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NEW GEORGIA RESIDENT CHECKLIST – Effective 1/1/2021

New Georgia residents must register in person within 30 days of establishing residency (*penalties apply thereafter*) and must provide the following information:

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP – *Must be satisfied in one of the following ways:*

◆ Out of State Title or MSO

- The MSO or original title with the owner(s) name printed on the face of the title.

◆ Leased Vehicle

- The lessee must present their **ORIGINAL** lease agreement showing their name and address along with a complete description of the vehicle. In addition, an **ORIGINAL** notarized Power-of-Attorney* is required from the leasing company authorizing the lessee to register the vehicle in the state of Georgia.
- An **ORIGINAL** Certificate of Title is **required** for leased vehicles that **DO NOT** have a lienholder. If there is a lienholder, then a clear and legible COPY of the Certificate of Title is required.

◆ Title Held by Lien Holder

- A copy of the original title showing the owner(s) and lien holder(s) name(s) and addresses on the face of the title **OR**
- **ORIGINAL** purchase agreement listing dealer, complete name and address of lien holder **AND** your most current registration. **No Payment Books will be accepted**
- Individuals moving from the following states must present an **ORIGINAL** Certificate of Title for their vehicle. **A COPY of the Out of State Title will not be accepted:**

Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oklahoma, Wisconsin

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

- Valid Georgia ID card or Georgia Driver's License **with** current DeKalb County address

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- **Valid** Georgia ID card or Georgia Driver's License. No out of state or foreign identification will be accepted.
- Original passing Georgia emissions inspection certificate for vehicle year models 1997 to 2018.
- Georgia liability insurance electronically transmitted to the GECICS database or an insurance binder or declaration page less than 30 days old.

COSTS

- Title Fee - \$18.00
- Tag/Plate Cost - \$20.00 (specialty plates require higher fees)
- Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) – 3% of vehicle's fair market value (effective 5/28/2019)
 - 10% TAVT penalty if registered more than 30 days after establishing residency and an additional 1% penalty for each 30 day period thereafter

If the vehicle is owned by more than one person and both owners cannot be present, an ORIGINAL notarized Power-of-Attorney* and a copy of the owner's driver's license is required for the owner who is absent. Power of Attorney must include year, make, model and vehicle identification number (VIN).