



2 Ownership/use of automobiles

Automobile owners and users are legally required to register their automobiles, secure places to keep them, have them inspected and enter into coercive insurance contracts for them, among other requirements. It is also necessary to keep in mind various costs needed to own and use automobiles, in addition to the purchase costs: for fuel, insurance, statutory inspection, automobile taxation, repairs, among others.

2-1 Registration of automobiles

For the occasions listed below, you are required to make registration at the local transport branch office that controls the location of your residence/office. Every automobile must bear a number plate. You may have the registration procedures undertaken by an entity such as the shop at which you bought your automobile. To buy an automobile and register it, you need your registered seal (for light-vehicles, a standard seal) (see [D Other notifications – 5 Personal seals](#)).

Occasions that require registration	Place of registration
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When you buy an automobile• When the name or address of the owner of an automobile changes• When you give or receive the ownership of an automobile to/from a third person• When you scrap an automobile• When you have lost your number plate	Local transport branch office that controls the location of your residence/office