

VEHICLE TITLE & REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

By law (AS 28.10.011), every vehicle driven, moved, or parked upon a highway or other public place in the state shall be registered. Kotzebue was exempt from this provision because it had an average daily traffic volume of 499 or less. A study conducted by the Department of Transportation has determined the average daily traffic volume for Kotzebue now exceeds 499.

Kotzebue will no longer be **EXEMPT** from registration and mandatory insurance effective January 1, 2012.

- **All vehicles, trailers, and ATVs driven on public roads in Kotzebue must be registered, including those vehicles driven in from surrounding communities.** AS 28.10.011
- **All snow machines operated within the state must be registered.** AS 28.39.010

TITLE & REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

Every vehicle subject to registration is required to have a title as proof of legal ownership. The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) may not register a vehicle unless the owner applies for a title or provides proof that a title has been previously issued in the owner's name for that vehicle.

EXCEPTION: Alaska does not title snowmachines, ATVs or boats.

Snowmachines & ATVs: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/snow.htm>

Boats: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/boat.htm>

If you do not have the original title or other ownership document to your vehicle, you **may** be required to obtain a Surety Bond for 1½ times the value of the vehicle. Contact DMV's Contract Services for further information. You may obtain a Surety Bond packet (Form 824) directly from DMV or from the DMV website: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/titles/surety.htm>

A temporary permit, valid for **60 days**, may be issued when you have sufficient evidence to show you are the legal owner of the vehicle but lack the proper documents, signatures, etc. to complete the transaction. Payment of all fees will be required to obtain a temporary permit.

MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE:

The registered owner must certify there is a liability policy in effect at time of registration. The insurance policy must have the following minimum amounts: \$50,000 for bodily injury or death of any one person, \$100,000 for bodily injury or death for any accident, and \$25,000 for property damage.

The mandatory insurance requirements apply to all vehicles driven in Kotzebue, including those driven in from surrounding communities.

Failure to have liability insurance in effect may result in suspension of a driver license. Kotzebue has a city ordinance allowing snowmachines and ATVs to be driven on public roads; therefore, the mandatory insurance requirements also apply to snowmachines and ATVs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Forms and information can be found at the following:

- www.alaska.gov/dmv
- **KOTZEBUE – STATE DMV OFFICE** (907) 442-3202
240 5th Ave, 2nd Floor
- **DMV Contract Services**.....(907) 269-5575
- **Division of Insurance**.....(800) 467-8725
<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/insurance/>

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REGISTRATION FEES

Please check with DMV to see if you qualify for any type of exemption to fees such as: Senior Citizen Exemption, Disability Exemption, Disabled Veteran Plates, Charitable Exemption, Non-Profit, etc.

Non-Commercial (2-year registration)

- \$ 100 Passenger Vehicles, Motorhomes, Trucks, Cargo Vans under 10,000 pounds
(Vehicles registered in a business name are considered commercial vehicles.)
- \$ 30 Trailers
- \$ 60 Motorcycles
- \$ 10 Vehicles owned by Charitable, Non-Profit, or Religious Organization
- \$ 10 Snowmachines & ATVs

Commercial (2-year registration)

All vehicles, including leased cars, that are registered in a business name or weigh 10,000 pounds or more are automatically classed as commercial vehicles.

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| \$ 160 | Taxicabs | \$ 516 | 12,001 – 18,000 pounds |
| \$ 180 | 0 - 5,000 pounds | \$ 662 | 18,001 pounds and above |
| \$ 268 | 5,001 - 12,000 pounds | \$ 20 | Trailers (one-time fee) |

Commercial vehicles, with the exception of taxicabs, may be registered for one year. Contact DMV for fees and information.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

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| \$ 15 | Title | \$ 2 | Duplicate Registration |
| \$ 15 | Lien Recording | \$ 5 | Duplicate License Plates |
| \$ 5 | Specialty plate transfer | \$ 5 | Duplicate Tabs |