

How to fill out VR-129 — Maryland Temporary State Inspection Waiver

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The answer to a circular problem. Maryland will not title and register a used vehicle without a safety inspection certificate, and a car that is not registered cannot legally be driven to the inspection station. This buys a 30-day temporary registration for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 so the vehicle can be moved to a station and back. It also covers a second, unrelated case: a Maryland service member stationed out of state.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VR-129 from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration at <https://mva.maryland.gov/media/162?f=VR-129.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	BUYER	Vehicle Year, Make, Model, VIN	The first row of section A, which every applicant completes whatever their reason for applying. Watch out: Section A is not optional for the military route either. The form says so in its own heading - to be completed by all applicants regardless of reason for waiver.
2	BUYER	Owner's Full Name and MDID	Name and Maryland identification number, with a co-owner pair alongside. Watch out: The applicant is whoever is titling the vehicle. In a private sale that is the buyer, so this is a form you may be filling in on their behalf rather than for yourself.
3	BUYER	City, County, State, Zip Code	Four boxes for the owner and four more for a co-owner. Watch out: County appears twice on this sheet and is left blank on both rows more often than any other box. Maryland asks for it because its inspection and emissions programmes are county-based.
4	BUYER	Certification of Insurance	Three boxes across the middle of section A: the insurer, the policy or binder number, and the agent or broker. Watch out: Cover has to be live before the temporary registration issues. A policy arranged to start when the inspection passes is a policy that starts thirty days too late.
5	YOU	Odometer Reading	A box marked no tenths, described on the form as the mileage upon transfer of ownership. Watch out: This is a seller's figure on a buyer's form, and it has to agree with the certificate. It is the one line here you should check even if somebody else is filling the sheet in.
6	BUYER	Section C	The statement that means of transporting the vehicle to an authorised station are unavailable, and the acknowledgement of a single 30 day temporary registration. Watch out: One temporary registration, not a renewable one. If the car fails and the repair takes six weeks, there is no second waiver behind this one.
7	BUYER	Temporary Expiration Date and Owner's Signature	The date the temporary registration ends, then signature, date and printed name, with a co-owner row alongside. Watch out: Write the expiry date into a calendar as well as onto the form. Missing it means a flagged registration and a tag pickup order, which is a worse problem than the one the waiver solved.

What gets this one rejected

- A service member's section B with no commanding officer's countersignature, which the form has its own signature block for.
- Insurance details left blank. A temporary registration is still a registration and Maryland does not issue one uninsured.
- An odometer reading omitted, which the form asks for as a disclosure upon transfer of ownership rather than as an inspection matter.
- Both sections B and C completed, when they describe two different and mutually exclusive reasons for a waiver.
- A missing county. Section A asks for it for both owner and co-owner, in its own box each time.
- Treating the fee as refundable if the car then fails. It is marked non-refundable in the form's own heading.

☐ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.

Read off VR-129 (09-24) and the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs. sellmycarhub.com



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Non-Refundable Fee: \$50.00

Section A - To be completed by all applicants regardless of reason for waiver

Vehicle Year 2015	Make Jeep	Model Cherokee	Vehicle Identification Number 1C4PJMCS5FW612703	FEIN #
Owner's Full Name Emmett J. Callahan		MDID C-390-472-118-605	Co-Owner's Full Name	
Owner's Phone Number (301) 555-0128	Owner's Email Address e.callahan@example.com		Co-Owner's Phone Number	Co-Owner's Email Address
Owner's Street Address 1904 Dual Highway			Co-Owner's Street Address	
City Hagerstown	County Washington	State MD	Zip Code 21740	

Certification of Insurance: The vehicle described above is covered by personal injury and property damage insurance in the minimum amounts required by the laws of Maryland.

Insurance Company Monocacy Valley Mutual Insurance Company	Policy/Binder Number MD-4471-90862	Agent/Broker Corbin A. Wexler
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Odometer Mileage upon Transfer of Ownership (required by federal/state regulations):

Odometer Reading (No tenths) 96470	☐ 1. The mileage stated is in excess of its mechanical limits ☐ 2. The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. Warning Odometer Discrepancy
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Reason for Waiver Request:

☐ I am a Maryland resident and a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed outside of Maryland. (**complete section B**)

Section B - To be completed by Maryland members of the U.S. Armed Forces assigned out of state

I certify that I am a member of the U.S. Armed Forces officially assigned to duty at the following military base

Name/Location of Base	Military Address	Maryland Tag #
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I request an inspection waiver due to the above information. Upon returning to Maryland, I will have the vehicle inspected at an authorized Maryland safety inspection station.

Signature of Serviceman	Printed Name	Date
The above named service member is assigned to official duty at the above named military base.		
Signature of Commanding Officer (rank)	Printed Name	Date

Section C - To be completed by applicants for transportation to a Maryland State inspection station

Means by which to transport my vehicle to an authorized Maryland inspection station are unavailable. I understand that one 30 day temporary registration will be issued for the purpose of transporting the vehicle to and from an inspection station or weigh station or both.

Reminder: This vehicle must pass a MD safety inspection within 30 days. You must either submit the inspection certificate to the MVA (unless electronically submitted by the inspection station); or return the license plates. Failure to comply will result in the flagging of the registration and a tag pickup order placed against the vehicle.

Temporary Expiration Date: 09/11/2026	
Owner's Signature Emmett Callahan	Date 08/12/2026
Co-Owner's Signature	Date
Owner's Printed Name Emmett J. Callahan	Co-Owner's Printed Name

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TTY for the hearing impaired: 1-800-492-4575.