



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4503.37 Certificate of reciprocity - exemption from requirements.

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(A) A certificate of reciprocity issued under this section shall exempt the owner and the driver of every motor vehicle which is duly registered in the state, district, country, or sovereignty other than this state, to which the certificate is granted, from the laws of this state pertaining to registration and licensing and the penal statutes relating thereto, provided such owner or driver has complied with the law in regard to motor vehicles in the state, district, country, or sovereignty in which the motor vehicle is registered and complies with such law while operating and driving such motor vehicle upon the public roads of this state. Such certificate shall not, however, exempt such an owner from the requirements of sections 5728.01 to 5728.14 and 5728.99 of the Revised Code, from the provisions of section 2921.13 of the Revised Code in relation to the filing of a return, application, or permit under section 5728.02, 5728.03, or 5728.08 of the Revised Code, or from the payment of any other taxes which may be imposed on Ohio-owned motor vehicles.

(B) The registrar of motor vehicles shall issue a certificate of reciprocity to each state, district, country, or sovereignty other than this state:

(1) Which state, district, country, or sovereignty grants to the owners and drivers of Ohio-registered motor vehicles the same exemptions granted by a certificate of reciprocity to owners and drivers of motor vehicles not registered in Ohio;

(2) And in which state, district, country, or sovereignty, except for nominal charges for registration for identification purposes, all highway taxes, including use taxes, motor vehicle fuel taxes, flat fees, and public utility taxes, are levied impartially on all motor vehicles regardless of where the motor vehicles have been registered.

(C) The registrar of motor vehicles shall not issue a reciprocity certificate, and shall cancel any such certificate previously issued, if the state, district, country, or sovereignty concerned does not comply with divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, or charges registration flat fees of owners of Ohio-registered motor vehicles which fees are in no way governed by motor vehicle fuel consumption, or



miles traveled, in that state, district, country, or sovereignty.

(D) Taxes and assessments levied impartially and collected directly on a per mile basis, or per gallon of motor vehicle fuel basis, shall not be construed to disqualify the state, district, country, or sovereignty levying the same from receiving a certificate of reciprocity; however, if a tax or assessment is imposed on vehicles registered in the state, district, country, or sovereignty levying the tax, or assessment, or not on similar vehicles registered in other jurisdictions, the registrar may refuse to grant a certificate of reciprocity, and if such a certificate has been previously granted, may cancel the certificate.

(E) The owner or operator of a motor vehicle duly registered under the international registration plan in this state or in any other jurisdiction for which this state has received an apportioned registration tax or fee, or which is otherwise operating in accordance with the provisions of the international registration plan, is not required by this section to obtain a certificate of registration under section 4503.10 of the Revised Code.