Registering an Out of Province Vehicle in Alberta

A motor vehicle from outside of Alberta must pass an Alberta Out of Province Vehicle Inspection before licence plates can be issued.

The Government of Alberta may issue an exemption from an inspection if the vehicle’s history does not indicate flood, unsafe, salvage, or non-repairable and meets any of the following:

New vehicle from another province or territory

Within 90 days from the date of purchase, present the vehicle and the following documents to any Alberta Registry agent:

- Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta Insurance,
- A Bill of Sale or lease agreement from a factory authorized dealer in the name of the person requesting the exemption.

New vehicle from outside of Canada (United States only)

Within 90 days from the date of purchase, present the vehicle and the following documents to any Alberta Registry agent:

- Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta Insurance,
- Bill of Sale or lease agreement from a factory authorized dealer in the name of the person requesting the exemption,
- Transport Canada’s Form 1 stamped twice (stamped once at the border and once after passing the compliance inspection),
- Certificate of Origin or State issued Title.

Commercially registered vehicle from any province or territory

The Government of Alberta may issue an exemption for government commercial vehicle inspections issued in another Canadian jurisdiction for 90 days from the date of inspection (applies only to vehicles applying for commercial licence plates). Within 90 days from the date of inspection, present the vehicle and the following documents to any Alberta Registry agent:

- Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta Insurance,
- Proof of ownership,
- Valid Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificate issued in the past 90 days.
British Columbia or Saskatchewan registered vehicle (Private Only)

In an effort to reduce barriers to trade and labour mobility Alberta has partnered with British Columbia and Saskatchewan and formed an alliance known as the New West Partnership. As a result, inspection requirements have been relaxed for residents moving between New West Partnership jurisdictions. A vehicle may be exempt from an Out of Province Vehicle Inspection in the following two situations:

The following types of vehicle cannot be exempt: salvage, non-repairable, unsafe, rebuilt, right hand drive, custom / homebuilt, kit cars, and lifted or lowered.

BC or SK motor vehicles newer than four years

Four years means current model year plus the previous three model years (e.g. 2015 + 2014 + 2013 + 2012 = four model years, in this example a 2011 model year vehicle would not qualify for an exemption)

Present the vehicle and the following documents to any Alberta Registry agent:

- Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta Insurance,
- Proof of BC or SK registration in the name of the person requesting the exemption,

BC or SK motor vehicles inspected in the past 90 days (older than four years)

Within 90 days from the date of inspection, present the vehicle and the following documents to any Alberta Registry agent:

- Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta Insurance,
- Proof of BC or SK registration in the name of the person requesting the exemption,
- BC or SK government inspection certificate issued in the past 90 days (must be the same as the jurisdiction of registration)

Overview of the Exemption Process

The Registry agent will forward the required documentation to Alberta Transportation for review.

If approved an inspection exemption is issued to the Registry agent.

The Registry agent will use the inspection exemption in place of an Out of Province Vehicle Inspection Certificate.
New Vehicle Out of Province Vehicle Inspection Exemption Process

New vehicle purchased in Canada

Bill of Sale or lease agreement dated within the past 90 days from a factory authorized dealer in the name of the person requesting an exemption?

YES

Present the following to any Alberta Registry agent:
- The vehicle,
- Bill of Sale or lease agreement,
- An Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta insurance.

NO

Vehicle Cannot be exempt

The Registry agent will physically verify the vehicle identification number (VIN) and odometer and complete a VIN Inspection Certificate.

The Registry agent will forward all documentation to Alberta Transportation for review.

If approved, an inspection exemption is issued to the Registry agent.

The Registry agent will use the inspection exemption in place of an Out of Province Vehicle Inspection Certificate.

New vehicle purchased in the United States

Bill of Sale or lease agreement dated within the past 90 days from a factory authorized dealer in the name of the person requesting an exemption?

YES

Has the Registrar of Imported Vehicle (RIV) inspection been done and Transport Canada’s ‘form 1’ stamped twice (once at the border and once at the RIV Inspection Centre)?

YES

Present the following to any Alberta Registry agent:
- The vehicle,
- Bill of Sale or lease agreement,
- Form 1,
- State issued Title or Certificate of Origin,
- An Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta insurance.

NO
Commercial Vehicle
Out of Province Vehicle Inspection Exemption Process

***Please note that a vehicle with a rebuilt status cannot be exempt.***

Are you applying for commercial registration?

- NO
  - Vehicle Cannot be exempt

YES

Do you have a Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificate from a Canadian jurisdiction issued in the past 90 days?

- NO
  - Vehicle Cannot be exempt

YES

Present the following to any Alberta Registry agent:

- The vehicle,
- The Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificate,
- An Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta insurance.

The Registry agent will physically verify the vehicle identification number (VIN) and odometer and complete a VIN Inspection Certificate.

The Registry agent will forward all documentation to Alberta Transportation for review.

If approved, an inspection exemption is issued to the Registry agent.

The Registry agent will use the inspection exemption in place of an Out of Province Vehicle Inspection Certificate.
Out of Province Vehicle Inspection Exemption Process for British Columbia and Saskatchewan Residents

***Because of the varying vehicle equipment standards between provinces, the following types of vehicle cannot be exempt – rebuilt, salvage, non-repairable, right hand drive, custom/homebuilt, kit cars, and lifted or lowered.***

Are you moving to Alberta from British Columbia or Saskatchewan?

YES

- Is the vehicle registered in your name?

  YES
  - Is your vehicle newer than 4 years or passed a BC or SK government inspection in the past 90 days?

    YES
    - Vehicle has had an inspection in the past 90 days.

    Present the following to any Alberta Registry agent:
    ✓ The vehicle,
    ✓ Proof of BC or SK registration,
    ✓ An Alberta address,
    ✓ Proof of Alberta insurance.

    ✓ The Registry agent will physically verify the vehicle identification number (VIN) and odometer and complete a VIN Inspection Certificate.

    ✓ The Registry agent will forward all documentation to Alberta Transportation for review.

    ✓ If approved, an inspection exemption is issued to the Registry agent.

    ✓ The Registry agent will use the inspection exemption in place of an Out of Province Vehicle Inspection Certificate.

  NO
  - Vehicle Cannot be exempt

NO

- Vehicle Cannot be exempt

Is the vehicle registered in your name?

YES

- Vehicle Cannot be exempt

NO

Is your vehicle newer than 4 years or passed a BC or SK government inspection in the past 90 days?

YES

- Calendar year minus model year is less than or equal to 3 (e.g. 2015 – 2010 = 5 = not exempt)

  NO
  - Vehicle Cannot be exempt

NO

- Vehicle Cannot be exempt

Are you moving to Alberta from British Columbia or Saskatchewan?

NO

- Vehicle Cannot be exempt