North Dakota Car Registration Fees (2026)

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

How much does it cost to register a car in North Dakota? It depends on weight and the year the car was first registered: $93 a year for a 3,200-4,499 lb car first registered in 2022 or later, from $49 to $274 overall. Buying adds the $5 title, a $1.50 disposal fee and the 5% excise tax: $1,599.50 on a $30,000 car. Electric cars pay $120 a year more, plug-in hybrids $50.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration, car	$49 - $274 a year by weight and year first registered ($93 for 3,200-4,499 lbs, 2022+)
Pickup	Same amounts by pickup weight band
Motorcycle	$15 a year ($25 from April 1, 2027)
Electric / plug-in hybrid fee	$120 / $50 a year (electric motorcycle $20)
Title fee	$5 (+$1.50 disposal fee on a first ND title)
Excise tax	5% of price less trade-in

Starting example

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

Registration (1 yr) By weight and year first registered	$93.00
Title fee	$5.00
Abandoned vehicle disposal fee First North Dakota title	$1.50
Motor vehicle excise tax 5% of price	$1,500.00
Estimated total	**$1,599.50**

What this estimate does and does not include

• Registration (NDCC 39-04-19) is by weight and by the year the vehicle was first registered: four columns (2022 or later, 2019-2021, 2016-2018, 2015 or earlier). The DOT fee schedules we cite are the MVD-2 forms dated for 2027; their amounts are the same as the statute in force now.

• Motorcycles pay $15 a year, rising to $25 on April 1, 2027. Electric motorcycles add $20 a year.

• The 5% motor vehicle excise tax replaces sales tax: on the purchase price less trade-in; manufacturer rebates aren't deducted.

• Electric vehicles pay $120 a year and plug-in hybrids $50, at registration and every renewal; hybrids nothing extra.

• No late renewal penalty is listed. Late excise payments owe a penalty (5% or $5, plus 1% a month); a late title fee wasn't confirmed. Trucks over 20,000 lbs aren't covered. Plate transfer is $5.

Official sources

ND DOT - Passenger vehicle fee schedule MVD-2 (by weight and year first registered: 2022+ / 2019-21 / 2016-18 / 2015 and older; amounts match NDCC 39-04-19)
https://www.dot.nd.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Motor%20Vehicle%20Services/mvd-2-passenger-fee-2027.pdf
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ND DOT - Pickup fee schedule MVD-2A (same amounts by pickup weight band)
https://www.dot.nd.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Motor%20Vehicle%20Services/mvd-2a-pickup-fee-2027.pdf
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ND DOT - Miscellaneous fee schedule MVD-6 (title $5; abandoned vehicle disposal fee $1.50 on a first ND title; plate transfer $5; motorcycle $15, $25 from April 1, 2027)
https://www.dot.nd.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Motor%20Vehicle%20Services/mvd-6-misc-fee-2027.pdf
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NDCC chapter 39-04 (registration fees; electric vehicle $120, plug-in hybrid $50, electric motorcycle $20 a year)
https://www.ndlegis.gov/cencode/t39c04.pdf
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ND Tax Commissioner - Special taxes (motor vehicle excise tax 5% of the purchase price less trade-in; rebates not deducted)
https://www.tax.nd.gov/excise-special-and-other-taxes/special-taxes
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division. The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/north-dakota/