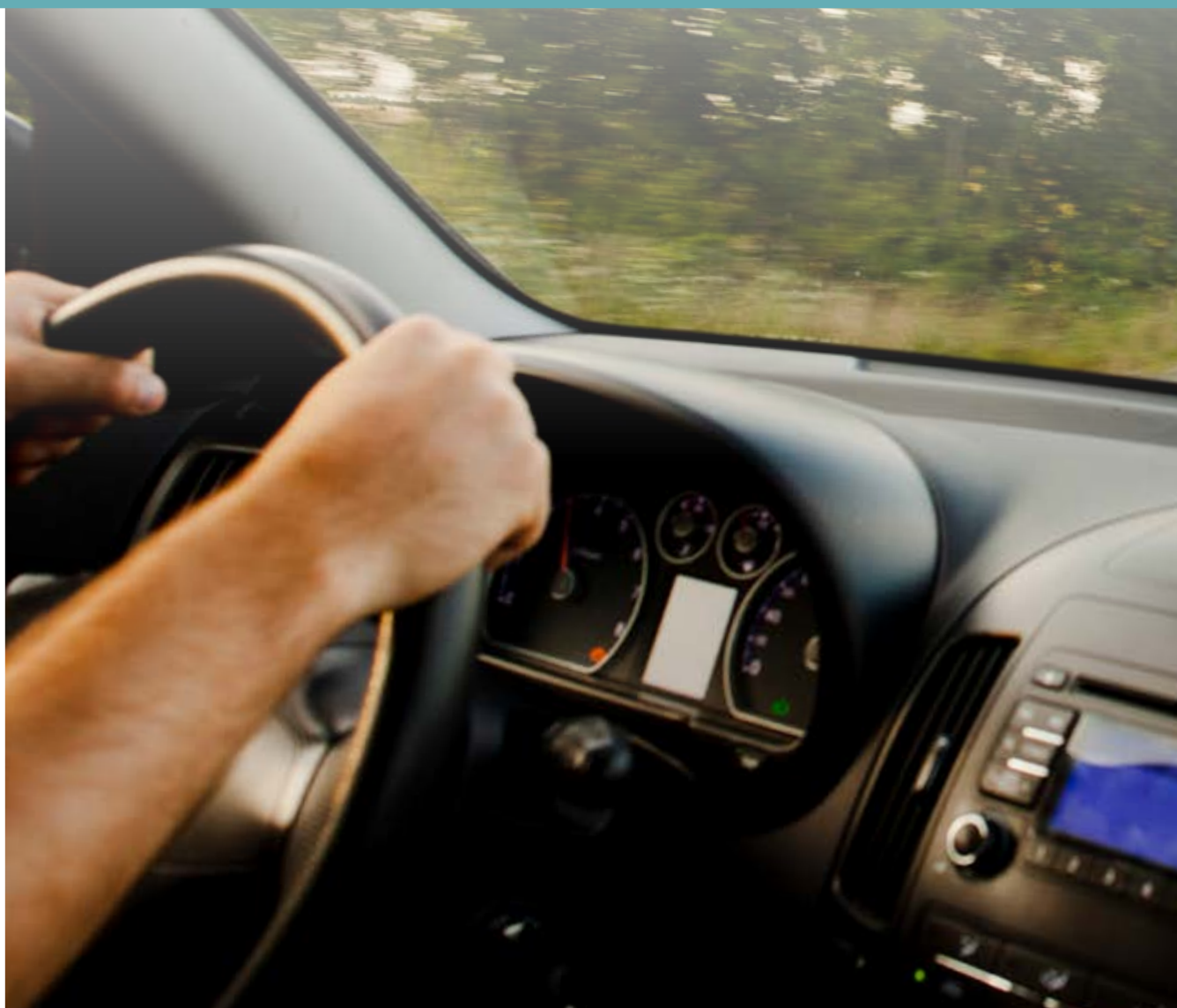


# BUYING A CAR IN ANOTHER EU MEMBER STATE, NORWAY OR ICELAND

Where can you obtain transit plates and how much do they cost?



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When shopping for a new car, you may be interested in looking at available options in other member states for a better deal. Importing the car to your home country however involves several administrative and logistic stages. For more information, you should contact the competent authority in your home country.

The use of **transit plates** is one of the options available to export a car. Transit plates are temporary number plates that will enable you to drive the car to your home country.

You have to obtain transit plates in the country where you bought the vehicle. But where can you obtain transit plates? How much do they cost? How long does the application procedure take? The ECC-Net has gathered this information in the overview below. The seller of the vehicle may also be in a position to offer advice.

## Austria

### Competent authority:

Zulassungsstelle  
([multiple registration offices all over the country](#))

Price: € 189.70

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 3-21 days

## Bulgaria

### Competent authority:

Regional Office of Traffic Police Directorate (in collaboration with the [Ministry of the Interior](#))  
Tel: +359 2 9824901 (Regional office)  
Tel: +359 2 9825000 (Ministry of the Interior)

Price: 40 BGN (+/- € 21)

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 30 days

## Belgium

### Competent authority:

[DIV](#)  
City Atrium Vooruitgangstraat 60  
1210 Brussel  
Tel: +32 2 277 30 50  
Mail: [help.div@mobiliteit.fgov.be](mailto:help.div@mobiliteit.fgov.be)

Price: € 30

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: minimum 2 weeks and up to 3 months (up to 6 months for Belgian citizens residing in another EU-Member State)

## Croatia

### Competent authority:

Ministry of the Interior  
Ulica grada Vukovara 33  
10 000 Zagreb  
Tel: + 385 1 6122 111  
Mail: [pitanja@mup.hr](mailto:pitanja@mup.hr)  
Mail: [policija@mup.hr](mailto:policija@mup.hr)

Price: 188 kuna (+/- € 25) +1000 kuna (+/- € 130) deposit, refundable after restitution of the plates

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 30 days maximum

## Cyprus

Transit plates are not available in Cyprus.

## Czech Republic

**Competent authority:**  
District Municipality Authorities

**Price:** 800 CZEK (+/- € 32)  
**Qualifying period:** issued immediately  
**Validity:** 3 months maximum

## Denmark

**Competent authority:**  
SKAT  
*Tel:* +45 72 22 27 96

**Price:** +/- € 14 /day  
**Qualifying period:** Issued at least 14 days before use. Issued immediately in toll offices or online with delivery 3-4 working days  
**Validity:** 7 days maximum. Only for the specific purpose

## Estonia

**Competent authority:**  
Maanteeamet  
Pärnu mnt 463a 10916 Tallinn  
*Mail:* [info@mnt.ee](mailto:info@mnt.ee)

**Price:** € 57,52  
**Qualifying period:** issued immediately  
**Validity:** 30 days

## Finland

**Competent authority:**  
Trafi  
Kumpulantie 9  
00520 Helsinki  
*Tel:* +358 29 534 5000  
*Fax:* +358 29 534 5095  
*Mail:* [kirjaamo@trafi.fi](mailto:kirjaamo@trafi.fi)

**Price:** € 45 export registration certificate + € 6,50 per plate  
**Qualifying period:** 14 days  
**Validity:**

- 1 year if the vehicle has not been registered previously
- 1 day up to 30 days if the vehicle has been registered previously, depending on the destination country
- The plates can be sent to you if you have an address in Finland. If not, they can be picked up from the offices in Helsinki and Rovaniemi

## France

**Competent authority:**  
Professionals having access to the SIV (find them [here](#))

**Price:** € 44 for the WW certificate, trader may request further costs  
**Qualifying period:** issued immediately  
**Validity:** 4 months

## Germany

**Competent authority:**  
Kfz-Zulassungsstellen

**Price:** € 30-35 for the registration + € 10-15 for the plates, depending on the registration period  
**Qualifying period:** issued immediately  
**Validity:** 14 days up to 1 year  
**Remark:** Only Transit plates with a red band (Ausfuhrkennzeichen) are allowed

## Greece

### Competent authority:

A' Τελωνείο Εισαγωγής ΕΦΚ & Εφοδίων  
Πειραιά  
Περιοχή Λούκου  
18510 Πειραιάς  
Tel: 210 4615064  
Mail: [syzefxis@1974.syzefxis.gov.gr](mailto:syzefxis@1974.syzefxis.gov.gr)  
Mail: [syzefxis@1983.syzefxis.gov.gr](mailto:syzefxis@1983.syzefxis.gov.gr)

A' Τελωνείο Εισαγωγών Εξαγωγών Θεσ/κης  
Λιμάνι Θεσ/κης  
54110 Θεσ/κη  
Tel: 2313334343  
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Mail: [syzefxis.2104@n3.syzefxis.gov.gr](mailto:syzefxis.2104@n3.syzefxis.gov.gr)

Τελωνείο Πατρών  
Ιερόθεου Αρχιεπισκόπου 2  
26222 Πάτρα  
Tel: 2613621728 2613312414  
Mail: [syzefxis@2702.syzefxis.gov.gr](mailto:syzefxis@2702.syzefxis.gov.gr)

Τελωνείο Ηρακλείου  
Προβλήτα IV Νέου Λιμανιού  
71110 Ηράκλειο  
Tel: 2813411613 2813411681  
Mail: [syzefxis@2519.syzefxis.gov.gr](mailto:syzefxis@2519.syzefxis.gov.gr)

Price: varies according to the year of the vehicle construction and the vehicle's size  
Qualifying period: issued immediately  
Validity: 30 days

## Hungary

### Competent authority:

Any document office of the district offices of the Government  
<https://jarasinfo.gov.hu>

Price: issued immediately, but not later than 21 days  
Qualifying period: issued immediately  
Validity: 30 days

## Iceland

Transit plates are not available in Iceland. The sellers' plates may be used provided all documents and proof of purchase can be submitted.

## Ireland

### Competent authority:

The Automobile Association of Ireland  
Unit 6 Carriglea Industrial Estate Naas Road  
Dublin 12

Price: € 10  
Qualifying period: 10 days maximum  
Validity: 1 month maximum

## Italy

### Competent authority:

Motorizzazione Civile  
(provincial offices)

Price: € 26,20  
Qualifying period: Issued promptly, varies depending on the office  
Validity: 60 days maximum, depending on the destination country

## Latvia

### Competent authority:

CSDD (Road Traffic Safety Directorate)  
Miera iela 25  
Rīga, Latvija, LV – 1001  
Tel: +371 67025777  
Mail: [office@csdd.gov.lv](mailto:office@csdd.gov.lv)

Price:  
Cars: € 35,91  
Moped, motorcycle and trailers: € 22,81  
Qualifying period: 1 hour in Riga, up to 30 days elsewhere  
Validity: 30 days (a 5 day extension is possible)

## Lithuania

Competent authority:

REGITRA

Liepkalnio street 97  
02121 Vilnius

Price: 39 LTL (+/- € 11,30)  
+ 21 LTL (+/- € 6,08) technical inspection cost  
for vehicles registered before 2006

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 90 days

## Luxembourg

Competent authority:

Société Nationale de Circulation

Automobile (SNCA)

bp 23  
L-5201 Sandweiler  
Luxembourg  
Tel: 26 626 400

Price: € 173,20 (including a € 100 deposit,  
refundable after restitution of the plates)

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 3 months (current month + 2 months)

## Malta

Transit plates are not available in Malta.

## The Netherlands

Competent authority:

Rijksdienst voor Wegverkeer (RDW)

Tel: +31 598 39 33 30

Price: Registration transiton € 9,98 (+ costs  
for inspection)

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 14 days

## Norway

Competent authority:

TOLL Customs

Schweigaards gate 15  
0191 Oslo

Price: 250 NOK (+/- € 30) /day

Qualifying period: 1 day

Validity: 3 weeks

## Poland

Competent authority:

Department of transportation of local governor's  
office (starostwo powiatowe). In bigger cities  
this department is often located in the city  
office (urząd miasta) or - as in Warsaw - in the  
district office (urząd dzielnicy)

Price: 112 PLN (approx. € 26)

Qualifying period: issued immediately

Validity: 30 days

Please note that you must be the owner of the  
vehicle to obtain the temporary license plates  
(proof of possession required). All documents  
have to be translated into Polish by a sworn  
translator

## Portugal

Currently, Portugal only issues provisional plates  
for test or experimental vehicles. No more tran-  
sit plates.

Vehicles with transit plates issued in another  
EU country are recognized in Portugal. The car  
may only be driven during the validity period  
of the transit plate in Portugal.

The owner should ask each customs office  
(Alfândega) for a guia that can be presented to  
the traffic police or the tax authorities.

Competent authority:

Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira

Local custom offices addresses

## Romania

**Competent authority:**  
[Directia Regim Permise de Conducere si Inmatriculare a Vehiculelor](#)

**Price:** 40 Lei (€ 19) for the plates  
+ 21 Lei (€ 11) for the temporary circulation authorisation

**Qualifying period:** 20 days maximum  
**Validity:** 30 days

## Spain

**Competent authority:**  
[Dirección General de Tráfico \(DGT\)](#)  
C. Josefa Valcárcel  
28. CP 28071,  
Madrid, Spain

**Price:** € 20  
**Qualifying period:** normally issued immediately  
**Validity:** 60 days

## Slovakia

**Competent authority:**  
[Okresný Dopravný Inšpektorát](#)  
(District Traffic Inspectorate)

**Price:** € 33 per plate  
**Qualifying period:** issued immediately  
**Validity:** 30 days from the date of deregistration of the vehicle in Slovakia

## Sweden

**Competent authority:**  
[Swedish Transport Agency](#)  
Transportstyrelsen, 701 81 Orebro  
Tel: + 46 771 503 503  
Mail: [kontakt@transportstyrelsen.se](mailto:kontakt@transportstyrelsen.se)

### Form and information

**Price:** Applying for a temporary registration is free of charge  
**Qualifying period:** 1-2 weeks  
**Validity:** 3, 6 or 12 months

## Slovenia

**Competent authority:**  
Several registration offices all over the country ([list](#))

**Price:** € 120-150  
**Qualifying period:** issued immediately  
**Validity:** 30 days maximum

## United Kingdom

Transit plates are not available in United Kingdom.

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