

# Registration Related Fees

## Other Registration Related Fees

- Special License Plate and Disabled Person Placard Fees — Refer to [Special License Plate Fees FFVR 11](#)
- Weight Fees for Commercial Vehicles with Declared Gross Vehicle Weight 10,000 lbs. or Less — Refer to [Registering Commercial Vehicles and PTI Trailers FFVR 27](#)
- Weight Fees for Commercial Motor Vehicles with Declared Gross Vehicle Weight Over 10,000 lbs. — Refer to [Registering Commercial Vehicles and PTI Trailers FFVR 27](#)

## Your DMV fees go to:

- Local government (cities/counties)
- CHP
- DMV
- State highways (Caltrans)
- Air Resources Board
- Other state agencies
- State General Fund

Visit **[dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov)** for more information about where your fees go to support essential California public safety and consumer services.

Fees are subject to law changes. *Vehicle Code (VC)*, *Harbors & Navigation Code (HNC)*, *Civil Code (CC)*, *Government Code (GC)*, *Health & Safety Code (HSC)*, *Code of Civil Procedures (CCP)*, and *Revenue & Taxation Code (RTC)* sections (§) are noted for reference.

## Fees are due upon original registration/renewal based on:

- Vehicle type (auto, motorcycle, etc.).
- Purchase price or declared value.
- Dates (date purchased, and vehicle entered California, etc.).
- Owner's residence county/city or business (address if a business).
- Unladen or declared gross vehicle weight (GVW)/number of axles.
- Special license plates.
- Unpaid parking violation/toll evasion bail.

The registration fee (\$65, includes \$3 for Alternative Fuel/Technology Registration fee), California Highway Patrol (CHP) fee (\$29), vehicle license fee (VLF), Transportation Improvement Fee (TIF), and county/district fees are due for most vehicles registered for

on-highway use. Registration and CHP fees are used by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and CHP to offset costs. Commercial Vehicle Registration Act (CVRA) and/or weight fees may be due for commercial vehicles.

Information is provided for estimation of fees only. For specific fees, see the [Fee Calculator](#).

For special license plate fees, see the [Special License Plate Fees \(FFVR 11\) Fast Facts](#) and for weight fees, see the [Registering Commercial Vehicle and PTI Trailers \(FFVR 27\) Fast Facts](#) brochures.

## County/District Fees (\$1–\$19 each)

DMV collects money for the following special programs on behalf of participating local counties/districts:

- **SAFE (\$1–\$3).** Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies fees are used to install/maintain freeway emergency call boxes.
- **Air quality (\$2–\$19).** Fees are set by each air quality management district and used to reduce air pollution, plan, monitor, enforce, and conduct studies.
- **Auto theft deterrence/DUI (\$1–\$6).** Provides theft prevention education and enforcement of antitheft and driving under the influence (DUI) programs.
- **Abandoned vehicle abatement (\$1–\$3).** Removes and disposes of abandoned vehicles.
- **Fingerprint ID (\$1–\$6).** Funds local fingerprint identification (ID) programs.
- **County transportation project fee (CTPF) (\$10).** Funds transportation projects/programs.

## Transportation Improvement Fee (TIF) (RTC §§11050, 11051, and 11052)

TIF fees are used to repair infrastructure and provide road maintenance. TIF fees affect original vehicle registration (VR), transfers, and renewals.

Vehicle Value	VR Fee Increase
0-\$4,999	\$28
\$5,000-\$24,999	\$56
\$25,000-\$34,999	\$112
\$35,000-\$59,999	\$168
\$60,000 and higher	\$196

Historical Vehicle/Horseless Carriage License Plates (VC §5004) VLF is \$2.

**CHP Fees (VC §§9250.8, 9250.13, 9552-9554)**

CHP	\$29
CHP CVRA (\$29 CVRA law enforcement/\$18 CHP CVRA)	\$47
Late penalties for <b>original</b> :	
—One year or less	\$30
—More than one year to (and including) two years	\$50
—More than two years	\$100
Late penalties for <b>renewal</b> :	
—1 to 10 days	\$10
—11 to 30 days	\$15
—31 days to (and including) one year	\$30
—More than one year to (and including) two years	\$50
—More than two years	\$100

**Information Request Fees (VC §1811)**

Electronic requests by license, ID, or CF number	\$2
Manual requests (walk-in, mail-in, telephone inquiries)	\$5
History fee (per year):	
—Automated	\$5
—Nonautomated	\$20
—Photocopy	\$20

**Miscellaneous Registration and Service Fees**

Alternative Fuel/Technology Registration	\$3
Alternative Fuel/Technology Smog	\$8
CTIP (VC §9400.1)	\$3
Clean air vehicle sticker (original/replacement) (VC §§5205.5, 21655.9)	\$22
County (VC §§9250.2, 9250.7, 9250.10–9850.17)	Varies by county
CVRA motor vehicle (VC §9400.1)	\$122
CVRA weight/year stickers (original/replacement) (VC §9400.1)	\$3
Dishonored check (GC §6157)	\$30
Replacement/(VC §9265):	
—Title	\$23
—License plates	\$23
—Registration card	\$23
—Sticker	\$23
Engine change (VC §9267)	\$2
Historical vessel plaque (VC §9853.5)	\$20
Investigation service (VC §9263)	\$15
Lien sale authorization (CC §3071)	\$5
Motorcycle cross index (original) (VC §9268)	\$1
Motorcycle safety (original/renewal) (VC §2935)	\$2

Nonresident service (original from out-of-state) (VC §9252)	\$23
Nonresident reregistration (same registration year) (VC §9252)	\$23
Nonrepairable vehicle certificate (original/replacement) (VC §11515.2)	\$23
Ownership responsibility citation (VC §40002.1)	\$7
Partial year registration (VC §9702)	\$23
Photocopy of record (VC §§1810–1811)	\$20
Planned nonoperation (all vehicles/OHV) (VC §4604)	\$23
Prejudgment attachment filing or certificate (CCP §§488.385(b)(c))	\$23
Prior history (brands certificates prior junk, salvage, taxi, etc.) (VC §9255.1)	\$2
Privately owned school bus (PSD) registration/licensing education related	\$23
Reflectorized license plate (VC §4850)	\$1
Repossession (VC §9255)	\$15
Return nonresident license plates (VC §4302)	\$1
<b>Road improvement fee (RIF) (VC §9250.6(b))</b>	<b>\$102</b>
Salvage certificate (original/replacement) (VC §§9265, 11515)	\$23
Smog abatement (HSC §44060(d)(1))	\$20
Smog transfer (VC §4000.1)	\$8
Rush title (VC §9270)	\$15
Title only (VC §9254)	\$23
Transfer (VC §9255)	\$15
—Penalty (VC §9553.7)	\$15
Transfer on death beneficiary designation (VC §§4150.7, 9852.7)	\$10
Total loss salvage/dismantled vehicle inspection (VC §9255.2)	\$50
Total loss vehicle partial VLF refund service (RTC §10902)	\$23
Vehicle seized/sold to satisfy DMV lien	up to \$250
Weight fee credit service (VC §9408)	\$2
Zero emissions vehicle parking sticker (VC §22511)	\$17
<b>Moped Fees (VC §5036)</b>	
Replacement ID card (VC §9265)	\$23
Original moped	\$23
Substitute plate	\$23
Transfer	\$23
<b>OHV Fees (VC §§38225-38225.5, 38230, 38246, 38250, 38255, 38260, 38265)</b>	
Replacement certificate	\$23
Original/Renewal OHV (\$54 total)	
Registration	\$33
CHP	\$10
Service	\$7
License	\$4
Penalties (\$27 total):	
Registration	\$17
CHP	\$4

Service	\$4
License	\$2
Replacement plate and/or sticker	\$23
Repossession	\$10
—Penalty	\$10
Transfer	\$23
—Penalty	\$23
<b>Penalties (Registration, VLF, Weight)</b>	
Late registration penalties for <b>original</b> :	
—One year or less	\$30
—More than one year to (and including) two years	\$50
—More than two years	\$100
Late VLF/weight penalties for <b>original</b> :	
—One year or less	40%
—More than one year to (and including) two years	80%
—More than two years	160%
Late registration penalties for <b>renewal</b> :	
—1 to 10 days	\$10
—11 to 30 days	\$15
—31 days to (and including) one year	\$30
—More than one year to (and including) two years	\$50
—More than two years	\$100
Late VLF/weight penalties for <b>renewal</b> :	
—1 to 10 days	10%
—11 to 30 days	20%
—31 days to (and including) one year	60%
—More than one year to (and including) two years	80%
—More than two years	160%
<b>Permit Fees</b>	
California Fuel Tax Trip Permit (BOE 123)	\$30
Foreign Resident In-transit Permit (VC §6700.1, RTC §6366.2)	\$60
Unladen Weight Permit (REG 4030)	\$30
Motorcycle Transportation Permit (REG 712) (VC §38232)	\$23
Nonresident Commercial Vehicle Trip Permit (REG 41)	\$45
Nonresident Daily Commuter Permit (REG 150) (VC §§6700.25, 6700.3)	\$23
One Trip Permit (REG 402) (VC §9258)	\$23
Temporary Operating Permit	\$50
<b>PTI Fees</b>	
Original/conversion (VC §5014)	\$20
Replacement ID card (VC §5014)	\$7
Replacement title (if paper title issued) (VC §9265)	\$23
Electronic lien and title (ELT) record (VC §9254)	\$23

Paper title (VC §9254)	\$23
Service (every five years) (VC §5014.1)	\$10
Replacement plate (VC §5014.1)	\$7
Transfer (VC §5014)	\$7
<b>Registration Fees (VC §9250.1)</b>	
Original registration/renewal	*\$65
*Includes the Alternative Fuel/Technology Fee (\$3)	
<b>SE Plate Fees (VC §§014 and 9261)</b>	
Original	\$28*
Renewal	\$28*
Replacement plate or ID card (VC §9265)	\$23
Transfer	\$28*
*Includes the Alternative Fuel/Technology SE (\$5)	
Truck tractor cotton module mover (VC §§36012, 36101):	
Original (\$118* total):	
Registration	*\$65
CHP	\$29
SE	\$24
Annual renewal (due in years SE renewal is <b>not</b> due-\$94* total):	
Registration	*\$65
CHP	\$29
SE renewal (due in 2015, 2020, etc.-\$118* total):	
Registration	*\$65
CHP	\$29
SE	\$24

\*Includes Alternative Fuel/Technology Registration Fee (\$3)

*Vessel Fees (CVC §§9851, 9852.7, 9853, 9853.5, 9855, 9860–9863, CHNC §675) Vessel/Quagga Quagga Exe*

Original (except nonresident)*		
—Sold in even year	\$37	\$29
—Sold in odd year	\$65	\$49
Penalty		
—Sold in even year	\$10	\$10
—Sold in odd year	\$25	\$25
Nonresident*		
—Sold or due in even year	\$65	\$57
—Sold or due in odd year	\$93	\$77
Penalty		
—Sold or due in even year	\$24	\$24
—Sold or due in odd year	\$39	\$39
Renewal		
Biennial renewal (due in odd years)	\$36	\$20
Penalty	\$10	\$10

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Transfer (except between dealers)	\$15	\$15
Penalty	\$8	\$8
Replacement (title or registration)	\$15	\$15
Repossession	\$15	\$15

\*Includes fees for original or nonresident vessel, renewal, alternative fuel/technology, and Quagga Mussel, if due.