

Buying and selling vehicles and vehicle registration



Checklist for seller

- When making the sale, provide the buyer with a valid digital certificate OR the notification part of the registration certificate.**
 - Create the digital certificate beforehand in the Traficom e-Services.
 - Check the validity of the notification part and order a new one if necessary.*
 - Enter the buyer's details and the transfer date in the notification part before signing it.
 - If you are selling the vehicle abroad, provide both parts of the registration certificate (technical part and notification part).
- Check the buyer's identity when making the sale.**
- Fill in with the buyer two copies of the deed of transfer. Keep one copy for yourself.**
- After the sale, submit a notification of transfer in order to ensure that your payments for the vehicle are terminated.**
 - To make the notification of transfer, you will need the buyer's name, address, and either their personal identity code or business ID.
 - You can submit the notification of transfer by either using Traficom's or your insurance company's e-services or visiting your insurance company or an inspection station performing registrations.

Checklist for buyer

- Check the details of the vehicle and the owner marked in the register.**
 - Check whether:
 - the vehicle is in traffic use
 - the vehicle tax has been paid
 - the periodic inspection has been carried out
 - the seller is the owner marked in the register
 - there are any car tax-related restrictions on the use of the vehicle (Tax Administration's service)
 - It is best to only buy vehicles from the owner marked in the register.
- Check the seller's identity when making the sale.**
- Make sure that the seller gives you a valid digital certificate OR the notification part of the registration certificate.***
 - Fill in the notification part together with the seller.
- Fill in with the seller two copies of the deed of transfer. Keep one copy for yourself.**
- Obtain motor vehicle liability insurance from an insurance company and notify the change of ownership within 7 days of the vehicle purchase.**
 - Using the e-services of Traficom or your insurance company (digital certificate).
 - At an inspection station performing registrations or your insurance company (digital certificate or notification part).
 - If the seller has made a notification of transfer for you using a personal identity code or business ID, you can also give notification of the change of ownership without a digital certificate or notification part.

The notification part of the registration certificate is not printed out automatically on registration. Changes of ownership can be made using a digital certificate and other registrations by identifying oneself as the owner or holder of the vehicle.

A new registration notification (e.g. decommissioning) invalidates the previous registration certificate even if the new certificate is not printed out. **An invalid notification part cannot be used for registration and should be destroyed.**

* The seller can check the series number of the currently valid notification part using the Traficom e-Services. The number can also be checked using the Traficom chat service or registration advisory service. A new registration certificate can be ordered via Traficom's e-Services or from an inspection station performing registrations.

Both the seller and the buyer should always get a copy of the deed of transfer.

SELLER – submit a notification of transfer after the purchase and ensure that payments are terminated!

BUYER – notify the change of ownership within 7 days!

Buying and selling using a digital certificate

The seller creates the digital certificate using the Traficom e-Services.



The seller gives the digital certificate to the buyer during the sale.



The buyer insures the vehicle and notifies the change of ownership either online or at a registration service point.



Buying and selling using the notification part

The seller ensures that the notification part to be used is valid.



The seller fills in the notification part with the buyer and then gives it to the buyer.



The buyer insures the vehicle and notifies the change of ownership at a registration service point.

Additional information and useful links

Traficom e-Services:

traficom.fi/en/services

- creating digital certificates
- checking digital certificates
- changes of ownership
- notifications of transfer
- ordering registration certificates
- details of one's own vehicle: series number of currently valid notification part

Traficom instructions for vehicle purchases and sales:

traficom.fi/en/transport/road/buying-and-selling-vehicle

Vehicle registration advice:

Tel. +358 (0)29 534 5100 (standard local network rate or mobile rate),
asiakaspalvelu@traficom.fi

Finnish Tax Administration's information service (only in Finnish/Swedish):

vero.fi/sahkoiset-asiointipalvelut/ajoneuvojen-hintatietopalvelu/

Checking vehicle and owner details:

traficom.fi/en/services/vehicle-data-and-tax-payment