

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · PUYALLUP

Puyallup Car Registration, Fees and Good To Go! Guide 2026

Pierce County rules apply here, not King County's. The two agencies in town, the county auditor, the fees and the new tolled section of SR 167.

SHORT ANSWER

The order is: Washington license first, then registration within 30 days. **Pierce County rules apply here, not King County's:** the work is done by the Pierce County Auditor (2401 S 35th St, Room 200, Tacoma) and the private agencies it licenses. Puyallup has two agencies, both McCallum License Agency: 1325 E Main and 16126 Meridian E, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to noon. The base registration fee is \$43.25, Puyallup charges no city transportation fee, and the Sound Transit RTA tax does apply.

GO TO THE RIGHT COUNTY

The King County addresses in the Seattle, Kent and Federal Way guides do not work here. Puyallup is in Pierce County and vehicle licensing runs through the county's elected Auditor: 2401 S 35th St, Room 200, Tacoma WA 98409, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The county recommends an appointment and gives walk-ins a limited number of queue tickets. The good news is that there are two licensed agencies inside Puyallup itself, so you do not have to drive to Tacoma for a routine registration or tab renewal.

If you do have to go to Tacoma, other errands finish in the same building: the **marriage license** is also issued at 2401 S 35th St, Room 200 (\$172, marriage line 253-798-7435, and the license is handed to you at the time of purchase), and U.S. passport applications are taken at the same office by appointment. **The birth and death certificate counter is not in that building:** that one runs through the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department at 3629 S D St. So if you plan to collect two documents on one trip, count on two separate addresses inside Tacoma.

Vehicle licensing offices in and around Puyallup

OFFICE	ADDRESS	HOURS	PHONE
McCallum License Agency (Main)	1325 E Main, Puyallup WA 98372	Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to noon	253-845-8811
McCallum License Agency (Meridian)	16126 Meridian E, Puyallup WA 98375 (South Hill)	Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to noon	253-841-0245

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Pierce County Auditor	2401 S 35th St, Room 200, Tacoma WA 98409	Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., appointment recommended	
A+ Auto Licensing	18207 Veterans Memorial Dr E, Bonney Lake	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	253-862-8811
Parkland Auto Licensing	215 Garfield St S, Tacoma WA 98444		253-537-3112
Fife License and Title	4905 Pacific Hwy E, Fife		253-926-8227

Step by step

- 1 License first, then registration.** DOL wants a valid Washington license before it registers a vehicle. Two offices, two separate 30-day clocks. For a license, Pierce County has only the Parkland and Lakewood offices; for registration there are two agencies inside Puyallup.
- 2 If you bought the car,** transfer the title within 15 days. On day 16 a \$50 late fee starts, then \$2 a day up to \$125. In a private sale you need the signed title, a Vehicle Title Application signed in front of the licensing agent, an odometer disclosure for model year 2011 and newer, and a bill of sale showing the price.
- 3 A car from another state or from abroad.** A \$50 service fee covers the stolen-vehicle check; no physical VIN inspection has been required since 2001. For a car shipped from abroad the Customs paperwork must be signed and stamped by U.S. Customs itself.

What does it cost in Puyallup?

ITEM	AMOUNT
Basic registration fee	\$43.25
Annual tabs	\$30
Puyallup city transportation fee	None (Tacoma, Fife, Lakewood, University Place, DuPont and Edgewood charge \$20; Seattle \$50)
Sound Transit RTA excise tax	1.1% of depreciated MSRP
Filing and service fees	\$6 + \$11 for registration, \$12.50 + \$29 with a title
New plates (each)	\$50
Out-of-state service fee	\$50

- The city share Puyallup does not charge:** on DOL's list of local transportation benefit district fees, the Pierce County entries are Tacoma, Fife, Lakewood, University Place, DuPont, Eatonville and, from July 1, 2026, Edgewood, all at \$20. Puyallup is not on that list, so no city share is added when you renew your tabs.

- **The RTA tax still applies:** Pierce County is inside the Sound Transit district, so you pay a 1.1% regional transit tax on the depreciated MSRP, at purchase and at every renewal. The county page has an RTA calculator.
- **Use tax:** buy from a private party and you owe 0.3% motor vehicle use tax plus the sales tax rate at your address. We could not confirm the combined rate for Puyallup from an official source, so we give no figure here; look yours up with the [Department of Revenue tool](#) by entering your address.
- **Tab renewal:** once a year. You cannot renew with unpaid tickets or unpaid tolls.

Is there an emissions test or safety inspection?

No. The state emission check program ended on **January 1, 2020**, no emissions test is required to renew registration, and there is no periodic safety inspection for private cars.

How much insurance do you need?

COVERAGE	WASHINGTON MINIMUM
Bodily injury or death, per person	\$25,000
Bodily injury or death, per accident	\$50,000
Property damage	\$10,000

Driving uninsured brings a fine of \$550 or more. Carry your insurer's card. With no U.S. credit history your quotes may come back high, so shop several companies; the \$10,000 property damage limit is easy to exceed at today's car prices.

Which tolls do you meet once you leave Puyallup?

Every toll in Washington is electronic: no booths and no cash, just a camera reading the plate. Two roads matter directly to Puyallup: the SR 167 express toll lanes heading north and the new SR 167 Expressway, which starts charging in December 2026.

ROAD	PASS RATE (2-AXLE)
SR 167 express toll lanes (Renton to Sumner)	Every day 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., \$1 to \$15 depending on traffic. Free with a Flex pass and two or more people. This is the lane a Puyallup commuter meets heading toward Kent or Renton
SR 167 Expressway (Fife to the Port of Tacoma)	Opened September 13, 2026 and free for now; tolling starts in December 2026 at \$1 with a pass and \$3 by mail, in each direction
SR 509 Expressway (near Sea-Tac)	Weekdays \$1.20 to \$2.40 by time and direction, weekends \$1.20
SR 99 tunnel (downtown Seattle)	Weekdays \$1.25 (11 p.m. to 6 a.m.) up to \$2.80 (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.), weekends \$1.25 all day

ROAD	PASS RATE (2-AXLE)
SR 520 bridge (Seattle to Bellevue)	Weekdays \$1.35 to \$4.90, charged in both directions. The other lake crossing, I-90, is free
I-405 express toll lanes (Lynnwood to Bellevue)	Weekdays 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., \$1 to \$15 depending on traffic. Free at night and at weekends

The Good To Go! account and passes

- **Opening an account:** MyGoodToGo.com or 1-866-936-8246 (free phone interpreter). Two account types: Pre-Paid (a \$30 opening balance) and Pay As You Go. No monthly fee. With no account the bill goes to your DOL address and **costs \$2 more per trip**.
- **Passes:** sticker pass \$5, Flex \$15, motorcycle \$8, license-plate pass \$12. If you live in Puyallup and commute on SR 167, Flex is the sensible choice: with two people aboard the express lane is free, so \$15 pays for itself in a few weeks. **Since June 10, 2026 WSDOT has been handing out one free sticker pass per household** to promote the new expressway, while stocks last.
- **The low-income discount matters in Puyallup:** for households up to 200% of the federal poverty level it starts in December 2026 and applies only on the SR 509 and SR 167 express routes. The forms come in Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese; Turkish is not among them.
- **If you do not pay:** a \$5 late fee after the due date; a \$40 civil penalty per toll after 80 days; and if the penalty is unpaid for 20 days, DOL puts a hold on your registration and you cannot renew your tabs. A one-time penalty waiver is available if you call before paying.
- Prices on the express lanes change within minutes, so check the WSDOT app.

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

After you move, update the address on your vehicle record and your Good To Go! account right away. Otherwise toll bills go to the old address and can run all the way to a penalty and a registration hold. If you are subject to address reporting, report the same move to USCIS within 10 days (AR-11).



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