

MOVING TO N.C. *Checklist*



[Moving to North Carolina](#), and looking to obtain a NC driver license? Here's everything you need to bring to the NCDMV.

To prove your identity, bring:

- Out-of-state license or one document (with full name) proving identity and date of birth
- Social security card or one document proving you have a Social Security Number
- One document verifying physical address in North Carolina (note: two such documents are required if getting an NC REAL ID)
- For non-U.S. citizens, one document issued by the U.S. government indicating legal presence
- A printed document proving liability insurance coverage from a provider licensed to do business in North Carolina (images on a mobile device will not be accepted)

Note: An individual's name must match the name on the documents above, otherwise they must provide a proof of name change, such as a certified marriage license or certificate, divorce decree or document from the courts or Register of Deeds.

Additional details:

Written and road tests may be waived for individuals with a valid license from another state. Additional requirements may apply, depending on the type of license and individual needs.

Your License will arrive in the mail within 20 business days.

Find a DMV Driver License Office:



Titling and Registering your vehicle:

After obtaining a North Carolina driver license, you must also register your vehicle when you accept gainful employment or at the expiration of the time granted by the reciprocity agreement between North Carolina and your prior state of residence (usually 30 days), whichever occurs first.

To register, take the following to a local license plate agency:

1. Vehicle title (or if held by a lender, a registration card)
2. [MVR-1 Title Application](#)
3. [MVR-180 Odometer Disclosure](#) (if vehicle is less than 10 years old)
4. A North Carolina driver license or a valid out-of-state driver license along with a [North Carolina Temporary Driving Certificate](#)
5. North Carolina vehicle insurance information

Name of Fee	Fee Amount
Certificate of Title (if moving to North Carolina)	\$66.75
Highway-use tax	3% of vehicle value (not to exceed \$250)
Standard plate fee (excluding Durham, Orange, Randolph and Wake Counties)*	\$46.25
Standard plate fee (Randolph County)*	\$39.75
Standard plate fee (Durham, Orange and Wake counties)*	\$53.75

**In addition to registration fees, Durham, Orange, Randolph and Wake counties also charge regional registration taxes. This information was updated October 24th, 2025.*