

## DMVQ PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

# Trailer, Farm & Motorcycle Registration Checklist

Use this before registering a trailer, farm truck, motorcycle, or moped at an official DMV or BMV office.








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**Title first if it's new to you**

A trailer over the weight threshold, a motorcycle, or a farm truck is titled at a County Clerk of Courts title office first, because Ohio issues registration only to the titled owner. Once it is titled, registration and plates happen at an official DMV or BMV office.

**BRING THESE****Bring to register your vehicle**

-  **Photo ID**  
Ohio driver license or state ID.
-  **Ohio title or registration**  
The vehicle's Ohio title, or current registration if renewing.
-  **Proof of Ohio insurance**  
Bring current insurance for the vehicle.
-  **Farm truck details**  
Unladen weight and any required proof of agricultural use, farm fees are weight-based.
-  **Payment**  
Registration fee, deputy registrar fee, and permissive tax for the term you choose.

**DECISION POINT****Pick your term before you arrive****Annual or multi-year**

Most of these vehicles can register 2 to 5 years at once, the same total cost paid up front, no refunds for unused time.

**Permanent (trailers only)**

Roughly eight years of fees up front for a system-assigned plate that never needs a sticker. Non-transferable.

**Renewing electronically**

Many renewals can be handled through official Ohio BMV online services. First-time registrations and permanent trailer plates are handled in person at an official DMV or BMV office.

**AT THE VISIT****Simple steps**

- 1** Title a newly acquired vehicle at the County Clerk of Courts first.
- 2** Choose your class and term, annual, multi-year, or permanent for trailers.
- 3** Bring your title or registration, ID, insurance, and payment.
- 4** Get your plate and sticker, or a 30-day window card while a permanent trailer plate is mailed.

**Avoid a return trip**

Do not confuse registering a motorcycle with being licensed to ride it, the endorsement is separate.

Do not expect a personalized permanent trailer plate, they are system-assigned only.

Do not count on refunds, multi-year registration is non-refundable for unused time.

For illustrative purposes only. This DMVQ guide is a plain-language planning aid. Requirements, fees, and eligibility are subject to change and may not reflect the most up to date information. Verify current requirements at [bmv.ohio.gov](http://bmv.ohio.gov) or call an official DMV or BMV office before visiting.

**OFFICIAL SOURCES**

- | Ohio BMV permanent trailer registration
- | Ohio BMV documents and fees

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