

Purchasing a Vehicle What's Next?

Vehicle Registration

If you purchase a new or used vehicle from a car dealership the dealer is responsible for completing your application for title and also collect the sales tax due. This is done when you purchase the vehicle. However, as the buyer, it is your responsibility to make sure the vehicle is registered. This may be done by taking the title application to the Revenue Department. You should take the title application (obtained from the dealer) to the Revenue Department in the county in which you live. For example, if you live in Homewood, Alabama you would take the paperwork to a revenue department in Jefferson County. If you lived in Pelham, Alabama you would take your title application to a revenue department in Shelby County. Please see the attached listing of Revenue Departments in both Jefferson and Shelby counties.

In order to register your vehicle you must bring the following information with you;

- Vehicle paperwork from dealership
- Driver's license *
- Proof of vehicle insurance **
- Payment for all applicable fees

*If you do not yet have your license you will have to take your test using another person's vehicle. That person should come with you and show their proof of insurance at the time you take your driving test.

** You will need to obtain vehicle insurance after you obtain your driver's license but before registering your vehicle. Many times you can do this by phone or internet. You may call an agent to discuss.

Car Tags and Insurance

At the time you register your vehicle you will receive your vehicle license plates (also referred to as your car tag). This tag is renewed each year for a fee. The fee may change year-- -to-- -year depending on the assessed value of your vehicle. You will receive a reminder in the mail at the beginning of the month of your renewal. This reminder will be mailed to the address that you filed with. Even without a reminder you are still responsible to renew your tag. If you do not renew your tag you may be stopped by a police officer and fined each time. The renewal time is based on your on the first letter in your last name. The renewal schedule is as follows;

Renewal Month	Last Name Begins With
January	A, D
February	B
March	C, E
April	F, G, N
May	H, O
June	M, I
July	P, L
August	J, K, R
September	Q, S, T
October	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Tag renewals must be processed in the county in which you live. Please see attached list for Jefferson and Shelby County locations of the Revenue Department.

Jefferson County Revenue Department – Contact Information

Revenue Department E-mail Address: revenueadd@jccal.org

Locations:

- **Jefferson County Courthouse**
A-100 North Annex
716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North
Birmingham, AL 35203
Phone: (205) 325-5171
Inspections: Vehicles should be parked in the Jefferson County Parking Deck on Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N between 7th and 8th Avenues. Large vehicles can park on 8th Avenue in front of Art Museum.

- **Bessemer Courthouse**
Room 109
1801 3rd Avenue North
Bessemer, AL 35020
Phone: (205) 481-4110
Inspections: Vehicles should park in designated vehicle inspection parking spaces on 18th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue.

- **Center Point Satellite**
2651 Center Point Road
Birmingham, AL 35215
Phone: (205) 714-7175
Inspections: Vehicles should park in designated vehicle inspection spaces on the right side of the building.

Shelby County Revenue Department – Contact Information

State: Alabama-- -Department of Revenue-- -DOR

DMV Location: Shelby-- -Pelham-- -AL

DMV Office Address: 1018 County Services Drive, Pelham, AL 35124

DMV Phone Number: 205-- -620-- -6600