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 vehicles 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:

- Proof of an 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**

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

- Proof of an 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 (Form 1’s are 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:

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

In an effort to reduce barriers to trade and labour mobility Alberta has partnered with British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba to form an alliance known as the New West Partnership. As a result, inspection requirements have been relaxed for residents moving between New West Partnership jurisdictions. NOTE – This only applies to private, passenger vehicles. Vehicles registered commercially or to organizations do not qualify for an exemption.

A vehicle may be exempt from an Out of Province Vehicle Inspection in the following two situations:

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

1) BC, SK, or MB Motor Vehicles Newer Than 4 Years

4 Years means current model year plus the previous 3 model years
(e.g. 2017 + 2016 + 2015 + 2014 = 4 model years, in this example a 2013 model year vehicle would not qualify for an exemption)

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

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

2) BC, SK, or MB Motor Vehicles Inspected in the Past 90 Days

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

- Proof of an Alberta address,
- Proof of Alberta Insurance,
- Proof of BC, SK, or MB registration in the name of the person requesting the exemption,
- BC, SK, or MB government inspection certificate issued in the past 90 days.

Overview of the Exemption Process

The Registry agent will forward the application for exemption 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 Inspection Exemption Process**

**New vehicle purchased in Canada**

- **YES**
  - 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?

- **NO**
  - Vehicle Cannot be exempt

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

- **YES**
  - The Registry agent will physically verify the vehicle identification number (VIN).
  - The Registry agent will forward the application for exemption 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**

- **YES**
  - 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?

- **NO**
  - 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,
    - Proof of an Alberta address,
    - Proof of Alberta insurance.

- **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)?
Commercial Vehicle Out of Province Exemption Inspection Process

NOTE – A vehicle with a rebuilt status cannot be exempt

1. 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?

2. 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,
     ✓ Proof of an Alberta address,
     ✓ Proof of Alberta insurance.

3. Present the following to any Alberta Registry agent:
   ✓ The vehicle,
   ✓ The Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificate,
   ✓ Proof of an Alberta address,
   ✓ Proof of Alberta insurance.

4. The Registry agent will physically verify the vehicle identification number (VIN).
5. The Registry agent will forward the application for exemption to Alberta Transportation for review.
6. If approved, an inspection exemption is issued to the Registry agent.
7. 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, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba Residents

NOTE - salvage, non-repairable, unsafe, rebuilt, right hand drive, custom/homebuilt, kit cars, and lifted or lowered vehicles cannot be exempt

Are you moving to Alberta from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba?

YES

Is the vehicle registered in your name?

YES

Is your vehicle newer than 4 years or passed a BC, SK, or MB 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)

YES

Vehicle has had an inspection in the past 90 days.

Vehicle can be exempt

Present the following to any Alberta Registry agent:

✓ The vehicle,
✓ Proof of BC, SK, or MB registration,
✓ Proof of an Alberta address,
✓ Proof of Alberta insurance.

✓ The Registry agent will physically verify the vehicle identification number (VIN).
✓ The Registry agent will forward the application for exemption 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

Is the vehicle registered in your name?

YES

Vehicle cannot be exempt

NO

Vehicle Cannot be exempt

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

YES

Vehicle has had an inspection in the past 90 days.

Vehicle can be exempt

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