



Competent authority:

Ministry of the Interior

What documents do I need to present to register a car?

- Personal identification;
- Proof of vehicle ownership;
- Evidence of the technical condition of the vehicle;
- Proof of payment of all fees required by law.

To register the car, do I have to show that a technical inspection has been performed?

Yes. Every car registered in Croatia needs to pass a technical inspection 2 years after it is first registered and then every year (average cost: EUR 20 + VAT).

Is it mandatory to show proof of insurance to the registration service?

Yes, you have to provide an insurance certificate.

To whom should VAT be paid?

A car is considered new if no more than 6 months have passed since the date on which it was first registered or if its mileage does not exceed 6 000 km. For intra-EU transactions, **new cars are VAT exempt**. Thus, the supplier should not charge VAT. Instead, if you have bought a new car in another EU Member State with the intention of importing it to and registering it in your country of residence, you must pay VAT in your own Member State at that country's rate.

In Croatia VAT should be paid to the Ministry of Finance.

All other cars are considered second hand (more than 6 months since the date of first registration and mileage of more than 6 000 km). They are generally sold inclusive of VAT if the supplier is a taxable person for VAT purposes. You don't have to pay VAT in your country of residence.

Before final registration, can I drive in Croatia with temporary plates?

Yes, you can use transit plates from the country of purchase. However, you should check for the existence of bilateral agreements on recognition of foreign transit plates in Croatia.

Whom do I contact in the event of difficulties with the registration authority/administration?

You can contact your [SOLVIT Centre Croatia](#) for help with any difficulties.

If you have a question linked to your consumer rights when purchasing a car cross-border, contact your local ECC: www.ecc-croatia.hr