New Mexico Car Registration Fees (2026)

Fee summary from vehiclefeecalculator.com/new-mexico/ · Rates checked October 17, 2026 · Next monthly check: November 2026

How much does it cost to register a car in New Mexico? From July 1, 2026, registration is $33.75 to $70 a year by weight ($70 for most cars over 3,000 lbs), dropping after five years, plus $6 of state fees, so $76 a year for most cars. When you buy, add the $5 title fees and New Mexico's 4% motor vehicle excise tax on the price less any trade-in. The excise tax replaces sales tax, and there is no local add-on.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration, passenger car	$33.75 / $48.75 / $70 a year by weight (from July 1, 2026)
After 5 years of registration	$26.25 / $38.75 / $56.25
State fees on each registration	$6 (tire, additional registration, beautification, administrative)
Title	$5 (transaction + administrative fee)
Motor vehicle excise tax (instead of sales tax)	4% of price less trade-in
Electric / plug-in hybrid	None in 2026; $70 / $35 from January 1, 2027

Starting example

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

Registration (1 yr) Over 3,000 lbs	$70.00
Tire recycling fee	$1.50
Additional registration fee	$2.00
Beautification fee	$0.50
Administrative fee	$2.00
Title fee Transaction fee	$3.00
Title administrative fee	$2.00
Motor vehicle excise tax 4% of price	$1,200.00
Estimated total	**$1,281.00**

What this estimate does and does not include

• Registration fees rose on July 1, 2026 (Laws 2026, chapter 4, SB 2, section 66-6-2): $33.75 up to 2,000 lbs, $48.75 for 2,001 to 3,000 lbs and $70 over 3,000 lbs, falling to $26.25, $38.75 and $56.25 after five years of registration. The MVD's Register Your Vehicle page still shows the older range of $27 to $62; we use the law and the MVD's fees manual revised in August 2026, which match each other.

• Every passenger registration also pays a $1.50 tire recycling fee, a $2 additional registration fee, a 50-cent beautification fee and a $2 administrative fee (MVD fees manual). Two-year registrations are available; this calculator shows one year.

• Title: a $3 transaction fee plus the $2 administrative fee. Apply within 30 days of buying the car or pay a $20 late transfer fee.

• Motor vehicle excise tax: 4% of the price less any trade-in. On a private sale the MVD uses at least 80% of the N.A.D.A. average trade-in value if your price is lower. No excise tax on a genuine gift with a notarized Affidavit of Gift (MVD-10018), or for new residents who bought the car for personal use at least 30 days before moving to New Mexico. Tax paid to another state on the same car is credited. Applying for the title more than 90 days late adds a 50% penalty.

• Electric and plug-in hybrid cars pay no extra fee in 2026. From January 1, 2027 they pay $70 and $35 a year, rising to $80 and $40 in 2028 and $90 and $45 from 2029 (SB 2, section 3).

• Late renewal costs $10 if you're up to 30 days late and 75% of the registration fee (at least $10) after that. Renewing online, at a kiosk or by phone takes up to 5% off the base fee, less a $1.65 card fee; not shown here.

• Bernalillo County cars need an emissions certificate (Air Care); its cost isn't included. Trucks, motorcycles and trailers use different fee schedules and aren't covered.

Official sources

New Mexico Laws 2026, Chapter 4 (SB 2), final version – section 66-6-2 passenger registration fees from July 1, 2026 ($33.75 / $48.75 / $70, after five years $26.25 / $38.75 / $56.25, plus $1.50 tire recycling fee); new electric and plug-in hybrid fees from January 1, 2027
https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/26%20Regular/final/SB0002.pdf
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NM MVD Fees Manual (revised 08/24/26) – passenger registration with the $2 administrative fee (66-2-16), $2 additional registration fee (66-6-6.1) and 50-cent beautification fee (66-6-6.2); title: $3 transaction fee (66-6-19) plus $2 administrative fee; late penalties
https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/MVD-Fee-Manual-Revised-08_24_26Vehicles1.pdf
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NM MVD – Vehicle Titles (motor vehicle excise tax 4% of price less trade-in; 80% of N.A.D.A. trade-in value floor on non-dealer sales; gifts exempt with affidavit; 50% penalty after 90 days; credit for tax paid to another state)
https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/vehicles/vehicle-registration/vehicle-titles/
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NM MVD Vehicle Procedures Manual, Chapter 6 – Fees, Penalties and Excise Tax (excise exemptions: car bought for personal use 30+ days before moving to New Mexico; $20 late transfer fee after 30 days)
https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/chapter-6-fees-penalties-and-excise-tax/
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NM MVD – Renew a Vehicle Registration (late renewal: $10 within 30 days, 75% of the registration fee after; up to 5% online discount on the base fee)
https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/vehicles/vehicle-registration/renew-a-vehicle-registration/
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NM MVD – Register Your Vehicle (registration by weight and model year; this page still shows the pre-July 2026 range of $27 to $62)
https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/vehicles/vehicle-registration/register-your-vehicle/
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (Taxation and Revenue Department). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/new-mexico/