

## TITLE AD VALOREM TAX

March 1, 2013, House Bill 386 removed the sales tax and the annual ad valorem tax, known as “the birthday tax”, on newly-purchased vehicles. Motor vehicles purchased on or after March 1, 2013 and titled in Georgia are exempt from Georgia sales/use tax and annual ad valorem tax. It replaces these taxes with a one-time Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) fee of 6.6% of fair market value (FMV)\*

### Here's what you need to know:

- ✓ New or Used car purchase: TAVT is 6.6% of the FMV which is determined by the GA Department of Motor Vehicle Assessment Manual and be applied to all vehicle purchases
- ✓ TAVT is due each time the vehicle changes ownership and titled. TAVT applies to both dealer sales and private sales. Annual registration (decals) fee still applies

## ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX

- ✓ For most vehicles purchased prior to March 1, 2013, the annual ad valorem birthday tax and registration renewal continues to apply
- ✓ Trailers and recreational vehicles – certified for highway use - whether titled or not, remain under the annual ad valorem tax and registration renewal still applies. Titled trailers, purchased from out of state dealers are subject to sales tax

## RENEWALS



Renewal notices are mailed 60 days prior to renewal deadline by the Dept. of Revenue to the primary vehicle owner is due by birthday.

Access and renew on-line [eservices.drives.ga.gov](http://eservices.drives.ga.gov)

Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve the owner from the obligation to renew before the expiration date

Renew quickly @ [eservices.drives.ga.gov](http://eservices.drives.ga.gov) or follow the link [www.hallcountytax.org](http://www.hallcountytax.org)

Someone other than the owner of the vehicle may renew a registration if they have the same: last name, address of customer or Power Of Attorney - otherwise the renewal will be mailed.

## Self-Service Renewal Kiosk

Gainesville  
New Holland Market Kroger  
1931 Jesse Jewell Parkway

Flowery Branch  
Clearwater Crossing Kroger  
7380 Spout Springs Road



VISA | MasterCard | American Express | Discover

## CANCELLING A VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Cancel vehicle registration prior to cancelling insurance to avoid substantial penalties and fees.

Registration may be cancelled by the primary owner (first name on title). Please submit cancellation form (MV-18J) and copy of primary owner's driver's license:

- ✓ Fax: 770.531.7106
- ✓ Email: [tagoffice@hallcounty.org](mailto:tagoffice@hallcounty.org)
- ✓ USPS: PO Box 1579 | Gainesville GA 30503
- ✓ In person: 2875 Browns Bridge Rd | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Gainesville GA 30504
- ✓ Online: [eservices.drives.ga.gov](http://eservices.drives.ga.gov)

## NAME CHANGE

All title corrections are processed at the county tag office. Submit a current title and proof of name change (certified copy of marriage certificate, final divorce decree or additional court papers showing direct information needed to support name change).

If the vehicle is financed, it is necessary to contact the lien holder to request the correction

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

**Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT)** is 6.6% of the Fair Market Value. Common Exceptions:

- ✓ Immediate family members (Spouse, Parent, Child, Sibling, Step-Parent, Step-Children, Grandparent, Grandchild) with a Georgia title are taxed at a rate of .5% of FMV (NOTARIZED form MV-16 is required).
- ✓ Divorcees with a Georgia title are taxed at the rate of 1% of FMV (form MV-17 and the FINAL Divorce Decree are required).

**Annual Ad Valorem Tax** on non-titled vehicles or trailers is calculated on 40% of the FMV multiplied by the millage rate (as determined by the County Board of Commissioners)

**Title Fee:** \$18 - A \$10 title penalty is added if not titled within 30 days of purchase (10% of TAVT after day 30 and 1% additional every month thereafter)

**Tag Fee:** \$20 for standard tag.  
Veterans may qualify for one free tag, DD-214 is required.

Payment accepted in the form of cash, check, money order and debit/credit cards

Card transactions will incur a vendor fee of 1.50% or a minimum of \$1.50 for debit and 2.49% for credit or minimum of \$1.95

VISA | MC | AMEX | DISC

NSF checks incur a \$35 or 6% fee (whichever is greater) plus \$5 bank fee

## DISABLED PERSON PARKING PERMITS



Disabled citizens in need of a handicap tag or placard may have one issued at the Hall County Tax Commissioner's office. Citizens are required to present a completed and notarized MV-9D affidavit signed by a licensed Georgia physician, MV-9D is not required when renewing permanent parking placard. A Georgia driver's license or ID card is always required

Handicap parking is available in three locations at the Hall County Government Center. Several spaces are available at the front of the building as well as on the first levels on each side parking lot.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

### FROM ANOTHER COUNTY IN GEORGIA...

Change address by visiting <https://eservices.drives.ga.gov> or the Hall County Tax Commissioner's Office and presenting a valid Georgia driver's license or Georgia ID card with the current Hall County address.

### FROM ANOTHER STATE...

Out-of-state title applications and registration require visiting the Hall County Tax Commissioner with the following:

- ✓ Proof of **Georgia Insurance**
- ✓ Proof of one of the following:
  - ✓ **Out of state title:**
    - ▶ Must have original title with owner(s) name printed on front
    - ▶ All listed owners on original title must be present or have a Limited Power of Attorney\* and copy of driver's license for the owner who is absent
  - ✓ **Leased Vehicle:**
    - ▶ Copy of lease agreement
    - ▶ Original Limited Power of Attorney\* authorizing lessee to register vehicle in Georgia
    - ▶ Current registration from previous state
  - ✓ **Title held by Lien Holder:**
    - ▶ All listed owners on original title must be present or have an original Limited Power of Attorney\* and copy of driver's license for the owner who is absent
    - ▶ **Current registration** from previous state
    - ▶ Account number & address of lien holder

\*Limited Power of Attorney form must include Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and may be found under Vehicles → Forms on our website [hallcountytax.org](http://hallcountytax.org)

New out-of-state residents pay TAVT of 3% of the vehicle FMV at the time of applying for a title.

## GA Department of Revenue - DRIVES



The Georgia Driver Record and Integrated Enterprise Service (DRIVES) offers taxpayers a variety of on-line services at <https://eservices.drives.ga.gov> including:

- ✓ Simple Tag Renewal
- ✓ Title and Tag \$ (TAVT) Estimator
- ✓ Prestige plate availability inquiry
- ✓ Pay insurance lapse fines
- ✓ Registration (tag) & insurance status
- ✓ Cancel tag registration
- ✓ Print duplicate registration card
- ✓ Go Green account access

### Additional services located at Hall County Government Center:

Elections/Voter Registration – *Lower Level*  
Tax Assessors – *1<sup>st</sup> floor*  
Human Resources – *2<sup>nd</sup> floor*  
Planning/Zoning; Building Inspection; Environmental Health; Business License; County Marshal – *3<sup>rd</sup> floor*  
County Administration; Finance; Board of Commissioners – *4<sup>th</sup> floor*

### New | Renew Drivers' License or GA ID

#### Department of Driver Services (DDS)

1010 Aviation Blvd  
Gainesville, Ga 30501

Call Center:  
678.413.8400

Hours of Operation:  
Mon: Closed  
Tue - Fri: 8 am to 6 pm  
Sat: 8 am to 12 noon

#### To save time:

Please visit DDS online at [www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov) to see the Secure ID documents required to obtain either a driver's license or state identification card.

## MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION



From my first term as your Tax Commissioner, I learned that you value "Service that Counts by People Who Care." You know that I strive to ensure you the three keywords in our tag line: Service | Efficiency | Accountability and implementing many changes in the tax office to better serve you.

Georgia Department of Revenue on May 27 ushered in a new system conversion called DRIVES - (Georgia Driver Record and Integrated Enterprise Service). The new system provides more interface options for citizens to complete routine motor vehicle transactions from the convenience of their home computer. The Hall County tag office will still serve as the point of contact for birthday tax renewals and complex title transactions. The staff at the tax office are eager and dedicated to serve you in a professional and friendly environment. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding ways that we may serve you even better. Thank you for electing me as your Tax Commissioner.

## Darla Eden, CPA Tax Commissioner

Richard Steele

Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner

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GAINESVILLE, GA 30503

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