



Arizona Vehicle Requirements

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AS AN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBER, WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND DRIVER'S LICENSES?

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

The State of Arizona offers Active Duty, Guard and Reserve possible exemptions based on their status and their legal state of residence. The offer is different for Arizona legal residents and that of non-residents.

For nonresidents, the State of Arizona will exempt active duty personnel from taxes assessed for registration providing some basic requirements.

To register a vehicle, nonresident active-duty military personnel must:

1. Be the sole or joint owner or lease of the vehicle
2. provide an affidavit for vehicle license tax exemption of nonresident service personnel issued and certified by the commanding officer.
3. meet all applicable vehicle emissions test requirements.
4. pay a registration fee and if applicable, commercial registration and weight fees, motor carrier fees and/or any late registration penalty fees that may apply.

When the nonresident service member is assigned overseas and the spouse or dependent must remain in Arizona, the exemption still applies if the nonresident service person's name appears on the vehicle title. The nonresident service person must have been on military assignment in Arizona at the time the overseas orders were issued.

The member may obtain an affidavit for this type of exemption either from the legal office or the units command. If obtaining from the legal office, the member only needs to bring a copy of the most current Leave and Earning Statement (LES). A spouse may obtain the form for the member; however, they will still require the LES and a power of attorney for registration of a vehicle.

A State of Arizona Resident is also entitled to the tax exemption. The member must have been part of U.S. Armed Forces regular component, reserve component or National Guard, served on active duty military duty outside of Arizona in support of worldwide contingency operation, and the owner or lessee of the vehicle. The member can also qualify if the member is Arizona National Guard or reserve component. The member only needs to provide a copy of the orders and the LES to the legal office in order to obtain the affidavit form. This exemption allows the member to register 2 vehicles every year while on active duty orders until 1 year after discharge.

A veteran owning or co-owning a vehicle is exempt from payment of vehicle license tax or registration fee, if the veteran is certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs to be 100 percent disabled and drawing compensation on that basis. The exemption also applies to the surviving spouse, until remarriage, and to only one vehicle or any replacement of the vehicle owned by the veteran or the surviving spouse.

The State of Arizona does require certain vehicles to be emissions tested. If your vehicle falls within the required vehicles list, in order to register the vehicle, the test needs to be done.

LICENSING

The State of Arizona requires residents to obtain an Arizona driver's license. This requirement is waived for Active Duty Military and their spouses. The member and the spouse may obtain an Arizona license without changing their state of residency that will be valid for 5 years. It is important to note that the driver's license must still be kept current regardless of the state it is issued from.

RESOURCES

- Further Information on licensing and vehicle registration can be found at www.azdot.gov.

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