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Do I need to register a trailer or caravan?

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It all depends on the total laden weight of the vehicle (TCCA), i.e. the maximum permissible weight: the weight of the vehicle and what it carries (people, goods, etc.).

PTAC over 500 kg

Carte grise If your trailer has a TCCA greater than 500 kg, you must make a request for a TCCA in order for the trailer to be allowed to travel.

The procedures are identical to those for private vehicles new

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10293?lang=en>) or used

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1050?lang=en>).

The caravan or trailer must then carry a number plate (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F20319?lang=en>) carte grise with the registration number of sa.

L'territorial identifier may be different from that of the towed vehicle.

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2880?lang=en>)

PTAC less than or equal to 500 kg

General case

Carte grise The caravan or trailer does not need a clean one. However, it must have a number plate

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F20319?lang=en>), identical to that of the vehicle pulling it.

Trailer less than 500 kg made in house

Carte grise The trailer does not need a clean one. However, it must have a registration plate

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F20319?lang=en>), identical to that of the vehicle pulling it.

If you've built a trailer that weighs less than 500 kg, you have to certify it to be able to run it. For certification, you must contact the Dreal on which you depend:

Who shall I contact

Regional Directorate for Environment, Planning and Housing (Dreal) [↗](#)

(<https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/services-deconcentres-du-ministere#e4>)

Attention: if you live in departments 75, 77, 78, 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95, you must make the request to DRIEE Île-de-France's regional vehicle reception platform.

Who shall I contact

Vehicle Reception for Manufacturers, Professionals and Individuals - Île-de-France [↗](#)

(<https://www.driat.ile-de-france.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/reception-homologation-des-vehicules-et-r179.html>)

Statute and miscellaneous references

Highway Code: Articles R322-1 to R322-14

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177098?lang=en)

Issuance of registration certificate

Order of 9 February 2009 on the procedures for the registration of vehicles
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000020237165?lang=en>)

Online services and forms

Application for a vehicle registration certificate (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R13567?lang=en>)

Form

Carte grise Calculate the cost of the certificate of registration (ex-
(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R39696?lang=en>)

Simulator

FAQ

Should a caravan have car insurance? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F21619?lang=en>)