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Fort Lee Car Registration, Inspection, Parking Permit and E-ZPass Guide 2026

For cars brought from another state, cars bought in New Jersey, and anyone driving into Manhattan over the George Washington Bridge.

SHORT ANSWER

New residents have 60 days to register a vehicle after moving to New Jersey, the same deadline as the license transfer. The order is: New Jersey insurance, an MVC appointment (no walk-in registrations), Form BA-49 and a title application. The title fee is \$60. Fort Lee has no MVC office; the closest centers are North Bergen, Lodi and Paterson. Vehicle inspection is required every 2 years; the open stations closest to Fort Lee are Paramus, Secaucus and Wayne. To park on Fort Lee residential streets you also need to register the car with the Fort Lee Parking Authority for \$5. Crossing the George Washington Bridge into New York costs \$14.79 to \$16.79 with E-ZPass, and the bridge gets no NYC congestion-pricing crossing credit.

Step by step

- 1 Get New Jersey insurance.** Standard Policy minimums: \$35,000 per person / \$70,000 per accident bodily injury, \$25,000 property damage. A cheaper Basic Policy has no bodily-injury liability by default (an optional \$10,000 can be added), and \$5,000 property damage.
- 2 Book an MVC appointment** at telegov.njportal.com/njmvc. No MVC office registers a vehicle without one. The centers closest to Fort Lee are North Bergen (8901 Bergenline Ave), Lodi (8 Mill St) and Paterson (125 Broadway, Suite 201).
- 3 Complete Form BA-49.** Bring the title, your license or ID (6 Points of ID), your insurance card or company name and policy number, a power of attorney if needed, and lienholder information. If you are moving from another state, you also need the "Application for Certificate of Ownership."
- 4** Pay the title and registration fees.

Fees (2026)

ITEM	AMOUNT
Title fee	\$60 standard, \$85 with one lien, or \$110 with two liens if financed
Electric vehicle annual fee	Starts at \$250 and rises \$10 a year for the next 4 years, due in full at registration and every renewal

For sales-tax questions, contact the NJ Division of Taxation: 609-984-6206.

The 60-day rule for new residents

After moving to New Jersey, transfer your out-of-state license and register your vehicle here within 60 days, or before your current license and registration expire, whichever comes first.

Vehicle inspection

- General rule: every 2 years. New vehicles are exempt for their first 5 model years.
- Fully electric vehicles and motorcycles are exempt from inspection entirely.
- The open stations closest to Fort Lee are Paramus (20 W. Century Road), Secaucus (County Ave. and Secaucus Rd.) and Wayne (481 Route 46 West). The Lodi station is temporarily closed and the Newark station is permanently closed; do not go to either.
- Station hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. to noon Saturdays, closed Sundays.
- Bring a valid license, a valid registration, and your New Jersey insurance card (an e-card is fine); all must be originals.

An expired inspection sticker is not penalized at the station itself, but if you are stopped you can face a \$100 to \$200 fine or up to 30 days in jail, and the MVC can revoke your registration.

Fort Lee street parking permit (Parking Authority)

In Fort Lee's residential permit zones, unregistered vehicles may park for at most 2 hours, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents register their vehicles with the Fort Lee Parking Authority to avoid that limit. Address: 231 Main Street, 2nd floor, Fort Lee, NJ 07024, phone 201-592-3500 ext. 1518.

- Fee: \$5 per vehicle, valid for 2 years, including 2 free visitor permits per household. Extra visitor permits are \$1 per vehicle per day. Permits are digital.
- Bring: a valid New Jersey license with a Fort Lee address (otherwise 2 proofs of Fort Lee residency), a valid vehicle registration, and 3 photos of the car (both sides and the rear, showing the plate). You can apply in person or online through the ParkVantage portal.
- In Zone A you must show that no off-street parking is available to you, and overnight on-street parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. is prohibited in Zone A.
- Meters in Zones A and B: \$1 per 30 minutes. Municipal lots with pay stations: \$2 per hour for the first 3 hours, \$3 for the 4th hour.

Commercial vehicles are not eligible for resident permits. Unregistered vehicles can be ticketed or towed.

E-ZPass NJ and George Washington Bridge tolls

E-ZPass NJ is the regional tag, with a \$1 monthly account fee and no sign-up requirement for the Standard Plan. Without a tag, a plate-photo bill is generally mailed to the vehicle's registered owner within about 30 days of the trip.

The George Washington Bridge is right next to Fort Lee. The toll is collected only when you enter New York, not when you enter New Jersey. Under the Port Authority July 2026 rates, for a passenger car:

HOW YOU PAY	TOLL
NY or NJ E-ZPass, off-peak	\$14.79
NY or NJ E-ZPass, peak	\$16.79
E-ZPass but the tag is not read (plate photo)	\$19.55
No E-ZPass, Tolls by Mail	\$23.30

Peak hours: weekdays 6 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. All Port Authority crossings are cashless; cash is not accepted. E-ZPass discounts apply only to New York and New Jersey E-ZPass accounts. A Green Discount Plan for eligible low-emission vehicles requires enrollment. Check panynj.gov for the current rates, since the Port Authority can change them.

MANHATTAN CONGESTION PRICING WARNING

- If you cross the George Washington Bridge and continue into Manhattan at 60th Street or south, you pay NYC's congestion-pricing toll on top of the bridge toll, and the bridge does not qualify for a crossing credit.
- Drivers who cross via the Lincoln Tunnel, Holland Tunnel or the two NYC-side tunnels get up to \$3 off the peak toll; George Washington Bridge users get no credit at all.
- The Congestion Relief Zone toll is \$9 at peak (5 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends) and \$2.25 overnight.
- Check njta.com for NJ Turnpike and Garden State Parkway tolls and panynj.gov/bridges-tunnels for bridge and tunnel tolls.

Discount plans through E-ZPass NJ include the Senior Citizens Discount Plan (65+) and the Green Pass Discount Plan for low-emission vehicles. Customer service: (888) 288-6865.

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

After you move, update the address on your vehicle registration, your Parking Authority registration and your E-ZPass account. If you are subject to the address-reporting requirement, you must also report your new address to USCIS within 10 days (AR-11).



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