

How To Register or Transfer Vehicle Ownership in Mauritius

If you are buying a new, imported, or second-hand vehicle in Mauritius, there are a few official steps to follow before it is legally in your name. The process can look daunting, but here is the gist of it.

Registering a vehicle

If you are buying from a dealership, the process is usually taken care of for you and you will simply be handed the registration book (Horse Power) once everything is finalised.

If you are handling it yourself, you will first need to take the vehicle to a Vehicle Examination Station to obtain a Particulars of Motor Vehicle Form. The deed of sale then has to be registered at the Registrar General's Department before you can head to the NTA with all the documents, including proof of payment, valid insurance, and for imports the Bill of Entry. Once the registration fee is settled, which is Rs 400 for cars and trailers, Rs 300 for motorcycles, or Rs 2,000 for autocycles, the vehicle will officially be in your name and you will be issued a registration book.

Transferring ownership

In most cases, dealerships will also take care of the transfer of ownership when you purchase a vehicle from them. However, if you are buying privately, the responsibility falls on you and the seller to complete the process. The seller must provide the registration book, and a deed of sale. The deed of sale then has to be registered at the Registrar General's Department within 15 days. Once this is done, the buyer needs to ensure their insurance is issued in their name before going to the NTA with the documents. The transfer is finalised once the fee is paid, which is Rs 100 for an autocycle, Rs 200 for a motorcycle, or Rs 300 for other vehicles.

Note: *Since September 13, 2024, it's no longer required for individual vehicle sales due to online registry reforms via www.eregistry.govmu.org*

Transfers from auctions, lease agreements, or inheritance follow the same principles, although they may require additional paperwork such as Customs clearance, lien authorisations, or letters from finance companies.

Other situations to know about

- If you would like a specific number plate, you can reserve one at the NTA for around Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000.
- Vehicles off the road for more than a year must be re-registered, which includes another inspection.
- A removal permit (Rs 300 per day) allows you to move an unlicensed vehicle for repairs or inspection.
- Lost registration books, address changes, colour or engine updates, and adding or removing a lien all have their own simple NTA procedures.

This is just a summary to make things easier to digest. For the full, detailed list of requirements and the most up-to-date information, check the National Land Transport Authority's official guide here: <https://nlta.govmu.org/Pages/Procedures/Registration.aspx>

Whether you buy from a dealer or a private seller, the steps are straightforward once you know what to expect. On AutoCloud.mu you will find many options, with verified listings and clear details to help you make the right choice. Our goal is to make the journey from browsing to ownership as easy and stress-free as possible.

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