

Motorcycle Services

Motorcycle Registration in Florida

Ready to ride your new bike down the Florida coastline? First, you'll need to make it street-legal. Here's a guide to registering your motorcycle in Florida.

Looking to **renew your registration** instead? Jump over to our [Registration Renewal](#) section for help.

New to Florida

Welcome to the Sunshine State! Upon establishing Florida residency, you'll have **30 days** to register your motorcycle with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).

Before you can visit your local registration office, you'll **FIRST** need to:

- Apply for a [FL motorcycle license](#).
- Complete a **vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection**.
 - A [VIN and Odometer Verification](#) (Form HSMV 82042) form must be completed by a:
 - Police officer.
 - Car dealer.
 - Certified DMV inspector.

Once you've handled the above, head to your local FL [tax collector's office](#) with your:

- Florida **motorcycle license**.
- Out-of-state **title and registration**.
 - If the title is currently held by a lienholder, the tax collector's office will contact them.
- **Completed forms**:
 - [Vehicle Identification Number and Odometer Verification](#) (Form HSMV 82042).
 - [Application for Certificate of Title With/Without Registration](#) (Form HSMV 82040).
- **Payment** for the **\$82.25** new resident titling fee, plus all **applicable** [registration taxes and fees](#).

How to Register a Motorcycle in Florida

In Florida, your motorcycle's registration will be **valid for 1 year**. The process for registering your new bike will differ based on how you bought it—from a **dealer**, or from a **private seller**.

Dealership Purchases

After buying a motorcycle from a Florida dealership, the dealer has **30 days** to handle the title and registration paperwork for you. The DHSMV will then send your permanent title and registration documents to you **by mail**.

You'll pay your registration taxes and fees to your dealer—for a breakdown of what you'll owe, check out our section on [motorcycle registration fees](#).

Private Purchases

When purchasing a **motorcycle from a private seller**, you'll need to complete the **transfer of title and registration** yourself.

Head to your local county tax office and:

- Provide a **bill of sale**.
 - Check out our [Bill of Sale Requirements](#) page for a full breakdown of what you'll need on the form.
- Bring the completed and signed:
 - **Vehicle title**.
 - [Application for Certificate of Title With/Without Registration](#) (Form HSMV 82040).
 - [Separate Odometer Disclosure Statement and Acknowledgement](#) (Form HSMV 82993) **IF** there is no room on the title.
 - If the motorcycle has **not been previously registered in FL**, you will need to instead submit the **VIN inspection** form [listed above](#).
- Pay the **\$10** base registration tax, plus all other [applicable fees and taxes](#).

Motorcycle Registration Fees & Taxes

Registration fees for your motorcycle vary in Florida, based on factors such as your **license plate type, vehicle weight**, and others. For specific fees, [contact your local DHSMV office](#).

Below are the **base taxes and fees** you can expect, before your vehicle's specifics are factored in:

- **Motorcycle registration tax:** \$10.
- **Antique motorcycle:** \$7.50.
- **New title:** \$77.25.
- **Transferred title:** \$75.25.
- **Original used title fee:** \$85.25.
 - This is applicable to motorcycles previously titled outside of Florida.
- **Service/handling fee:** \$2.50.
- **Lien recording fee** (if applicable): \$2.

Forms

HSMV 82042

Vehicle Identification Number and Odometer Verification

VIN verification required when titling OR registering an out-of-state vehicle with the FL Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Must be completed by an authorized agent of the state.

[Get Form](#) [Open the form](#)

HSMV 82040

Use this form to title your vehicle with the FL Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Complete this form to title a vehicle in your name.