

Registering an Imported Vehicle if a Town Office Does Not Issue Registrations

If your local municipal office in Maine does not issue vehicle registrations, you should register your imported vehicle directly with the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) main office or a branch office. The BMV handles registrations in areas where municipalities do not provide this service.

Steps to Register an Imported Vehicle in Maine Without a Local Municipal Office:

- Gather all required documentation, including:
 - Proof of ownership (such as the foreign registration or out-of-state title)
 - Bill of sale
 - U.S. Customs import documents (such as CBP Form 7501, DOT Form HS-7, EPA Form 3520-1)
 - Proof of insurance
 - Completed Maine registration application
 - Proof of payment of excise tax (if not paid at the municipal level, this can usually be handled at the BMV)
 - Any required VIN inspection documentation
- Visit a Maine BMV branch office or the main office. Staff there are equipped to process registrations for imported vehicles, especially when municipal offices do not offer this service.
- Pay all applicable fees and taxes at the BMV office.
- The BMV will issue your registration, plates, and (if applicable) Maine title.

If you are unsure which BMV office to visit or have questions about the process, you can contact the Maine BMV directly for guidance. This approach ensures your imported vehicle is properly registered even if your town office does not provide registration services.

1. <https://www.jalopnik.com/here-s-how-you-register-an-imported-car-with-the-dmv-1687973917/>
2. https://www.helpspanish.cbp.gov/s/article/Article1176?language=en_US