

# Title Transfer

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## Motor Vehicle Titles & Registrations

Motor vehicles, vessels, mobile homes and trailers are issued registrations to prove that license taxes and fees for the current registration period have been paid. Registrations may consist of a license plate, a decal, and a registration certificate and are to remain with the registered owner.

If you are moving to Florida, you must title and/or register your vehicle once you have established residency.

A certificate of title is the proof of ownership to a motor vehicle in the State of Florida. Most vehicles are required to be titled. The exceptions are mopeds, motorized bicycles, and trailers weighing less than 2,000 pounds. When you purchase a new motor vehicle, bring a motor vehicle into the state, or at any time the ownership of the motor vehicle changes, you must transfer ownership into your name.

The application for title, along with all required documents and fees, must be submitted or mailed to the tax collector's office or authorized private tag agency for processing. A certificate of title will be issued within five working days after receipt of the documentation and fees.

When applying for a title on a motor vehicle previously registered or titled in another state, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the actual motor vehicle must be checked to ensure that the vehicle is the same as the one described on the proof of ownership.

The VIN must be physically inspected by one of the following:

- A law enforcement officer from any state
- A licensed Florida or out of state motor vehicle dealer
- An auto tag agency employee or [Division of Motor Vehicle](#) Compliance Examiner
- Provost Marshal or commissioned officer in active military service, with a rank of 2nd lieutenant or higher

This service is not available at the Miami-Dade County Tax Collector's Office.

For additional information regarding titling a vehicle, visit the [Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles](#) website.