



Competent authority:

State Enterprise "Regitra"

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

- Personal identification (passport, identity card);
- The contract of sale;
- The foreign registration certificate for cars previously registered abroad.

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

Yes, you need to show a technical inspection report.

A valid foreign vehicle inspection certificate is not recognised in Lithuania. A national inspection must be performed before you register the car.

In Lithuania, a roadworthiness test has to take place every two years. Average costs for the roadworthiness test are EUR 14.45.

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

Yes, you have to show confirmation of car insurance.

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 included in the invoice for the purchased vehicle and paid by the buyer to the trader. VAT should be paid to the State Tax Inspectorate.

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

Yes, you can drive in Lithuania with valid temporary plates until final registration.

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

You can contact the [SOLVIT Centre Lithuania](#) 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.lt