

FACT SHEET

Dual Registration

OVERVIEW

Dual registration is a vehicle registration program designed to aid customers who are performing intrastate movement or are regularly carrying out business in Pennsylvania. Dual registration is available for any vehicle that weighs 26,000 lbs. or less or has fewer than three axles. This program is also designed to aid customers from Alaska and Canadian Provinces other than Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan, who will be operating a vehicle in Pennsylvania, regardless of the size of the vehicle or its number of axles.

Any vehicle over 26,000 lbs. that has three or more axles and is from any jurisdiction outside of Pennsylvania, including Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan, is required to display an International Registration Plan (IRP) registration before entering Pennsylvania unless the vehicle is exempted under the IRP, has a trip permit or is dual registered.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DUAL REGISTRATION

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

1. A signed, dated and notarized application for certificate of title (Form MV-1).
2. A Vehicle Identification Number tracing including the vehicle weight ratings must be attached to Form MV-1. If a legible tracing cannot be secured, Form MV-1 must be signed and certified by an inspection mechanic or a notary public who is a full agent or is employed by a Pennsylvania dealer. List the number of axles on the vehicle and axles in combination, sum of Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR), requested gross weight and unladen weight. The words "dual registration" must appear in the lien section of the form. If the vehicle is a truck, an inspection mechanic must verify the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and/or Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) on [Form MV-41](#).
3. A photocopy of the out-of-state title in the applicant's name (since the registrant will not receive a Pennsylvania title, the out-of-state title may still be maintained).
4. A photocopy of insurance card or temporary insurance binder. This form must be submitted in order to prove the applicant is presently maintaining financial responsibility/insurance.
5. The current title fee. For a listing of current motor vehicle fees, please refer to [Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees,"](#) found on our website at www.pa.gov/dmv.
6. Proof of payment of sales tax. Pennsylvania charges sales tax at the rate of 6% of the purchase price (7% for residents of Allegheny County. City of Philadelphia residents pay an 8% sales tax rate for vehicles purchased on or after October 8, 2009.) Credit will be granted for state sales tax legally paid to another state provided such state grants similar tax credit to Pennsylvania. In instances where credit is allowed, the difference between the actual tax paid and Pennsylvania's tax due will be charged. This amount must be indicated on Form MV-1. **NOTE:** If the vehicle has been owned for over six months, Pennsylvania's tax rate is 6% of the fair market value of the vehicle.
7. Exemption from Pennsylvania Sales Tax is possible, provided a valid Pennsylvania Department of Revenue sales tax exemption number is listed on Form MV-1 or Form MV-4ST.
8. Internal Revenue Service Form 2290, Schedule 1, Proof of Payment for the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT). This form is needed for a vehicle with a taxable gross weight or combination weight of at least 55,000 lbs.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Because PennDOT cannot issue the registration credentials until the paperwork is processed, the following procedures should be followed:

1. If carriers have access to Pennsylvania tag agents, we recommend completing all necessary applications for Pennsylvania registration in their offices. To obtain authorization to issue a registration plate, the agent **must** call the Commercial Registration Section at (717) 787-4309.
2. If carriers do not have access to Pennsylvania tag agents, call the Commercial Registration Section at (717) 787-4309 and request that the necessary vehicle registration applications be mailed to you.
3. The completed applicable forms listed on the reverse should be mailed to: Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Commercial Registration Section, P.O. Box 68289, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8289.

NOTE: The pink copy of Form MV-1 is valid for only 90 days from the date of issue or until the vehicle's credentials are received, whichever comes first.

To obtain further information, write to the above address or call (717) 787-4309.

PENALTY

The fine for operating a vehicle in Pennsylvania without the proper registration is double the Pennsylvania registration fee.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

INSPECTIONS

Vehicles bearing current registration plates issued by the commonwealth shall not be moved on a highway unless the vehicle displays a currently valid certificate of inspection issued by an official Pennsylvania Inspection Station.

OPERATING AUTHORITY

For information regarding intrastate operating authority in Pennsylvania, contact the Public Utility Commission, North Office Building, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265 or call (717) 787-3834.

REGISTRATION FEES

For a listing of current registration fees, please refer to [Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees."](#) found on our website at www.pa.gov/dmv.

Please Note: Authorized agents are under contract to PennDOT and may charge a market driven service (delivery) fee; these are in addition to any PennDOT statutory fees for temporary, or in some cases, permanent motor vehicle registration plates and cards or other related products and services offered by the agent. The agent's service (delivery) fees are market driven, and vary by agent. To compare service (delivery) fees, you are encouraged to contact the authorized agents in your area for the applicable service (delivery) fees charged.