

Mason Treat Act, Effective September 1, 2024

Motor Vehicle Pre-Registration, Frequently Asked Questions

*** The pre-registration process does not apply to vehicles purchased before September 1, 2024*

I just purchased a vehicle that I intend to register with Cherokee Nation, do I have to pre-register my vehicle?

Yes, you should pre-register your vehicle with Service Oklahoma even though you plan to register your vehicle with the Cherokee Nation. Beginning September 1, 2024, the pre-registration process is required for all vehicles purchased in the state of Oklahoma.

I just purchased a vehicle from a dealership in Oklahoma, who initiates the pre-registration process with Service Oklahoma?

The Dealership you purchased your vehicle from will initiate the pre-registration process at the time of purchase.

I just purchased a vehicle from a private seller in Oklahoma, who initiates the pre-registration process with Service Oklahoma?

Either you, the buyer, or the seller can initiate the pre-registration process.

I just purchased a vehicle out of state, do I have to complete the pre-registration process?

No, but you should carry a bill of sale in the vehicle until the vehicle is fully registered. A bill of sale can be found in the downloadable forms section.

How long do I have to complete the pre-registration process?

You have two days from the date of sale to pre-register a vehicle.

How do I pre-register my vehicle?

You can pre-register online at service.ok.gov, in person at an Oklahoma tag agency office, or in person at Service Oklahoma Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

What will happen when I pre-register?

If you pre-register online, you will receive a temporary paper tag to download via email. After online registration is complete, a metal license plate and two pre-registration decals will be automatically mailed to you with further instructions.

If you pre-register in person, you will receive a metal license plate with pre-registration decals attached to it.

Will my Cherokee Nation license plate transfer to my new vehicle?

No, Cherokee Nation license plates do not transfer between vehicles.

How long can I drive with a temporary paper tag?

A temporary paper tag must be affixed to your vehicle within 5 days of the date of sale and may be used for up to 10 days.

I received my temporary metal license plate in the mail, what should I do now?

You must replace your temporary paper tag with the metal license plate and decals within 10 days of the date of sale.

After I pre-register, how long do I have to fully register my vehicle with the Cherokee Nation?

A vehicle must be fully registered with the Cherokee Nation within 30 days of the date of sale. After 30 days, a penalty of .25 cents per day will apply.

Is there a pre-registration fee?

There are no fees associated with pre-registration.