

Selling (or buying) a car



A car belongs to whoever is listed in the national vehicle registry, the RUNT. A signed contract and the keys don't change that.

Until the sale is recorded in the registry

- Camera tickets go to you. The camera reads the plate and sends the ticket to the registered owner. ^[1]
- The yearly vehicle tax comes to you, and collection can end with your bank account frozen. ^[2]
- If the car is in a crash or used in a crime, you can be pulled into the investigation. ^[2]

What changed in 2026

- The old way out, a transfer to an unnamed buyer (traspaso a persona indeterminada), ended February 6, 2026. ^{[1] [2]}
- Cars already in that situation have until February 6, 2027 to be put in the new owner's name. ^[2]

Do this

- Selling: don't hand over the keys until the transfer is filed with the transit office.
- Buying: check the plate for unpaid fines and taxes before you pay.

SOURCES (click to open)

1. [Publimetro, February 21, 2026: the end of blank transfers](#) [publimetro.co](#)
2. [El Carro Colombiano: the risks of selling without the paperwork](#) [elcarrocolombiano.com](#)