanding loan amount taxable, unless it's your spouse's; that case isn't covered here.

• Renewals pay the plate fee (and any road usage fee) but no $8 handling fee (OMV policy 91.00). Public tag agents may add their own convenience fee, which isn't included. Your yearly inspection sticker is bought at an inspection station and isn't included either.

• Trucks, motor homes, trailers and motorcycles have different plate fees and aren't covered by this calculator.

Official sources

Louisiana OMV – Vehicle Registration, Title & Plate Fees ($68.50 title, $8 handling, plate 0.1% of value a year with a $10,000 minimum base, sold for two years)
https://expresslane.la.gov/omv/vehicles/vehicle-registration-title-plate-fees/
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Louisiana R.S. 47:463 – passenger car license tax: $10 a year up to $10,000 of value, plus $1 per $1,000 above (amounts of $500 or more round up), collected two years in advance; value fixed at purchase for later renewals
https://legis.la.gov/legis/LawPrint.aspx?d=102143
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Louisiana OMV – Used Title & Registration ($6 local fee may apply; sales tax on price minus trade-in and rebate, by domicile)
https://expresslane.la.gov/omv/vehicles/title-and-registration/used-title-registration/
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Louisiana OMV – New Title & Registration (same fees for new vehicles)
https://expresslane.la.gov/omv/vehicles/title-and-registration/new-title-registration/
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Louisiana R.S. 32:412.1 – $8 handling charge on new or out-of-state titles and ownership transfers

https://legis.la.gov/legis/LawPrint.aspx?d=88395
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Louisiana OMV policy 91.00 – Handling Fees (renewals do not pay the $8 handling fee)
https://public.powerdms.com/ladpsc/documents/371057
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Louisiana Department of Revenue – State sales tax rate: 5% from January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2029
https://revenue.louisiana.gov/tax-education-and-faqs/faqs/sales-tax-reform/what-is-the-state-sales-tax-rate/
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Louisiana Department of Revenue – RIB 25-007: state sales tax rate 5% from January 1, 2025 (Act 11, 2024 Third Extraordinary Session)
https://dam.ldr.la.gov/lawspolicies/RIB%2025-007%20-%20State%20Sales%20Tax%20Rate.pdf
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Louisiana OMV – Parish & Municipality Tax Table (local vehicle sales tax by domicile; the calculator uses its current rates)
https://taxes.mfn.dps.la.gov/data.json
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Louisiana Department of Revenue – R-20164 Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (tax by the buyer's domicile, paid to the OMV; due by day 40 after an in-state sale; dated 6/20, shows the old 4.45% state rate)
https://dam.ldr.la.gov/publications/20164-6-20.pdf
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Louisiana Department of Revenue – RIB 25-011: use tax on a new resident's vehicle capped at $90 after credit for tax paid in another state
https://dam.ldr.la.gov/lawspolicies/RIB-011%20on%20Calculation%20of%20Use%20Tax%20on%20Vehicles%20Registered%20by%20New%20Residents.pdf
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Louisiana R.S. 47:513.2 – new residents register within 30 days of getting a Louisiana driver's license
https://legis.la.gov/legis/LawPrint.aspx?d=1017802
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Louisiana OMV policy 52.00 – Act of Donation / Manual Gift (no sales tax when no loan is assumed)
https://public.powerdms.com/ladpsc/documents/371013
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Louisiana R.S. 32:461 – road usage fee: $110 a year for electric and $60 a year for hybrid vehicles, collected with the registration license tax for the same period (site shows one year at a time; owner decision 2026-10-17)
https://legis.la.gov/legis/LawPrint.aspx?d=1294995
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Louisiana Department of Revenue – Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Road Usage Fee ($110 / $60 per calendar year, prorated by month for part of a year; 2025 and earlier paid to LDR; from 2026 the OMV collects it through its separate road usage fee form)
https://revenue.louisiana.gov/individuals/general-resources/electric-and-hybrid-vehicle-road-usage-fee/
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Before you pay

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