Mississippi Car Registration Fees (2026)

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

How much does it cost to register a car in Mississippi? The state charges add up to $1,538 on a new $30,000 car from a dealer: $9 title, $14 registration, $15 privilege tax and $1,500 sales tax (5%). On top of that comes the ad valorem tax, which is usually the biggest part of a Mississippi tag bill: 30% of the MSRP, less the 5% Legislative Tag Credit, times your local millage. Enter your millage to include it (at 100 mills a new $30,000 car pays $855).

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration	$14 first time, $12.75 renewal
Privilege tax	$15/yr car, $7.20 light pickup, $8 motorcycle
Ad valorem tax	30% of MSRP less 5% tag credit x your local millage (yearly)
Electric / hybrid tax	$150 / $75 a year statutory base, CPI-adjusted (current amount not published)
Title fee	$9 ($39 Fast Track)
Sales tax	5% of price less trade-in; no local tax

Starting example

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

Title fee	$9.00
Registration	$14.00
Privilege tax Passenger vehicle	$15.00
Ad valorem tax Enter your local millage	not available
Sales tax 5% of price	$1,500.00
Estimated total	**$1,538.00**

The total leaves out items marked "not available".

What this estimate does and does not include

• There is no single honest Mississippi total without your local millage: county, city and school districts set it, and the same car can cost twice as much to tag across a county line (State Auditor, January 2026). Leave the millage blank and the ad valorem tax shows as not available.

• Ad valorem: assessed value is 30% of the MSRP, depreciated over 10 years. The DOR's depreciation percentages aren't published online, so the calculator works out the tax only for a car in its first year; for older cars and renewals it shows as not available. The Legislative Tag Credit is applied at the published 5% of assessed value; the State Auditor says the credit actually applied is recalculated each year and isn't published.

• Electric and hybrid taxes: the statutes set $150 and $75 a year and raise them by the CPI every July 1 since 2021. The amount billed today is higher, but the current figure isn't published, so the calculator shows the $150 / $75 base and labels it. Plug-in hybrids pay the hybrid tax. Electric motorcycle tax isn't covered (not available).

• Sales tax is 5% (no local tax). Dealer sales: price after discounts and trade-in; manufacturer rebates are taxable. Private sales are taxed on the DOR's scheduled true value, not the price, which isn't published, so that line shows as not available. There is no credit for tax paid to another state. Trucks over 10,000 lbs pay 3% and aren't covered here.

• Late renewal: 5% from the 16th day of the month after expiry, +5% per 30 days, up to 25% (and the tag credit is lost). New residents have 30 days; late adds a $250 penalty. No late title penalty was found.

• Not included: substitute tag and decal ($10), decal only ($2.50). There is no emissions test in Mississippi.

Official sources

Mississippi DOR - Motor Vehicle FAQ (title $9, Fast Track $39; registration $14 first time, $12.75 renewal; privilege tax $15 car, $8 motorcycle; sales tax 5% of net price after trade-in, rebates taxable, no credit for other states; register within 30 business days; late renewal 5% + 5% per 30 days, max 25%)
https://www.dor.ms.gov/motor-vehicle
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Mississippi DOR - Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Taxes (assessed value 30% of MSRP, depreciated over 10 years; Legislative Tag Credit; tax = assessed value x local millage)
https://www.dor.ms.gov/property
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Mississippi Code 27-19-21, 27-19-23, 27-19-43, 27-65-201 (EV tax $150 and hybrid tax $75 a year, CPI-adjusted every July 1; light pickup privilege tax $7.20; private sales taxed on the DOR true value)
https://www.legislature.ms.gov/
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Mississippi Office of the State Auditor - car tag fees second-highest in the nation (Jan 5, 2026: depreciation schedule and tag credit amount not published online; millage varies locally)
https://www.osa.ms.gov/news/mississippi-car-tag-fees-are-second-highest-nation-and-difficult-taxpayers-predict
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Mississippi Department of Revenue (county tax collectors). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/mississippi/