

DMVQ PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

New Ohio Resident Checklist

Use this when moving to Akron or Summit County from another state.




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Why the title step comes first


An Ohio title is the legal record of ownership, and only a County Clerk of Courts title office can issue one, so your vehicle is titled there before the official DMV or BMV office can register it and issue plates. Any Ohio county's title office works.


BRING THESE

Bring for license and vehicle steps

-  **Out-of-state license**
Bring your unexpired out-of-state driver license if you have one.

-  **Identity documents**
Proof of identity, Social Security number, and two Ohio address proofs.

-  **Out-of-state title**
Vehicle title work is handled by the County Clerk of Courts, not the BMV.

-  **Vehicle and insurance**
Out-of-state VIN inspection, Ohio insurance, and payment for registration.

DECISION POINT

Do the vehicle steps in order

- 1. License at BMV**
Transfer your driver license or ID through the official agency.
- 2. Title at Clerk**
Title the vehicle through the County Clerk of Courts.
- 3. Plates at BMV**
Return to an official DMV or BMV office for registration and plates.

AT THE VISIT

Simple steps

- 1** Start with your Ohio license or ID.
- 2** Complete any needed VIN inspection.
- 3** Title the vehicle at the Clerk of Courts.
- 4** Register and plate the vehicle through the official agency.

Avoid a return trip

Do not try to register before titling.

Do not miss the 30-day Ohio resident window.

Bring two Ohio address proofs from different sources.

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OFFICIAL SOURCES

- | Ohio BMV new residents
- | Ohio BMV out-of-state title process

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