

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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If you are looking for a new car, you may be interested in getting a better deal in another Member State. However, importing the car into your home country involves several administrative and logistical steps. For more information you should contact the relevant authority in your home country .

Using **transit plates** is one of the options available when exporting a car. Transit plates are temporary plates that allow you to drive the car to your home country.

You must obtain transit plates in the country where you bought the car. But where can you get transit plates? How much do they cost? How long does the application take? The ECC-Net has compiled this information in the overview below. The seller of the vehicle may also be able to give you advice.

Austria

Competent authority:

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

Price: € 203.40

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, Rue du Progrès 56
1210 Brussel
Tel: +32 2 277 31 11
Mail: help.div@mobilit.fgov.be

Price: € 75

Qualifying period: issued immediately (**only in Brussels**)

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

More information: mobilit.belgium.be

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

More information: mup.gov.hr

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:
Estonian Transport Administration
Valge 4, 11413 Tallinn
(no customer service at that address)
Mail: info@transpordiamet.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: € 50 export registration certificate + € 7,50 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: € 30-50 for the registration + € 15-25 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:

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

A' 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
kormanyhivatal.hu

Price: Price: +/- 27 € for on plate, +/- 43 € for two plates

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](http://TheAutomobileAssociationofIreland)
AA Resecue Operations Centre
Unit D Merrywell Business Park
Ballymounr Road Lower
Dublin 12
Mail: companymembership@theaa.ie

Validity: 1 month maximum
More information: revenue.ie

Italy

Competent authority:

[Motorizzazione Civile](http://MotorizzazioneCivile)
(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: € 30,73

motorcycle and trailers: € 19,58

Qualifying period: 1 hour in Riga, up to 30 days elsewhere

Validity: 30 days (30 days extension is possible)

Lithuania

Competent authority:

[REGITRA](#)

Liepkalnio street 97
02121 Vilnius

Price: € 9,26 for two plates + administration fees

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: € 12,00

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 14 days

Norway

Competent authority:

[TOLL Customs](#)

Schweigaards gate 15
0191 Oslo

Price: 380 NOK (+/- € 33) /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 transit 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 for two plates
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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