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*DMV Registration Resource Guide*

# PENALTIES

## Penalties

Penalties (CVC §§9552-9554.5 and 9561 and R&TC §10854)

- A late penalty is assessed whenever fees are due and not paid as required.
- The penalty is assessed at a rate based on the extent of the delinquency.

### Exceptions

A penalty is not assessed in the following situations:

- When the fees for an application for original California registration are paid within 20 days of the date fees become due.
- When a California dealer or lessor-retailer submits the fees and application for registration or transfer of a used vehicle within 30 days from the date of sale. (CVC §9553c,1)
- Vehicles and vehicles where the registration expires while in the dealer inventory.
- When a transferee acquires a vehicle and the registration subsequently expires, and the transferee pays the renewal fees within 20 days from the transfer date.
- When a legal owner or its agent repossesses a vehicle and all renewal fees due are paid within 60 days of the repossession date.
- When a repossessed vehicle is sold through a motor vehicle auction dealer and all renewals fees due are paid within 60 days of sale auction.
- When a garage or storage facility keeper establishes a lien against a vehicle and the registration expires while in the garage/storage facility keeper's possession.
- When a Certificate of Non-Operation (REG 102) is acceptable and renewal fees are paid on or before the date of first operation of the vehicle.
- When the registration expiration date of the last penalty-free date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, and the fees are paid on the next business day.