

# Motor Vehicle Taxation

## How are values determined for taxation purposes in Georgia?

Georgia has two types of motor vehicle property valuations:

### **Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) O.C.G.A. §48-5C-1**

Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) became effective on March 1, 2013. TAVT is a one-time tax that is paid at the time the vehicle is titled. It replaced sales tax and annual ad valorem tax (annual motor vehicle tax) and is paid every time vehicle ownership is transferred or a new resident registers the vehicle in Georgia for the first time.

### **TAVT Exceptions**

- Non-titled vehicles and trailers are exempt from TAVT – but are subject to annual ad valorem tax.
- New residents to Georgia pay TAVT at a rate of 3% (New Georgia Law effective July 1, 2019).
- Family transfer - [Form MV-16 Affidavit to Certify Immediate Family Relationship](#) required:
  - Link: <https://dor.georgia.gov/mv-16-affidavit-certify-immediate-family-relationship>
  - If the vehicle is currently in the TAVT system, the family member can pay a reduced TAVT rate of .5% of the fair market value of the vehicle.

If the vehicle is currently in the annual ad valorem tax system, the family member has the option of staying under annual ad valorem OR paying full one-time TAVT.

- Inheritance - [T-20 Affidavit of Inheritance](#) required:
- Link: <https://dor.georgia.gov/form-t-20-affidavit-inheritance>
  - If the vehicle is currently in the TAVT system, the family member can pay a reduced TAVT rate of .5% of the fair market value of the vehicle.

If a vehicle is currently in the annual ad valorem tax system, the family member has the option of staying under annual ad valorem OR paying full one-time TAVT.

- Learn more about [vehicles inherited or purchased from an estate](#).
  - Link: <https://dor.georgia.gov/vehicle-inherited-or-purchased-estate>
- Non-Resident Military - [Service Member Affidavit Form PT-472NS](#) required.
  - Link: <https://dor.georgia.gov/pt-472ns-non-resident-service-members-affidavit-title-ad-valorem-tax-motor-vehicles>
- Georgia Department of Revenue Form [MV-30 Georgian's Veteran Affidavit for Relief and Local TAVT fees](#) and Military Documentation required for Veterans Exemptions
  - Link: <https://dor.georgia.gov/mv-30-georgians-veteran-affidavit-relief-state-and-local-title-ad-valorem-tax-fees>
  - **Military Disabled-Service Connected:** The sale of a vehicle subject to a service-connected disabled veteran where the veteran received a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to purchase and specially adapt the vehicle to the disability. Grant letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs required.

- **Military Disabled-Constitutional Exemption:** Exemption from ad-valorem tax for disabled veterans or unmarried surviving spouse receiving 100% benefits from United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Letter from United States Department of Veterans Affairs and designated plate required.
- **Prisoner of War:** Exemption of certain motor vehicles owned by former prisoner of war or unmarried surviving spouse. DD-214, Military 201 file or sufficient proof of former prisoner of war status required.
- **Purple Heart Recipient:** Veterans awarded Purple Heart are exempt from ad-valorem tax. DD-214, Military 201 file or sufficient proof of the Purple Heart and designated plate required.
- **Medal of Honor Recipient:** Exemption for veterans awarded Medal of Honor. Act of Congress award of Medal of Honor, DD214, Military 201 file, or sufficient and designated plate required.
- **Public Safety-First Responders**
  - TAVT exemption on a maximum of \$50,000 fair market value combined for all vehicles he or she registers during any three-year period.
  - Required documentation: [MV-PSFR-TAVT Public Safety First Responder State and Local Title Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Application](#) and award letter from the Department of Administrative Services for individual or spouse receiving payments for indemnification for death or disability.
    - Link: <https://dor.georgia.gov/mv-psfr-tavt-public-safety-first-responder-state-and-local-title-ad-valorem-tax-exemption>
  - Applies to law enforcement officer, fireman, publicly employed emergency medical technician, or a surviving unmarried spouse of such a first responder, receiving indemnification payments from the Department of Administrative Services due to certain injuries or death occurring in the line of duty.

## **Annual Ad Valorem Tax (AVT)**

- Annual Ad Valorem Tax applies to most vehicles not taxed under Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) or alternative ad valorem tax. Annual Ad Valorem tax is a value tax that is assessed annually and must be paid at the time of registration. Payment of ad valorem tax is a prerequisite to receiving a tag or renewal decal. Ad valorem taxes are due each year on all vehicles whether they are operational or not, even if the tag or registration renewal is not being applied for. Taxes must be paid by the last day of your registration period (birthday) to avoid a 10% penalty. Tax amounts vary according to the current fair market value of the vehicle and the tax district in which the owner resides. Ad valorem tax receipts are distributed to the state, county, schools, and cities.

## **Annual Ad Valorem Tax (AVT) Exemptions**

**Driver Education:** Motor vehicles used exclusively for driver education.

**Persons with Disabilities:** Motor vehicles owned by a school or education institution primarily use for transporting persons with disabilities.

**Vans and buses owned by religious groups:** Exemption of vans and buses used exclusively for exempt religious purposes.

**Military service member temporarily stationed in Georgia:** Exemption for members of the armed forces temporarily stationed in Georgia

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**Veterans organization:** Exemption of one motor vehicle owned or leased by a veterans organization.