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Cherokee Nation Citizens:

Please be advised that starting Sept. 1, 2024, there is a new law called [“The Mason Treat Act”](#) taking effect.

According to [the state](#), if you buy a car – from a dealership or private seller and live in Oklahoma—it requires you to pre-register when you purchase.

The pre-registration process applies to all vehicles purchased in the state of Oklahoma regardless of whether the vehicle will be fully registered in another state, jurisdiction or with a tribe.

This is a recent law and from what we understand the law requires you to fill out your name, address, phone number and make and model of the car, among other information.

You are issued paper tags and within 10 days a temporary metal tag.

As a Cherokee Nation tribal citizen, you can still choose to get your vehicle tagged *within 30 days* from the Cherokee Nation Tax Commission tag offices and showcase your proud heritage with a Cherokee Nation tag.

Please be aware that this new law and a temporary metal tag does not prevent you from getting a Cherokee Nation tag. This is just a new step in the state law.

We have prepared an FAQ on our [Cherokee Nation Tax Commission website](#) that addresses any questions you may have.

Again, we want to keep you updated of these changes and are here to continue tagging your vehicles at the Cherokee Nation.

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Mason Treat Act, Effective September 1, 2024

Motor Vehicle Pre-Registration Frequently Asked Questions

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?

While there is no fee for pre-registering a vehicle, standard mail fees apply. So, if you pre-register online or through a dealership and your license plate and decals are mailed to you, \$1.66 for the decals and \$6.15 for the license plate will be due with full registration. If you pre-register in person at an Oklahoma tag agency, standard mail fees will not apply.