
Registering an Out-of-Province Vehicle in Alberta

If you're bringing a vehicle into Alberta from another province or country, it usually needs to pass an out-of-province vehicle inspection before you can get Alberta licence plates.

Inspection Exemptions

You may be eligible for an exemption if your vehicle is not listed as flood-damaged, unsafe, salvage, or non-repairable, and meets one of the following conditions:

1. New Vehicles from Another Canadian Province or Territory

- The vehicle must be purchased or leased within the last 90 days from a factory-authorized dealer.
- The bill of sale or lease agreement must be in your name.

2. New Vehicles from Outside Canada

- The vehicle must be purchased or leased within the last 90 days from a factory-authorized dealer.
- The bill of sale or lease agreement must be in your name.
- You must have completed the Registrar of Imported Vehicles (RIV) inspection and have Transport Canada's Form 1 stamped twice.

3. Commercial Vehicles from Another Canadian Province or Territory

- You must have a valid commercial vehicle inspection certificate issued within the last 90 days.

4. New West Partnership - Vehicles from British Columbia (BC), Saskatchewan (SK), or Manitoba (MB)

Option A: Vehicle is newer than 4 Years - "4 years" means the current model year plus the previous 3 years. (e.g. In 2025, vehicles from 2022 to 2025 qualify).

Option B: Vehicle is older than 4 years but has passed a BC, SK, or MB government mechanical inspection within the past 90 days.

NOTE - Only private passenger vehicles qualify. Commercial or organizational vehicles do not qualify.

Important Notes

- Vehicles that **cannot be exempt** include:
 - Salvage
 - Non-repairable
 - Unsafe
 - Rebuilt
 - Right-hand drive
 - Custom/homebuilt
 - Kit cars
 - Lifted or lowered vehicles

Next Steps

If you meet the above criteria, bring your vehicle and the following documents to any Alberta registry agent:

- Acceptable identification
- Proof of insurance
- Bill of sale, vehicle inspection, previous vehicle registration and/or importation forms in the name of the person requesting the exemption