

# **OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**1. I am from another State and do not claim permanent residency in Maryland. I am living here only temporarily. Do I need to do anything about my car with out-of-state license plates?**

**Yes.** State law says that a person taking up residency or otherwise occupying a dwelling anywhere within Maryland must title and/or register their vehicle(s) in Maryland and obtain Maryland license plates within **60 days** of occupancy. A **Maryland Non-Resident Permit** is issued to persons who are exempt from this requirement, and it *must* be obtained in lieu of a Maryland registration and license plates within that same 60-day timeframe.

**2. What is a MARYLAND NON-RESIDENT PERMIT?**

A Maryland Non-Resident Permit is a permit issued by the Motor Vehicles Administration (MVA) that allows persons residing in Maryland but not claiming permanent residency to keep their vehicles from their home state while living here without obtaining a Maryland Registration and license plates. Basically, it is a temporary Maryland vehicle registration.

**3. Who is eligible for a Maryland Non-Resident Permit in lieu of a Maryland registration?**

**Students** attending any College or University anywhere in Maryland or any adjoining State (DC, VA, PA, WV, or DE) are eligible. **Please note:** If you have a Maryland driver's license, and the vehicle is registered in *your* name in another state, your only option is to register your vehicle in Maryland and get Maryland license plates.

**Military/DoD Personnel** stationed at any military duty station within Maryland or within the Military District of Washington. (Examples: Bethesda Naval Hospital, Walter Reed AMC, Ft. Meade, Ft. Belvoir, Ft. Meyer, Ft. McNair, Ft. Ritchie, Ft. Dietrich, Washington Naval Yard, the White House, Pentagon, NSA, US Naval Academy, Camp David, Aberdeen Proving Ground, HQ USMC, Navy Annex, Andrews AFB, Bolling AFB, etc.) A DOD sticker should also be displayed on your vehicle.

**Temporary Employment:** persons who have been temporarily relocated to Maryland by their employers. For example, an employee of Microsoft Corp. in Seattle, WA who has been sent to work temporarily at a specific location within Maryland for a period of 60 days or more, but not more than one year, may obtain a Maryland Non-Resident Permit for their vehicle.

**Medical Reasons:** persons temporarily residing in Maryland for medical treatment at a facility within Maryland or an adjoining State.

**4. Is the Maryland Non-Resident Permit a parking permit?**

**NO.** The Maryland Non-Resident Permit is **not** a parking permit of any kind. It is a permit issued by the state in lieu of a Maryland Motor Vehicle Registration only. However, Residential Parking Permits in the City of College Park may not be issued to vehicles with out-of-state license plates unless a MD Non-Resident Permit or MD registration has been obtained, first. If you are not a resident of the City of College Park, check your local jurisdiction for the requirements governing Parking Permits in your city or township.

## 5. Where can I apply for a Maryland Non-Resident Permit?

At your nearest full-service Maryland MVA station, at City Hall in the City of College Park, or at Towson State University's Parking Enforcement Office.

## 6. What do I need to obtain a Maryland Non-Resident Permit?

- **Proof of temporary Residency** within Maryland, *and-*
- Your State issued **Driver's License** (may *not* be a Maryland Driver's License if the vehicle is titled and registered in your name), *and-*
- Your current and valid state issued **vehicle registration certificate**, *and-*
- **Student ID** card, *or-*
- **Military ID or DoD civilian ID card** with a copy of your orders assigning you to a duty station in Maryland or another duty station within MDW, *or-*
- A **letter from your employer** (temporary employees) stating your anticipated length of stay in Maryland for temporary work-related assignment, *or-*
- A **letter from your physician** stating only your anticipated length of stay in Maryland for medical treatment. (Pursuant to privacy laws, you are not required to state the nature of your medical condition or treatment).
- **\$31.00 cash, check, or credit/debit card.** (If purchased at the MD MVA, the permit is only \$27.00.) (Fees subject to change and are non-refundable.)

## 7. What can happen if I do not obtain a Maryland Non-Resident Permit or a Maryland Registration and license plates within 60-days of moving into Maryland?

If you are going to be staying in Maryland for more than 60 calendar days and do not obtain either the Maryland Non-Resident permit (if eligible) or a Maryland registration within 60 days, you may be fined for violation of the Maryland Motor Vehicles Registration Laws. **The maximum fine is \$280.**

In the City of College Park, the Parking Enforcement Division officers randomly track out-of-state vehicles for 60 days. After 60 days have passed, if the vehicle is found without a Non-Resident Permit or Maryland license plates, the Parking Enforcement Officer will issue a citation for **\$55.00 every three days** until the vehicle either leaves the jurisdiction, displays a Non-Resident Permit, or has a valid Maryland registration and displays valid Maryland license plates.

## 8. My vehicle is not registered in my name. May I still obtain a Maryland Non-Resident Permit or a Maryland Registration and license plates?

If you are obtaining only a Maryland Non-Resident Permit, then yes. You may obtain the permit even if the vehicle is not registered in your name.

If you intend to obtain a Maryland Registration and license plates for the vehicle, the title and current registration must be in your name, and the transfer must be done at a full service MVA office.

**For complete info about the Non-Resident Permit, visit the MVA webpage about it at:**  
<http://www.mva.maryland.gov/AboutMVA/INFO/27300/27300-60T.htm>

**For more information about how to register your vehicle in Maryland:**

Visit the MVA website at: <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/VehicleServ/REG/NewtoMd.htm> or call them at 800-248-4160, or you can even e-mail them at [MVACS@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:MVACS@mdot.state.md.us). If you are calling from out of state, the phone number is 301-729-4550. You can also call the City of College Park Parking Enforcement Division for information about parking permits at 240-487-3520.