New Jersey Car Registration Fees (2026)

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

How much does it cost to register a car in New Jersey? $46.50 to $84 a year, by weight and age: a car under 3,500 lbs pays $59 a year when it's within two model years and $46.50 after that; heavier cars pay $84 or $71.50. A brand-new car pays four years up front ($236 under 3,500 lbs). Add the $60 title ($85 with a loan) and 6.625% sales tax. Fully electric cars also pay the ZEV fee: $270 a year now, four years up front on a new car ($1,130).

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration, car under 3,500 lbs	$59/yr within 2 model years, $46.50 after
Registration, car 3,500 lbs or more	$84/yr within 2 model years, $71.50 after
New car	4 years of registration paid up front
Motorcycle	$65
ZEV fee (fully electric)	$270/yr (Jul 2026 - Jun 2027), rising to $290; $1,130 up front on a new car
Title fee	$60 ($85 one lien, $110 two liens)
Sales tax	6.625% statewide; trade-in only at a dealer
Truck (non-commercial)	By gross weight: not available

Starting example

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

Registration (4 yrs) 4 x $59.00, paid up front on a new car	$236.00
Title fee	$60.00
Sales tax 6.625% of price	$1,987.50
Estimated total	**$2,283.50**

What this estimate does and does not include

• New cars (never titled) must pay a four-year registration up front. The calculator does that for new passenger cars; motorcycles pay the listed $65 once (the four-year rule on the MVC page covers passenger cars only).

• ZEV fee: $250 from July 1, 2024, plus $10 a year for four years, so $270 for July 2026 to June 2027, $280 the next year and $290 from July 2028 (the cap). A new electric car pays four years up front: $270 + $280 + $290 + $290 = $1,130, following the MVC's method of adding up the four years. Renewals here show the $290 cap, which is what this car pays at its first renewal; a renewal before July 2027 is $270.

• Plug-in hybrids: the MVC schedule has no plug-in hybrid line, and the ZEV fee applies only to vehicles certified as zero-emission, so it shows as not available. Conventional hybrids pay the normal weight-based fee.

• Non-commercial trucks (pickups, vans and SUVs on truck plates) pay by gross weight, but the MVC doesn't publish the table, so the truck registration shows as not available.

• Sales tax is 6.625% statewide, the same for electric cars since July 1, 2025. A trade-in lowers the taxed price only

when you trade it to a dealer in the same transaction. Private buyers pay the tax when they title the car. Gifts are exempt when 'gift' is written on the title.

• Luxury and Fuel-Inefficient Surcharge: a one-time 0.4% of the price on new cars priced $45,000 or more or rated under 19 MPG.

• Not included: the inspection (new cars get a five-year decal; the MVC lists no price for private stations), dealer documentation fees, per-tire and lemon-law charges on dealer invoices (no official amount), and any late renewal fee (the MVC lists none). Seniors 65+ and people with a disability pay $7 less a year. No separate fee for standard plates is listed, so none is added.

Official sources

NJ MVC - Registration and title fees (passenger weight classes: Class 7 under 3,500 lbs $46.50 / $59 within 2 model years, Class 8 $71.50 / $84; motorcycle Code 53 $65; registration transfer $4.50; ZEV fee $250 from July 1, 2024 plus $10 a year for four years; non-commercial trucks by gross weight, no table)
https://www.nj.gov/mvc/vehicles/regfees.htm
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NJ MVC - Registration fee calculator page (new passenger cars pay a four-year registration up front, since October 1, 2004)
https://www.nj.gov/mvc/regfee/
Checked October 21, 2026

NJ MVC - Titling a new vehicle (title $60, $85 with one lien, $110 with two; dealers collect sales tax; 0.4% Luxury and Fuel-Inefficient Surcharge)
https://www.nj.gov/mvc/vehicles/titlenew.htm
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NJ MVC - Transferring ownership ($25 penalty if a title isn't transferred within 10 working days; gifts exempt when 'gift' is written on the title)
https://www.nj.gov/mvc/vehicles/transowner.htm
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NJ Division of Taxation - Sales and Use Tax (6.625%)
https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/businesses/salestax/
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NJ Division of Taxation - Zero Emission Vehicles FAQ (ZEV exemption phased out: full 6.625% from July 1, 2025)
https://nj.gov/treasury/taxation/businesses/salestax/zevfaq.shtml
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NJ Division of Taxation - New Jersey Consumer Automotive Tax Guide (trade-in credit only when traded to a dealer in the same transaction; rebates are taxable)
http://buynjbonds.gov/treasury/taxation/documents/pdf/guides/New-Jersey-Consumer-Automotive-Tax-Guide.pdf
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/new-jersey/