

BUYING A CAR IN ANOTHER EU MEMBER STATE, NORWAY OR ICELAND

Where can you obtain transit plates and how much do they cost?



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When shopping for a new car, you may be interested in looking at available options in other member states for a better deal. Importing the car to your home country however involves several administrative and logistic stages. For more information, you should contact the competent authority in your home country.

The use of **transit plates** is one of the options available to export a car. Transit plates are temporary number plates that will enable you to drive the car to your home country.

You have to obtain transit plates in the country where you bought the vehicle. But where can you obtain transit plates? How much do they cost? How long does the application procedure take? The ECC-Net has gathered this information in the overview below. The seller of the vehicle may also be in a position to offer advice.

Austria

Competent authority:

Zulassungsstelle
([multiple registration offices all over the country](#))

Price: € 189.70

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 3-21 days

Bulgaria

Competent authority:

Regional Office of Traffic Police Directorate (in collaboration with the [Ministry of the Interior](#))
Tel: +359 2 9824901 (Regional office)
Tel: +359 2 9825000 (Ministry of the Interior)

Price: 40 BGN (+/- € 21)

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 30 days

Belgium

Competent authority:

[DIV](#)
City Atrium Vooruitgangstraat 60
1210 Brussel
Tel: +32 2 277 30 50
Mail: help.div@mobiliteit.fgov.be

Price: € 30

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: minimum 2 weeks and up to 3 months (up to 6 months for Belgian citizens residing in another EU-Member State)

Croatia

Competent authority:

Ministry of the Interior
Ulica grada Vukovara 33
10 000 Zagreb
Tel: + 385 1 6122 111
Mail: pitanja@mup.hr
Mail: policija@mup.hr

Price: 188 kuna (+/- € 25) +1000 kuna (+/- € 130) deposit, refundable after restitution of the plates

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 30 days maximum

Cyprus

Transit plates are not available in Cyprus.

Czech Republic

Competent authority:
District Municipality Authorities

Price: 800 CZEK (+/- € 32)
Qualifying period: issued immediately
Validity: 3 months maximum

Denmark

Competent authority:
SKAT
Tel: +45 72 22 27 96

Price: +/- € 14 /day
Qualifying period: Issued at least 14 days before use. Issued immediately in toll offices or online with delivery 3-4 working days
Validity: 7 days maximum. Only for the specific purpose

Estonia

Competent authority:
Maanteeamet
Pärnu mnt 463a 10916 Tallinn
Mail: info@mnt.ee

Price: € 57,52
Qualifying period: issued immediately
Validity: 30 days

Finland

Competent authority:
Trafi
Kumpulantie 9
00520 Helsinki
Tel: +358 29 534 5000
Fax: +358 29 534 5095
Mail: kirjaamo@trafi.fi

Price: € 45 export registration certificate + € 6,50 per plate
Qualifying period: 14 days
Validity:

- 1 year if the vehicle has not been registered previously
- 1 day up to 30 days if the vehicle has been registered previously, depending on the destination country
- The plates can be sent to you if you have an address in Finland. If not, they can be picked up from the offices in Helsinki and Rovaniemi

France

Competent authority:
Professionals having access to the SIV (find them [here](#))

Price: € 44 for the WW certificate, trader may request further costs
Qualifying period: issued immediately
Validity: 4 months

Germany

Competent authority:
Kfz-Zulassungsstellen

Price: € 30-35 for the registration + € 10-15 for the plates, depending on the registration period
Qualifying period: issued immediately
Validity: 14 days up to 1 year
Remark: Only Transit plates with a red band (Ausfuhrkennzeichen) are allowed

Greece

Competent authority:

Α΄ Τελωνείο Εισαγωγής ΕΦΚ & Εφοδίων
Πειραιά
Περιοχή Λούκου
18510 Πειραιάς
Tel: 210 4615064
Mail: syzefxis@1974.syzefxis.gov.gr
Mail: syzefxis@1983.syzefxis.gov.gr

Α΄ Τελωνείο Εισαγωγών Εξαγωγών Θεσ/κης
Λιμάνι Θεσ/κης
54110 Θεσ/κη
Tel: 2313334343
Mail: atel.thessaloniki@n3.syzefxis.gov.gr
Mail: syzefxis.2104@n3.syzefxis.gov.gr

Τελωνείο Πατρών
Ιερόθεου Αρχιεπισκόπου 2
26222 Πάτρα
Tel: 2613621728 2613312414
Mail: syzefxis@2702.syzefxis.gov.gr

Τελωνείο Ηρακλείου
Προβλήτα IV Νέου Λιμανιού
71110 Ηράκλειο
Tel: 2813411613 2813411681
Mail: syzefxis@2519.syzefxis.gov.gr

Price: varies according to the year of the vehicle construction and the vehicle's size
Qualifying period: issued immediately
Validity: 30 days

Hungary

Competent authority:

Any document office of the district offices of the Government
<https://jarasinfo.gov.hu>

Price: issued immediately, but not later than 21 days
Qualifying period: issued immediately
Validity: 30 days

Iceland

Transit plates are not available in Iceland. The sellers' plates may be used provided all documents and proof of purchase can be submitted.

Ireland

Competent authority:

The Automobile Association of Ireland
Unit 6 Carriglea Industrial Estate Naas Road
Dublin 12

Price: € 10
Qualifying period: 10 days maximum
Validity: 1 month maximum

Italy

Competent authority:

Motorizzazione Civile
(provincial offices)

Price: € 26,20
Qualifying period: Issued promptly, varies depending on the office
Validity: 60 days maximum, depending on the destination country

Latvia

Competent authority:

CSDD (Road Traffic Safety Directorate)
Miera iela 25
Rīga, Latvija, LV – 1001
Tel: +371 67025777
Mail: office@csdd.gov.lv

Price:
Cars: € 35,91
Moped, motorcycle and trailers: € 22,81
Qualifying period: 1 hour in Riga, up to 30 days elsewhere
Validity: 30 days (a 5 day extension is possible)

Lithuania

Competent authority:

[REGITRA](#)

Liepkalnio street 97
02121 Vilnius

Price: 39 LTL (+/- € 11,30)
+ 21 LTL (+/- € 6,08) technical inspection cost
for vehicles registered before 2006

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 90 days

Luxembourg

Competent authority:

[Société Nationale de Circulation](#)

[Automobile \(SNCA\)](#)

bp 23
L-5201 Sandweiler
Luxembourg
Tel: 26 626 400

Price: € 173,20 (including a € 100 deposit,
refundable after restitution of the plates)

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 3 months (current month + 2 months)

Malta

Transit plates are not available in Malta.

The Netherlands

Competent authority:

[Rijksdienst voor Wegverkeer \(RDW\)](#)

Tel: +31 598 39 33 30

Price: Registration transiton € 9,98 (+ costs
for inspection)

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 14 days

Norway

Competent authority:

[TOLL Customs](#)

Schweigaards gate 15
0191 Oslo

Price: 250 NOK (+/- € 30) /day

Qualifying period: 1 day

Validity: 3 weeks

Poland

Competent authority:

Department of transportation of local governor's
office (starostwo powiatowe). In bigger cities
this department is often located in the city
office (urząd miasta) or - as in Warsaw - in the
district office (urząd dzielnicy)

Price: 112 PLN (approx. € 26)

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 30 days

Please note that you must be the owner of the
vehicle to obtain the temporary license plates
(proof of possession required). All documents
have to be translated into Polish by a sworn
translator

Portugal

Currently, Portugal only issues provisional plates
for test or experimental vehicles. No more tran-
sit plates.

Vehicles with transit plates issued in another
EU country are recognized in Portugal. The car
may only be driven during the validity period
of the transit plate in Portugal.

The owner should ask each customs office
([Alfândega](#)) for a guia that can be presented to
the traffic police or the tax authorities.

Competent authority:

[Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira](#)

[Local custom offices addresses](#)

Romania

Competent authority:
[Directia Regim Permise de Conducere si Inmatriculare a Vehiculelor](#)

Price: 40 Lei (€ 19) for the plates
+ 21 Lei (€ 11) for the temporary circulation authorisation

Qualifying period: 20 days maximum
Validity: 30 days

Spain

Competent authority:
[Dirección General de Tráfico \(DGT\)](#)
C. Josefa Valcárcel
28. CP 28071,
Madrid, Spain

Price: € 20
Qualifying period: normally issued immediately
Validity: 60 days

Slovakia

Competent authority:
[Okresný Dopravný Inšpektorát](#)
(District Traffic Inspectorate)

Price: € 33 per plate
Qualifying period: issued immediately
Validity: 30 days from the date of deregistration of the vehicle in Slovakia

Sweden

Competent authority:
[Swedish Transport Agency](#)
Transportstyrelsen, 701 81 Orebro
Tel: + 46 771 503 503
Mail: kontakt@transportstyrelsen.se

Form and information

Price: Applying for a temporary registration is free of charge
Qualifying period: 1-2 weeks
Validity: 3, 6 or 12 months

Slovenia

Competent authority:
Several registration offices all over the country ([list](#))

Price: € 120-150
Qualifying period: issued immediately
Validity: 30 days maximum

United Kingdom

Transit plates are not available in United Kingdom.

Having a **question** concerning your consumer rights in Europe?

Facing a problem with a trader based in another **EU country, Iceland or Norway**?

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