

Out of State License Plates

Registering a Vehicle & Address Change

General Information

Under South Carolina law, you are required to pay personal property taxes on your vehicle before you can obtain a license plate. Taxes must be paid annually thereafter in order to receive a new decal. Property tax is based on the retail value of the vehicle and the taxing district in which you reside. Vehicles are also taxed at different ratios, depending on ownership and weight. The ratios are as follows:

- Privately owned passenger vehicles: 6% of retail value
- Business owned vehicles: 10.5% of retail value
- Trucks with an empty weight over 9,000 lb. or a gross weight over 11,000 lb.: 10.5% of retail value (the weight used is provided by the manufacturer) including privately owned vehicles.

The retail value of your vehicle is determined by using guides provided by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

Registration

New residents to South Carolina have 45 days to pay their vehicle taxes and get their South Carolina license plate and registration. In South Carolina, taxes on your vehicle are paid a year in advance. In order to register a vehicle, we need one of the following:

- Bill of Sale
- Title
- Registration from previous State

WHY:

The Auditor's Office is responsible for listing and assessing personal property for ad valorem taxation. Assembles information on real and personal property ownership for the purpose of establishing a fair market value, computing the assessed value, and applying the applicable millage rate to produce revenue to be collected by the County Treasurer. This revenue pays for a variety of public services, including schools, law enforcement, libraries, and roads.

WHERE:

**YORK COUNTY TAX
OFFICE
1070 Heckle
Boulevard
Suite 101
Rock Hill, SC 29730**

WHO TO CONTACT AFTER:

Once you have your new SC license plate please contact your students school Power School Clerk to update the record.
Thank you!