



Competent authority:

Dirección General de Tráfico

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

- A [notification form](#) for the transmission or sale of a vehicle;
- Proof of transfer of ownership (contract, invoice if legal persons are involved, receipt, etc.) and personal identification;
- Your Spanish tax identification number or Foreigner Identification Number.
- COC or equivalent¹

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

Yes, if the car is older than 4 years of age. **Foreign inspections are not recognised in Spain.**

A first periodic inspection has to take place 4 years after the car is first registered. The next two take place at 2-year intervals until the car is 10 years old. Subsequent inspections must be performed every year (4-2-2-1-1... rule. Applicable to petrol or electric cars registered after 1 January 2005; Cars registered before 1 January 2005 but not older than 30 years of age: first periodic inspection after 3 years, then every year; Cars 30 years of age or more: every 2 years; Cars registered before 1 January 1960: no periodic inspection.).

Prices are set by the autonomous communities and depend on the technical service, vehicle and test types, etc.. Average costs range from about EUR 25 to EUR 50.

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.

VAT should be paid to the local tax agency [Agencia Tributaria](#).

Documents to be presented:

For new cars: Registration tax ("Impuesto de matriculación") form ("Mod. 576").

For second hand cars: Patrimonial transfer tax ("Impuesto de transmisiones patrimoniales") form ("[Mod. 620](#)"). This tax is about 4 % of the car's value.

¹ When a vehicle passes the Spanish border, the TARJETA ITV (technical inspection certificate) is required and to get the ITV fact sheet, the COC is needed. If the ITV fact sheet can't be provided, a REDUCED technical inspection certificate could be accepted instead of the COC (as an authorisation document for an imported vehicle). The inspection centre will have a list of professionals capable of generating this reduced certificate.)

COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION

Spain



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

You can contact the [SOLVIT Centre Spain](#) 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.cec.consumo-inc.es