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Kfz-Zulassung — Car Registration in Germany

Car registration in Germany must be completed within 14 days of purchase and requires seller documents, insurance code (eVB), and registration at the local Zulassungsstelle. Total costs range from 50-200€.

Deutsche Begriffe: Kfz-Zulassung | Zulassungsstelle | Kennzeichen | Fahrzeugbrief | Fahrzeugschein

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Kfz-Zulassung — Car Registration

Did you buy a car in Germany?

You have **14 days** to register it after purchase.

Where to register?

Zulassungsstelle — vehicle registration office in your city.

Find it: Google "Zulassungsstelle [city]"

What documents do you need?

For a used car from Germany:

1. ID/Passport + Anmeldung (registration certificate)

2. Fahrzeugbrief (Zulassungsbescheinigung Teil II) — from the seller

3. Fahrzeugschein (Zulassungsbescheinigung Teil I) — from the seller

4. Purchase contract or invoice

5. eVB-Nummer — insurance code (see below)

6. Valid TÜV/HU inspection (or get a new one)

7. SEPA-Lastschrift for vehicle tax (Kfz-Steuer)

For a car from abroad (e.g., Poland):

• Everything above PLUS:

• Foreign registration certificate

• Certificate of Conformity (COC) or technical inspection

• Sometimes: customs clearance (from outside EU)

eVB-Nummer — Insurance Code

FIRST buy liability insurance (Kfz-Haftpflichtversicherung).

Comparison sites:

• check24.de

• verivox.de

Your insurer will give you a 7-digit **eVB** code — you cannot register without it.

How much does registration cost?

Item	Cost
Registration	30-80€
License plates	20-40€
TÜV/HU (if needed)	80-150€
TOTAL	**50-200€**

Kfz-Steuer — Vehicle Tax

Depends on:

• Engine displacement

• CO2 emissions

• Fuel type

You pay annually via Lastschrift (automatic debit).

Important documents after registration:

- **Fahrzeugschein** (Teil I) — always keep in your car!
- **Fahrzeugbrief** (Teil II) — store at home (proof of ownership)

Warning!

- Driving without registration = fine + towing
- Driving without insurance = crime!
- Report car sale at Zulassungsstelle (Abmeldung)
