

## How to Obtain a Georgia Certificate of Title for a Vehicle Originating From a Foreign Country

To apply for a Georgia certificate of title for a vehicle originating from a foreign country, the following documents and fees must be submitted to the tag office in the county in Georgia where the owner resides:

### FOR A NEW VEHICLE

1. A [tag and/or title application, Form MV-1](#), completed in the vehicle owner(s)' full legal name(s). This completed application must be signed by the vehicle owner(s) individually. An individual's full legal name is his/her complete name as it appears on his/her valid driver's license or Georgia identification card. For individuals, please record either each owner's valid driver's license number and the name of the issuing state or his/her Georgia identification card number in the spaces provided.
2. The original valid manufacturer's certificate of origin\* issued by the vehicle's manufacturer properly assigned to the applicant(s) for Georgia title or the valid foreign registration certificate\* issued by the country where the vehicle was last registered in the current owner(s)' name(s). For the vehicle to be titled as a 'new' vehicle, the foreign registration certificate must be issued in the current owner(s)' name(s) as shown on the [tag and/or title application, Form MV-1](#).
3. If a foreign registration certificate is submitted in lieu of the manufacturer's certificate of origin, we must also have a [Certification of Inspection, Form T-22B](#), completed by a Georgia law enforcement officer or a county tag agent or his/her designated employee after making a visual inspection of the vehicle's serial plate.
4. If you moved into Georgia with a vehicle from a foreign country, the following fees are due: A check or money order for the \$18.00 title fee, Title Ad Valorem (TAVT), and any applicable penalty fees. Please Note: For new residents, at least 50% of TAVT is due upon application for title, and the remainder is due within a year from the date of title application. If you purchased a vehicle from a foreign country, the following fees are due: A check or money order for the \$18.00 title fee, TAVT, and any applicable penalty fees.

Note: If the title is not applied for within thirty (30) days of the date of the D.O.T. certification, applicable penalty fees must be included in your payment.

### FOR A USED VEHICLE

1. A completed [tag and/or title application, Form MV-1](#). This application must be typed, electronically completed and printed or legibly hand printed in blue or black ink in the vehicle owner(s)' full legal name(s). This application must be signed by the applicant(s) individually. An individual's full legal name is his/her complete name as it appears on his/her valid driver's license or Georgia identification card. For individuals, record each owner's valid driver's license number and the name of the issuing state/country or his/her Georgia identification card number in the spaces provided.
2. The valid registration certificate\* issued by the country where the vehicle was last registered.
3. Bill(s) of sale\* from the registered owner(s) up through the applicant(s) for Georgia title must be submitted showing a complete and correct chain of ownership. Invoices are not acceptable. These bill(s) of sale must show a complete description of the vehicle, e.g. year, make and vehicle identification number, and be signed by the seller(s).

4. A [Certification of Inspection, Form T-22B](#), completed by a Georgia law enforcement officer or a county tag agent or his/her designated employee after making a visual inspection of the vehicle's serial plate.
5. All liens and security interests shown on the supporting documents must either be shown on the [tag and/or title application, Form MV-1](#), or a properly executed [lien or security interest release form](#) submitted.
6. If you moved into Georgia with a vehicle from a foreign country, the following fees are due: A check or money order for the \$18.00 title fee, Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT), and any applicable penalty fees. Please Note: For new residents, at least 50% of TAVT is due upon application for title, and the remainder is due within a year from the date of title application. If you purchased a vehicle from a foreign country, the following fees are due: A check or money order for the \$18.00 title fee, TAVT, and any applicable penalty fees.
7. Proof that the vehicle complies with all Federal safety standards must be submitted from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. A letter from the converter who did the work on the vehicle is not acceptable.

Note: If the title is not applied for within thirty (30) days of the purchase date, applicable penalty fees must be included in your payment.

#### \*IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If the document is in a foreign language, it must be accompanied by the following document(s):

1. An English translation of the foreign document must be provided.
2. A statement from the applicant for Georgia certificate of title must be submitted certifying that the information contained on the documents submitted for Georgia certificate of title is true and correct.

For additional information, please contact our telephone inquiry unit at: 1-855-406-5221.

If you are unable to obtain these documents, the only way a Georgia certificate of title can be obtained is on the basis of a surety bond. **Please note:** Applications for title supported by a surety bond must also be accompanied by the certification from the U.S. Department of Transportation. For information regarding securing a Georgia certificate of title on the basis of a surety bond, please visit our website, <http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/forms/motor.aspx>, or contact our telephone inquiry unit at: 1-855-406-5221 and press option 4 on your phone - this will direct you to our Surety Bond Section.

**Important:** No Georgia title will be issued from a foreign document or surety bond if the vehicle is not required to be titled in Georgia (e.g. 1985 and older year models, etc).