New Hampshire Car Registration Fees (2026)

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

How much does it cost to register a car in New Hampshire? A new $30,000 car pays $638 at the town clerk: the town permit fee of 18 mills on the list price ($540), the $48 state fee for 3,001-5,000 lbs, the $35 title, $8 plates and $7 in clerk, agent and title-application fees. New Hampshire has no sales tax. The permit fee drops each year (15 mills in year 2, so a renewal is $503). Electric cars add $100 a year, plug-in hybrids $50.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Municipal permit fee (town)	18 / 15 / 12 / 9 / 6 / 3 mills x list price by model year ($540 on a new $30,000 car)
State registration	$42 to 3,000 lbs, $48 to 5,000, $66 to 8,000, $1.06/100 lbs above
Motorcycle	$30 state fee + permit fee
Electric / plug-in hybrid fee	$100 / $50 a year
Title fee	$35 + $2 town application fee
Plates, clerk, agent	$4 per plate, $2, $3
Sales tax	None

Starting example

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

Municipal permit fee 18 mills x $30,000 list price	$540.00
State registration fee By gross weight (3,600 lbs)	$48.00
Title fee	$35.00
Town title application fee	$2.00
Plates (2)	$8.00
Town clerk fee	$2.00
Municipal agent fee	$3.00
Estimated total	**$638.00**

What this estimate does and does not include

• Two charges: the municipal permit fee, paid to your town or city first, and the state registration fee by weight. Permit fee = maker's list price (rounded to the nearest $100) x 18 mills for the current model year, then 15, 12, 9, 6 and 3 mills, rounded to the dollar, $5 minimum.

• Most DMV fees went up on January 1, 2026 (HB2): title $25 -> $35, state registration $31.20 / $43.20 / $55.20 -> $42 / $48 / $66, motorcycles $15 -> $30. Older pages show the old amounts.

• Registrations run to the owner's birth month, so a first registration is prorated (5 to 16 months). The calculator shows a

full 12 months.

• No sales or use tax on vehicle purchases. Model years 1999 and older don't need a title (heavy trucks over 18,000 lbs always do).

• Not included: optional town fees (waste reclamation $3, transportation improvement fee up to $5, only where the town adopted them), registration transfer ($10), vanity plates ($60 a year). The mandatory inspection program was repealed on January 31, 2026, so there is no inspection fee.

• Late renewal: no flat late fee is published; a lapsed registration pays back fees for the missed periods. Title paperwork more than 20 days late costs a penalty equal to the title fee ($35).

Official sources

NH RSA 261:153 - Municipal permit fees (18 / 15 / 12 / 9 / 6 / 3 mills of the maker's list price by model year; $5 minimum; list price rounded to $100, fee to the dollar; optional waste and transportation fees)
https://gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/xxi/261/261-153.htm
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NH RSA 261:141 as amended by HB2 (2025 ch. 141), eff. Jan 1, 2026 (state registration $42 / $48 / $66 by gross weight, $1.06 per 100 lbs over 8,000; motorcycle $30; transfer $10)
https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/xxi/261/261-141.htm
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NH RSA 261:20 (title $35 from Jan 1, 2026; penalty equal to the fee if not delivered in 20 days)
https://gc.nh.gov/rsa/html/XXI/261/261-20.htm
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Town of Hampton - Motor Vehicle Fees effective 01/01/2026 (HB2 old -> new fee sheet)
https://www.hamptonnh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11147/Motor-Vehicle-Fees-01-01-2026?bidId=
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City of Nashua - Registration and title fees (title application $37 = $35 state + $2 municipal; 18 mills current model year)
https://www.nashuanh.gov/410/Registration-Title-Fees
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Town of Exeter - Explanation of fees (clerk fee $2, municipal agent fee $3, transfer $10) and types of plates ($8 a set)
https://www.exeternh.gov/townclerk/explanation-fees
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City of Nashua - EV and plug-in hybrid surcharge notice, RSA 261:141-c ($100 battery electric, $50 plug-in hybrid per annual registration)
https://www.nashuanh.gov/m/newsflash/Archive/Item/2101?arcId=3407
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City of Lebanon - Title exempt vehicles (model year 1999 and older)
https://lebanonnh.gov/521/Title-Exempt-Vehicles
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NH Department of Revenue Administration - Overview of taxes administered (no general sales tax)
https://www.revenue.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt736/files/documents/1-21-2025-overview-of-nhdra-taxes.pdf
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and town/city clerks. The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/new-hampshire/