Maine Car Registration Fees (2026)

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

How much does it cost to register a car in Maine? $35 a year to the state plus the excise tax you pay at your town office first, which is set by the car's MSRP and age: 24 mills ($720) on a new $30,000 car, 17.5 mills ($525) the next year, down to 4 mills from the sixth year. Buying adds the $33 title and 5.5% sales tax. Maine has no extra fee for electric cars or hybrids.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration	$35/yr car or pickup up to 6,000 lbs, $37 to 10,000 lbs, motorcycle $21
Excise tax (town office)	24 / 17.5 / 13.5 / 10 / 6.5 / 4 mills x MSRP by year ($720 on a new $30,000 car)
Electric / hybrid fee	None
Title fee	$33 (+$10 rush)
Sales tax	5.5%, same-kind trade-in deducted
Truck	$48 - $1,234 by gross weight over 10,000 lbs
Town agent fee	Up to $6 new / $5 renewal (varies by town, not included)

Starting example

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

Excise tax (town office) 24 mills x MSRP (year 1)	$720.00
Registration fee	$35.00
Title fee	$33.00
Sales tax 5.5% of price	$1,650.00
Estimated total	**$2,438.00**

What this estimate does and does not include

• The excise tax is Maine's biggest yearly charge. It's paid to the town where you live, before you register, on the maker's list price (MSRP), not the price you paid: 24 mills in year 1, then 17.5, 13.5, 10, 6.5 and 4 mills from year 6 ($5 minimum). Rates step down each January 1.

• No separate fee for standard plates is stated by the BMV or the statutes (the $35 is the 'registration fee for your plate'), so none is added. That is not a confirmed $0 plate fee.

• Sales tax is 5.5%. A Maine dealer collects it; on a private sale or an out-of-state dealer purchase you pay it when you register. A trade-in counts only when it's the same kind of property (a vehicle for a vehicle).

• Electric cars, hybrids and plug-in hybrids pay the same as gas cars: the current statutes have no surcharge (LD 622 was voted Ought Not To Pass in May 2025).

• Not included: town agent fee (up to $6 for a new registration, $5 for a renewal; set by each town), the yearly inspection (up to $12.50 at the station; up to $18.50 in Cumberland County for 1996 and newer), plate transfer ($8), replacement

plates ($5 each). Trucks over 26,000 lbs pay excise on the purchase price, which this calculator doesn't cover.

• Late renewal: no counter late fee is set in the fee statutes; operating with an expired registration is a traffic infraction (fines up to $50, $100 or $500). A title application more than 30 days late costs a $50 penalty.

Official sources

Maine BMV - Register a passenger vehicle (pay excise tax at the town office first; title $33; 5.5% sales tax on the purchase price for private and out-of-state dealer sales; no separate standard plate fee stated)
http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/vehicles/register-a-passenger-vehicle
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Maine BMV - Register a motorcycle (excise tax first; $33 title for 300 cc+ and model year 1995+; 5.5% sales tax)
http://www11.maine.gov/sos/bmv/registration/motorcycle.html
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Maine BMV - Types of title certificates ($33 fee, optional $10 rush)
https://www1.maine.gov/sos/bmv/titles/titletypes.html
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Maine BMV - Truck and truck tractor registration fees (by gross weight, $35 to $1,234)
https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/vehicles/registration-fees/truck-tractor-registration-fees
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Maine Revenue Services - Excise tax (annual, paid where the owner lives before registering; by MSRP and age: .0240, .0175, .0135, .0100, .0065, .0040)
https://www1.maine.gov/REVENUE/propertytax/sidebar/excisetax.htm
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Maine Revised Statutes Title 36 sec. 1482 (excise in mills on the maker's list price, $5 minimum; next year's rate when paid the previous year by the same owner)
https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/36/title36sec1482.html
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Maine Revised Statutes Title 29-A sec. 501 (automobile and pickup up to 6,000 lbs $35, pickup to 10,000 lbs $37; no EV, hybrid or plug-in hybrid surcharge)
https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec501.html
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Maine Revised Statutes Title 29-A sec. 504 (trucks by gross weight)
https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec504.html
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Maine Revised Statutes Title 29-A sec. 515 (motorcycle $21)
https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec515.html
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Maine Revised Statutes Title 29-A sec. 603 (title $33, expedited +$10, $50 penalty after 30 days)
https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec603.html
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Maine Revised Statutes Title 29-A sec. 201 (municipal agent fee up to $6 new, $5 renewal)
https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec201.html
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Maine Revised Statutes Title 29-A sec. 1751 (inspection up to $12.50; Cumberland County enhanced up to $15.50 / $18.50)
https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec1751.html
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Maine Revised Statutes Title 36 sec. 1811 and 1765 (5.5% sales tax; same-kind trade-in credit)
https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/36/title36sec1811.html

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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and town offices. The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/maine/