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Vehicles with Ukrainian licence plates

Regulations for vehicles with Ukrainian licence plates

Ukrainian drivers who have lived in Germany for more than one year:

They must register their vehicle in Germany from 01.04.2024 at the latest. Otherwise they will have to pay a fine. What else needs to be considered can be [found here](#): 🌐

Vehicle registrations are carried out by the local authorities at the vehicle registration office in your place of residence. As a rule, you must make an appointment in advance. You can find the registration office responsible for your place of residence and the opening hours (in German) [here](#). 🌐

Compulsory: Motor vehicle liability insurance

Anyone who drives a motor vehicle in Germany requires motor vehicle liability insurance. It is not permitted to drive in Germany without valid insurance cover. This also applies to cars travelling to Germany from abroad.

An insurance policy taken out in the European Economic Area (EEA), a 🌐 [Green Card](#) or the conclusion of a frontier insurance policy is required. From 1 April 2024, there will be a [new regulation](#) for Ukrainians who have been living in Germany for over a year: 🌐 The vehicle must be registered in Germany from this date. Otherwise a fine may be imposed.

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[Information for Ukrainian drivers english.pdf](#)

Ukrainian driving licence

Information on driving licences from Ukraine

Validity of Ukrainian driving licences

Anyone with a valid Ukrainian driving licence may drive vehicles in Germany. This only applies to the vehicle categories that were permitted in Ukraine.

Even if you have been living in Germany for more than six months, your driving licence remains valid. The prerequisite is that you have fled Ukraine because of the war and have EU protection status. No further documents are required.

Expired Ukrainian driving licences

If your driving licence has expired after 31.12.2021, it will remain valid. This rule applies during martial law and one year after its end.

An extension is not necessary. The rule only applies to driving licences that were first issued in Ukraine.

Lost Ukrainian driving licences

If you have lost your driving licence, the driving licence authority in Germany can issue a replacement document. To do this, you must prove that you had the driving licence. The document number is mandatory.

The authority will then check whether a replacement document can be issued. This will contain the details of your Ukrainian driving licence, but no German driving licence.

This regulation only applies as long as the EU protection status exists. The protection status currently ends on 04.03.2025.

Having your driving licence transferred

Anyone wishing to remain in Germany after their residence permit has expired must have their Ukrainian driving licence converted. The driving licence authority is responsible for this. It is advisable to take care of this in good time.

More information can be found on the BMDV website: www.bmdv.de.

🌐 Go to www.bmdv.de.

💡 Further information [here](#).

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