



Competent authority:

The local district governor's office ("[starostwo powiatowe](#)"), the second-level unit of local government and administration in Poland. There are 380 such units.

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

- Completed car registration application form (available for download from the district governor's office [website](#));
- Identity card or passport;
- The invoice or the contract of sale;
- The European Certificate of Conformity (COC, if it exists, or equivalent) if you have it. If the seller cannot provide a COC, you can ask the manufacturer in Poland. If they cannot provide it, you must get an expert to perform the requisite inspection. This type of service is not free of charge and is very rare;
- Proof of registration of the vehicle (if car was already registered by someone else).

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

No, but under Polish law, passenger cars must be inspected once a year. The price of a vehicle inspection in Poland is legally set at PLN 98 (approx. EUR 24) for cars carrying up to 15 passengers.

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

Every driver and car must be covered by insurance allowing them to use public roads, but the registration service will not ask for proof.

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.

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.

VAT should be paid to the [Ministry of Finance](#).

Documents to be presented: The same as for registration.

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

If you wish to drive home with the national plates still on the car, are you obliged to return them to the competent registration offices, either in the country of previous registration or in the registration country.

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

You can contact the [SOLVIT Centre Poland](#) 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.konsument.gov.pl