



Car and driving license info sheet

Topic: Vehicle registration

🔍 I travelled to Germany in my vehicle. What do I need to observe?

If you have come to Germany with a vehicle registered in Ukraine, please note the following information:

1. Motor vehicle liability insurance

If you drive a vehicle in Germany you need motor vehicle liability insurance. Driving without valid insurance is not allowed in Germany. If you drive on public roads in Germany without motor vehicle liability insurance, you are committing a criminal offence. Furthermore, you will be personally held liable for the damage you cause to third parties with your vehicle. The uninsured vehicle can be seized by the authorities.

For vehicles registered in Ukraine, the required insurance can be obtained and verified in a number of ways:

- With the "green card" which the policyholder received from his Ukrainian motor vehicle liability insurer. The "green card" of the Ukrainian insurer can currently also be obtained digitally from Germany. For more information, visit http://www.mtsbu.ua/ua/green_card/80365/.
The "green card" guarantees motor vehicle liability insurance coverage for the countries approved on the "green card".
- With a valid border insurance obtained at the external EU border. This insurance coverage provides motor vehicle liability insurance throughout the European Union and in any other country listed in the border insurance policy.
- With a border insurance obtained in Germany. This also provides motor vehicle liability insurance cover in the European Union and in any other country listed in the border insurance policy.

The driver must carry the "green card" or a confirmation of the purchase of border insurance coverage with him and be able to show it in case of a check or hand it over for inspection.

Until May 2022, German motor vehicle liability insurers covered claims caused by passenger cars with Ukrainian registration in Germany as part of a voluntary initiative due to the exceptional humanitarian situation. The initiative ended on 1 June 2022. It is therefore important that every owner of a vehicle with Ukrainian registration that is used on public roads in Germany can prove that they are covered by motor vehicle liability insurance in accordance with the above criteria. This includes passenger cars with Ukrainian registration.

For more information on taking out border insurance in Germany as well as further information on motor vehicle liability insurance, go to

<https://www.dieversicherer.de/versicherer/auto-reise/news/kfz-versicherung-fluechtlinge-ukraine-84714>



2. Exemption for Ukrainian vehicles from registration in Germany after one year

Ukrainian vehicle owners who will not have their permanent residence in Germany can apply for an exemption according to Section 47 para. 1 of the vehicle registration regulation (FZV). This is issued under the condition that it is carried. The exemption may be granted until March 31, 2024, and only for the duration of the validity of the motor vehicle liability insurance. The scope of the exemption is the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany. **As of April 1, 2024**, Ukrainian vehicles are subject to mandatory registration under the vehicle registration regulation (FZV) without restriction and as described in **Section 3, "registration of a motor vehicle"**.

? Where do I obtain the exemption according to Section 47 of the FZV?

Please submit the application for the exemption to the state office for road construction and transport (LASuV). The application form can be downloaded from the [LASuV website](https://www.lasuv.sachsen.de). The application must carry the signature of the applicant. The application can be emailed as a PDF file to poststelle@lasuv.sachsen.de. The application must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Registration documents authorising international traffic
- Residence permit according to Section 24 of the residence act (AufenthG)
- Proof of liability insurance
- Proof of a passed road safety inspection (issued by DEKRA, TÜV, GTÜ or KÜS)

3. Registration of a motor vehicle

Anyone driving a vehicle on public roads in Germany that is not registered in Germany must have it registered in Germany within one year. The period of one year is calculated from the day of entry into Germany. Once the vehicle is registered in Germany, motor vehicle taxes must also be paid.

Driving in Germany is not allowed after the end of the one-year period without a German registration. Driving a vehicle in Germany that is not registered here even though it should be registered here (i.e. within one year), constitutes an administrative offence. This incurs a fine in the amount of 70 euros. In addition, a procedure at your expense will be initiated to prohibit the operation of the vehicle in Germany.

The vehicle must be registered before the expiry of the one-year period if the owner declares that the regular location of the vehicle is in Germany or the owner first entered Germany without the vehicle, establishes his residence here and only then transfers the vehicle registered in Ukraine to Germany.

A vehicle can be registered at the vehicle registration office of the city of Leipzig if the owner of the vehicle lives in Leipzig. A registration application must be submitted and the following documents must be provided:

- Passport and temporary residence permit based on EU Council Decision and registration certificate,
- Ukrainian vehicle documents and registration number,
- Full assessment report issued by DEKRA, TÜV, GTÜ or KÜS or, alternatively, of available, an EC certificate of conformity and valid general inspection by DEKRA, TÜV, GTÜ or KÜS; if the EC certificate of conformity is not in German, you need an additional data sheet, which you can request at the general inspection,
- Proof of customs clearance
- Exemption according to Section 70 of the StVZO
- German liability insurance (eVB = seven-digit code),
- a German bank account for the SEPA direct debit mandate for the vehicle tax



Please note that the city of Leipzig has a green zone, where only vehicles with emission class 4 (green sticker) are permitted to drive. To see where the green zones are and for additional information, go to <https://www.leipzig.de/umweltzone>

The sticker is available from all German vehicle registration authorities (in Leipzig, the registration office of the regulatory authority), the officially recognised monitoring organisations for motor vehicle traffic (DEKRA, TÜV and others) and the vehicle workshops authorised to carry out exhaust emission tests. You can also order the sticker online, such as from the officially recognised monitoring organisations for motor vehicle traffic. Since there is no general fee system, prices can vary between official and private-sector issuing authorities; online orders are usually more expensive. You can purchase the sticker from the registration office of the regulatory authority for five euros.

? Where do I obtain the exemption according to Section 70 of the StVZO?

Please submit the application for the exemption informally to the state office for road construction and transport ([Landesamt für Straßenbau und Verkehr, LASuV](https://www.lasuv.sachsen.de)). The application must carry the signature of the applicant. The application can be submitted by email as a PDF to poststelle@lasuv.sachsen.de. The application must be accompanied by the following documents:

- the certificate for obtaining an exemption according to Section 70 of the StVZO, issued by DEKRA, TÜV, GTÜ or KÜS,
- proof of customs clearance (available from the main customs office in Dresden, Zollamt Taucha, Str. des 17. Juni 1 04425 Taucha), and
- registration certificate from Ukraine (the vehicle will have had to be registered to the applicant, a relative or another authorised holder for at least 12 months).

Please note: If the vehicle was declared at customs as personal effects, then as a rule the vehicle may not be lent, pledged, sold or transferred to third parties within a period of 12 months from the date of registration in Germany.

? Do I have to pay taxes for my vehicle in Germany?

Initially, the vehicle is only temporarily in Germany (up to one year) from a vehicle tax perspective. Which means you do not have to pay vehicle tax. Once the Ukrainian owner re-registers the vehicle in Leipzig, it is subject to vehicle tax. For payment by SEPA direct debit, you need a German or EU bank account.

? Are there any other exemptions for Ukrainian vehicles and drivers in the road traffic regulations?

There are no other exemptions or exceptions from the road traffic regulations.

If you have any questions, send an email to zulassung@leipzig.de or call us on 0341-115.



Topic: Driving license authority

? Is my Ukrainian driving licence valid in Germany?

If you have a valid Ukrainian driving license, you do not have to do anything. Your driving license is recognised in Germany and in all other member states of the EU. You do not need to carry a certified translation or an international driving license along. If your Ukrainian driving licence was issued for the first time and expires, your driving licence will also be recognised for the duration of the protected status.

This procedure is regulated by the Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the handling of Ukrainian driving licences, which came into force on 27 July 2022. The regulation expires on 6 March 2025 or when the protection status no longer applies, whichever is earlier.

This information is regularly updated on our website ([link](#)).

General information

? How do I get to the vehicle registration and driving license authority by public transport?

Use tram lines 12 or 15 in the direction of Technisches Rathaus and city train line (S-Bahn) 2 (get off at: Altes Messegelände) or city train line (S-Bahn) 4 (get off at: Riebeckstraße / Stötteritzer Straße). You can also take the bus: routes no. 60 (get off at: Ostplatz) and 70, 74 (get off at: Technisches Rathaus). If you have any questions, send an email to zulassung@leipzig.de, fahrerlaubnis@leipzig.de or call us on 0341-115.