



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 3 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACT OF 1937

N.C.G.S. § 20-87.

Passenger vehicle registration fees.

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These fees shall be paid to the Division annually for the registration and licensing of passenger vehicles, according to the following classifications and schedules:

For-Hire Passenger Vehicles. - The fee for a for-hire passenger vehicle with a capacity of 15 passengers or less is one hundred twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$128.50). The fee for a for-hire passenger vehicle with a capacity of more than 15 passengers is two dollars and fifty-five cents (\$2.55) per hundred pounds of empty weight of the vehicle.

U-Drive-It Vehicles. - U-drive-it vehicles shall pay the following tax:

Motorcycles:1-passenger capacity \$29.50

2-passenger capacity 38.50

3-passenger capacity 43.75

Automobiles:15 or fewer passengers \$85.00

Buses:16 or more passengers \$3.35 per

hundred pounds of empty weight

Trucks under

7,000 pounds

that do not

haul products

for hire:

4,000 pounds\$69.50

5,000 pounds\$85.00

6,000 pounds\$102.75.

Repealed by Session Laws 1981, c. 976, s. 3.

Limousine Vehicles. - For-hire passenger vehicles on call or demand which do not solicit passengers indiscriminately for hire between points along streets or highways, shall be taxed at the same rate as for-hire passenger vehicles under G.S. 20-87(1) but shall be issued appropriate registration plates to distinguish such vehicles from taxicabs.

Private Passenger Vehicles. - There shall be paid to the Division annually, as of the first day of January, for the registration and licensing of private passenger vehicles, fees according to the following classifications and schedules:

Private passenger vehicles of not more than

fifteen passengers.....\$46.25

Private passenger vehicles over fifteen

passengers.....51.50

Provided, that a fee of only one dollar and fifty-five cents (\$1.55) shall be charged for any vehicle given by the federal government to any veteran on account of any disability suffered during war so long as such vehicle is owned by the original donee or other veteran entitled to receive such gift under Title 38, section 252, United States Code Annotated.

Private Motorcycles. - The base fee on private passenger motorcycles shall be twenty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$25.50); except that when a motorcycle is equipped with an additional form of device designed to transport persons or property, the base fee shall be thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$38.50). An additional fee of four dollars (\$4.00) is imposed on each private motorcycle registered under this subdivision in addition to the base fee. The revenue from the additional fee, in addition to any other funds appropriated for this purpose, shall be used to fund the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program created in G.S. 115D-72.

Dealer License Plates. - The fee for a dealer license plate is the regular fee for each of the first five plates issued to the same dealer and is one-half the regular fee for each additional dealer license plate issued to the same dealer. The "regular fee" is the fee set in subdivision (5) of this section for a private passenger motor vehicle of not more than 15 passengers.

Driveaway Companies. - Any person engaged in the business of driving new motor vehicles from the place of manufacture to the place of sale in this State for compensation shall pay a fee of one-half of the amount that would otherwise be payable under this section for each set of plates.

03	1943	c. 648	AMENDED
04	1945	c. 564, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1945	c. 576, s. 2	AMENDED
06	1947	c. 220, s. 3	AMENDED
07	1947	c. 1019, ss. 1-3	AMENDED
08	1949	c. 127	AMENDED
09	1951	c. 819, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
10	1953	c. 478	AMENDED
11	1953	c. 826, s. 4	AMENDED
12	1955	c. 1313, s. 2	AMENDED
13	1957	c. 1340, s. 3	AMENDED
14	1961	c. 1172, s. 1a	AMENDED
15	1965	c. 927	AMENDED
16	1967	c. 1136	AMENDED
17	1969	c. 600, ss. 3-11	AMENDED
18	1971	c. 952	AMENDED
19	1973	c. 107	AMENDED
20	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED
21	1981	c. 976, ss. 1-4	AMENDED
22	1981	1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1255	AMENDED
23	1983	c. 713, s. 61	AMENDED
24	1983	c. 761, ss. 142, 143, 145	AMENDED
25	1985	c. 454, s. 2	AMENDED
26	1987	c. 333	AMENDED
27	1989	c. 755, ss. 2, 4	AMENDED
28	1989	c. 770, ss. 74.2, 74.3	AMENDED
29	1989	1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 830, s. 1	AMENDED
30	1989	1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 1015, s. 2	AMENDED
31	1993	c. 320, s. 5	AMENDED
32	1993	c. 440, s. 7	AMENDED

33	1993	1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 756, s. 7	AMENDED
34	1999	S.L. 1999-438, s. 27	AMENDED
35	1999	S.L. 1999-452, s. 17	AMENDED
36	2001	S.L. 2001-356, s. 4	AMENDED
37	2001	S.L. 2001-414, s. 31	AMENDED
38	2002	S.L. 2002-72, s. 8	AMENDED
39	2004	S.L. 2004-167, s. 5	AMENDED
40	2004	S.L. 2004-199, s. 59	AMENDED
41	2005	S.L. 2005-276, s. 44.1(m)	AMENDED
42	2013	S.L. 2013-360, s. 34.21(a)	AMENDED
43	2015	S.L. 2015-237, s. 3	AMENDED
44	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 29.30(l)	AMENDED
45	2019	S.L. 2019-34, s. 2	AMENDED
46	2020	S.L. 2020-40, s. 2	AMENDED
47	2022	S.L. 2022-68, s. 11(c)	AMENDED
48	2023	S.L. 2023-134, s. 41.14D(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-87(1)	(null)(4)	<i>"rate as for-hire passenger vehicles under"</i>
G.S. 115D-72	(null)(6)	<i>"Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program created in"</i>
G.S. 20-88	(null)(9)	<i>"house trailers under this section or"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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