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# Information for Ukrainian motorists

**If you brought your Ukraine registered vehicle to Germany, please take note of the following information on (1) how to prove the required motor vehicle liability insurance and (2) how to register your vehicle, i.e. obtain German registration plates, within one year after entering the country.**

## **1. Motor vehicle liability insurance**

Motorists travelling on German roads need motor vehicle liability insurance. Driving without valid insurance cover is not allowed in Germany; doing so on public roads anyway, is an offence. What's more, motorists will be held liable for third-party damages they caused with their vehicle. Also, the uninsured vehicle can be seized by the authorities.

There are various ways to obtain and prove the required insurance cover for vehicles registered in Ukraine:

- With a green card issued by the Ukrainian motor vehicle liability insurance provider. It is currently possible to request a digital green card by the Ukrainian insurer from Germany. For further information, please visit [http://www.mtsbu.ua/ua/green\\_card/80365/](http://www.mtsbu.ua/ua/green_card/80365/).
- The green card guarantees motor vehicle liability insurance cover for the countries indicated on the card.
- With frontier insurance purchased at the EU border. This kind of insurance offers motor vehicle liability cover throughout the European Union and in other countries listed on the frontier insurance policy.
- With frontier insurance purchased in Germany. This kind of insurance also offers motor vehicle liability cover throughout the European Union and in other countries listed on the frontier insurance policy.

Drivers must carry the green card or a certificate of frontier insurance and show it or hand it over in case they are pulled over.

Within the framework of a voluntary initiative in response to the current humanitarian emergency, German motor vehicle liability insurance providers will cover damages caused by Ukrainian registered cars in Germany through 31 May 2022. However, the initiative will end on 1 June 2022. **Therefore, it is important that every Ukraine registered vehicle travelling on German roads be able to prove motor vehicle liability insurance cover according to the criteria set out above. From 1 June 2022 (at the latest), this includes passenger cars registered in Ukraine.**

For further information on obtaining frontier insurance in Germany, please visit <https://www.dieversicherer.de/versicherer/auto-reise/news/kfz-versicherung-fluechtlinge-ukraine-84714>

## 2. Vehicle registration

Motorists driving a car not registered in Germany on public roads have to register the vehicle in Germany within (at the latest) one year. That period of one year starts on the day of entry into Germany.

After the period of one year, driving in Germany without a German registration is not allowed. Driving a vehicle in Germany that is not registered in Germany but would in fact have to be registered in Germany (i.e. after – at the latest – more than one year) is an administrative offence punishable with a fine.

A vehicle needs to be registered before the period of one year is over if the holder declares that the regular location of the vehicle is in Germany.

A vehicle can be registered at the vehicle registration authorities of the respective Bundesland. The place of residence of the holder of the vehicle determines which registration authority has jurisdiction. To register a vehicle the holder of the vehicle must fill out an application and submit various documents, including proof of motor vehicle liability insurance and a personal identity document. On top of that, you may need an expert opinion regarding your vehicle issued by a so-called testing organisation, i.e. an officially recognised expert for motor traffic or a so-called technical service that meets certain requirements. For details about the required documents and the application process, please contact your relevant registration authority. Also, a registration fee applies.

Provided all the required documents are there, the registration process comprises three steps:

- Assignment of number plates
- Placing a stamped sticker on the number plates
- Issuance of a certificate of registration

For more information on registering your vehicle, please visit the websites of your relevant local authorities.