Registration Requirements

Registration Required

- Within sixty days after purchase (42-3-103(1)(a) C.R.S.)
- Within ninety days after becoming a resident of Colorado

What do I need to Register my vehicle?

1. If the vehicle was titled in another state a VIN verification must be completed by either:
   - A Colorado law enforcement officer
   - A licensed Colorado motor vehicle dealer
   - A licensed Colorado emissions testing station

2. Title assigned in owner's name or current out of state registration.
   - Secure and Verifiable Identification Information
   - Proof of Colorado Vehicle Emissions
   - Proof of Insurance
   - Payment of taxes and fees

Applying for a Colorado Title

Take all required documents to your county motor vehicle office. You will need to pay the vehicle title fees, registration fees and any applicable sales tax.

Your Colorado title will be mailed to you when there are no liens filed against your vehicle. If there is a lien, the title will be mailed to the lienholder. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

If your vehicle has an out of state titled a Verification of Vehicle Identification Number form, must be completed by either:
   - A Colorado law enforcement officer
   - A licensed Colorado motor vehicle dealer
   - A licensed Colorado emissions testing station

Proof of Insurance

You must provide proof of insurance to your county motor vehicle office before you can register your vehicle(s). Registration of your vehicle(s) may be denied or delayed if said proof is not provided.

Forms of Proof:
   - Insurance card
   - Copy of your insurance policy
   - A letter from your insurance company (on company letterhead)
   - Computer printout from insurer.
   - Facsimile of the proof of insurance.
   - Electronic proof of insurance that is not otherwise available to the Department. This may be, but is not limited to, insurer provided electronic image/proof on applicant’s cellular phone, lap top, or other portable type of electronic device.
   - If web based services are available, the Department may use applicant’s insurer provided web based services for proof of insurance.
   - Electronic mail sent from the applicant’s insurer.

More information: Click on the link to the Colorado State Motor Vehicle on Clerk’s Home page.