

## **2025 Cherokee Nation Car Tag Compact FAQ**

### **Q: How is the 2025 compact different than what was in place until Dec. 31, 2024?**

A: The 2025 MVT Compact took the framework in place for two decades and both the Cherokee Nation and state of Oklahoma negotiated for a win-win for tribal citizens and Oklahomans alike.

### **Q: How long is this new agreement starting Jan. 1, 2025 in place?**

A: It is a 10-year agreement.

### **Q: Is this Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma car tag compact agreement a one-size-fits-all model?**

A: No, the new tag compact is unique to the Cherokee Nation and unlike any other model. Cherokee Nation and the state of Oklahoma have had a successful agreement in place for the past two decades. The new tag compact agreement has adopted much of that same framework that benefits both Cherokee Nation citizens and Oklahomans in the reservation and across the state. As in the past, the compact will benefit public schools, law enforcement agencies and counties with road projects.

### **Q: Can At-Large Cherokee Nation citizens get a Cherokee Nation car tag under this new agreement, and if so where?**

A: Yes. Cherokee Nation citizens who live outside the 7,000 square mile reservation will continue to have the option to purchase a Cherokee Nation tag or renew their existing registration by visiting a Cherokee Nation tag office. For new registrations on or after January 1, 2025, at-large citizens can purchase a Cherokee Nation tag at a Cherokee Nation tag office or state tag office. Under the new compact, the at-large model will have an increased remittance of funds that will be returned from the state to the Cherokee Nation to support our tag program.

### **Q: Will Cherokee Nation's car tag offices remain open to sell citizens Cherokee Nation car tags?**

A: Yes, all seven Cherokee Nation car tag office locations will continue serving Cherokee Nation citizens selling Cherokee Nation vehicle tags and renewals.

### **Q: Are Cherokee Nation car tags still discounted at a cheaper rate than the state of Oklahoma car tags.**

A: Yes, Cherokee Nation is a sovereign government and as such can set rates beneficial to all. Cherokee citizens who live in the reservation will continue to receive the same discounted rate for vehicle registrations. Cherokee Nation citizens who live outside of the reservation will still be able to purchase Cherokee Nation car tags and receive a rebate.

### **Q: Is Cherokee Nation still going to contribute millions of dollars annually to public schools, roads and law enforcement?**

A: Yes, Cherokee Nation will continue to earmark monies from the sale of Cherokee Nation vehicle tags toward public schools, roads and law enforcement as it has for the past two decades.

**Q: Does this mean the state will have my Cherokee Nation car tag data when I drive through the state toll system known as PlatePay?**

A: As part of the agreement Cherokee Nation will work with the State of Oklahoma and its new PlatePay system. Cherokee Nation citizens who don't have a PikePass will be billed under the PlatePay system. However, all previous outstanding balances as of November 30, 2024, will be waived.

**Q: Did the Cherokee Nation make a payment to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority as part of the new compact?**

A: As part of the agreement Cherokee Nation will make a PlatePay implementation payment to resolve over \$9 million dollars of outstanding tolls resulting from the State's bungled rollout of the new PlatePay system. The \$2 million dollar implementation payment will be paid over the first three years of the compact and all outstanding balances owed by individual Cherokee tag holders as of November 30, 2024, will be waived.

**Q: Will anything change in the new compact for the "expanded jurisdiction" which includes Tulsa County?**

A: There are some modifications for the five-county expanded jurisdiction. Under the new agreement, the five counties with some portions outside the reservation (Tulsa, Wagoner, Rogers, Muskogee, and Mayes counties) – known as the enhanced jurisdiction – will move from the in-reservation model to the at-large model. Over the next four years, all vehicles in this jurisdiction will be exempt from Oklahoma renewal requirements and can continue to register with the Cherokee Nation. Following this period, citizens in this expanded jurisdiction area will have the option to renew at a state tag office and receive a Cherokee tag, with a rebate available, or at a Cherokee Nation tag office on the reservation.

**Q: Under this new agreement is my car tag valid when I drive all across Oklahoma?**

A: Yes. Under the 10-year agreement a Cherokee Nation vehicle tag is recognized and valid anywhere in the United States with tag information uploaded and easily accessible to all law enforcement officers.