

Find RTO Chandigarh Vehicle and Licence Services Explained

If you own or plan to buy a vehicle in Chandigarh, the RTO Chandigarh, operating under the code PB01 is the government authority you will deal with for everything from vehicle registration and driving licences to road tax payments, ownership transfers, and NOC issuance. PB01 is the official RTO code assigned to Chandigarh by the Punjab Transport Department, and it appears on every vehicle number plate registered in this region. Whether you are a new vehicle owner trying to understand the registration process, a buyer looking to transfer RC, or a resident needing to renew a driving licence, this guide covers every key service offered by [RTO Chandigarh](#) (PB01) and how to access them online and offline.



What Is RTO Chandigarh and What Does PB01 Mean?

The Regional Transport Office (RTO) is a government body established under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. It is responsible for managing all vehicle and driver-related regulatory functions within its jurisdiction.

PB01 is the RTO code for Chandigarh. In this code:

- PB represents the state abbreviation for Punjab

- 01 is the specific district/city number assigned to Chandigarh

This code appears as part of every vehicle registration number for vehicles registered in Chandigarh — for example, a vehicle number may read PB-01-XX-1234, where PB01 identifies it as a Chandigarh-registered vehicle.

Chandigarh serves as the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana and also functions as a Union Territory. As a result, its transport authority structure is slightly different from a typical state **RTO**. The Chandigarh Transport Department functions under two main wings:

- **Registering and Licensing Authority (RLA)** — handles vehicle registration and driving licence services
- **State Transport Authority (STA)** — manages permits, commercial transport regulation, and route licensing

RTO Chandigarh (PB01) — Office Address and Contact Details

Detail	Information
RTO Code	PB-01
Office Name	Regional Transport Office, Chandigarh
Office Address	Jeevandeep Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh – 160017
Phone Number	0172-2702575
Official Portal	chdtransport.gov.in
National Portal (Vehicle Services)	parivahan.gov.in / vahan.parivahan.gov.in
National Portal (Licence Services)	sarathi.parivahan.gov.in
Working Days	Monday to Friday
Office Hours	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (general public services)

Tip: For most services — learner's licence applications, RC status checks, road tax payments, and slot booking for driving tests — you can complete the process online before visiting the RTO. This significantly reduces waiting time at the office.

Complete List of Services Offered by RTO Chandigarh (PB01)

The RTO Chandigarh provides services like issuing driving licences, registering vehicles, collecting road tax, conducting fitness tests, and offering permits for public and commercial transport. More specifically, the PB01 office handles:

Driving Licence Services

- Learner's Licence (LL) issuance
- Permanent Driving Licence (DL) issuance
- DL renewal
- Duplicate DL
- International Driving Permit (IDP)
- Addition of new vehicle class to existing DL
- Change of address on DL

Vehicle Registration Services

- New vehicle registration (temporary and permanent RC)
- RC renewal (after 15 years for private, 5 years for commercial)
- Duplicate RC
- Change of address on RC
- High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) services

Ownership and Transfer Services

- Vehicle ownership transfer (within Chandigarh)
- Inter-state vehicle transfer
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) for vehicle moving to another state
- Hypothecation endorsement (when vehicle is financed)
- Hypothecation termination (when loan is cleared)

Tax and Compliance Services

- Road tax collection
- PUC (Pollution Under Control) certificate
- Fitness certificate for commercial vehicles
- e-Challan payment and dispute resolution

Permit Services

- Goods carriage permits
- Interstate permits
- Contract carriage permits
- Stage carriage permits (for buses on defined routes)

Vehicle Registration at RTO Chandigarh (PB01)

How to Register a New Vehicle

Vehicle owners need to fill out Form 20, 21, and 22 and attach insurance and PUC certificate copies for registration at the Chandigarh RTO. After approval, the RTO provides an official registration certificate and smart vehicle card.

For most new vehicles purchased from an authorised dealer in Chandigarh, the dealer handles the registration process on the buyer's behalf — including submitting forms and collecting fees. The permanent RC is then delivered to your registered address via post.

Documents Required for New Vehicle Registration

Document	Purpose
Form 20	Vehicle registration application
Form 21	Sales certificate from dealer
Form 22	Roadworthiness certificate from manufacturer
Valid insurance certificate	Compulsory for all vehicles
PUC certificate	Pollution compliance
Identity proof (Aadhaar / Passport)	Owner verification
Address proof	Chandigarh residency verification
Passport-size photographs	For RC issuance

RC Renewal at Chandigarh RTO

Private vehicle RCs are valid for 15 years from the date of first registration. After 15 years, a renewal is required along with a fitness check for the vehicle. The renewal application must be submitted within 60 days of the RC expiry date.

Driving Licence Services at RTO Chandigarh (PB01)

Learner's Licence (LL) — How to Apply

Applicants in Chandigarh are advised to complete online applications before visiting the RTO for biometric verification or driving tests. Apply online for Learner's Licence and schedule the LL test. Clear the learner's test at the PB-01 RTO.

Steps to Apply for Learner's Licence in Chandigarh:

1. Visit sarathi.parivahan.gov.in and select Chandigarh (Punjab – PB01) as your state/RTO
2. Select "Apply for Learner's Licence"
3. Fill in personal details and select the vehicle category (LMV, MCWG, etc.)
4. Upload documents — age proof, address proof, photograph, and signature
5. Pay the learner's licence fee online
6. Book a slot for the computer-based theory test at PB-01 RTO
7. Appear at the RTO on your chosen date, complete biometric verification, and take the test
8. On passing, the Learner's Licence is issued and remains valid for 6 months

No driving test is required at the learner's licence stage.

Permanent Driving Licence (DL) — How to Apply

After holding a valid learner's licence for a minimum of **30 days**, you can apply for the permanent DL:

1. Log in to sarathi.parivahan.gov.in with your learner's licence details
2. Select "Apply for Driving Licence"
3. Fill out the application form (Form 4) online
4. Upload documents and pay the DL fee
5. Book a driving test slot at PB-01 RTO Chandigarh
6. Appear at the RTO on the scheduled date — bring your test vehicle with valid insurance and PUC
7. Undergo the driving skill test covering lane discipline, signal compliance, vehicle control, and parking
8. On passing, the permanent DL is dispatched to your address via post

Road Tax at RTO Chandigarh (PB01)

Road tax in Chandigarh is a one-time lump-sum levy paid at the time of vehicle registration, calculated as a percentage of the ex-showroom price. Chandigarh, being a Union Territory, has its own tax structure, which differs from Punjab and Haryana state rates.

No Objection Certificate (NOC) at RTO Chandigarh (PB01)

A No Objection Certificate (NOC) is mandatory whenever a PB01-registered vehicle is being permanently moved to another state or transferred to a buyer in a different RTO jurisdiction.

When Is NOC Required?

- Selling a Chandigarh-registered vehicle to a buyer in another state
- Permanently relocating with your vehicle to another state
- Re-registering a vehicle that was originally registered under PB01 in a new home state

Documents Required for NOC at Chandigarh RTO

- Form 28 (NOC application)
- Original RC
- Valid insurance certificate
- PUC certificate
- Tax clearance certificate (proof of no outstanding road tax)
- Challan clearance certificate (no pending e-challans)
- Identity proof of the owner
- For commercial vehicles: surrender of permit and fitness certificate

How to Apply for NOC Online

1. Visit parivahan.gov.in
2. Navigate to "Vehicle Related Services"
3. Select "Apply for NOC"
4. Enter your vehicle registration number and fill in the destination state/RTO
5. Upload required documents
6. Pay the NOC fee online

7. The NOC is issued digitally, or you may need to visit the PB-01 RTO for verification and physical issue

Fitness Certificate and PUC at Chandigarh RTO

Fitness Certificate

A fitness certificate is mandatory for commercial vehicles (taxis, transport vehicles, goods carriers) to confirm they meet road safety standards. Private vehicles do not need a separate fitness certificate for regular use but must undergo vehicle inspection when renewing RC after 15 years.

Commercial vehicles must renew their fitness certificate periodically (typically every 1–2 years depending on vehicle age and type). The fitness test is conducted at the RTO or an authorised inspection centre.

PUC Certificate (Pollution Under Control)

A valid PUC certificate is required for all vehicles in Chandigarh — private and commercial. It certifies that the vehicle's emissions are within permissible limits set by the government.

- **New vehicles** (up to 1 year old) get a PUC certificate from the manufacturer
- **Older vehicles** must renew PUC every **6 months to 1 year** depending on the vehicle age and fuel type
- PUC certificates can be obtained from authorised emission testing centres across Chandigarh
- The PUC status can be checked online at parivahan.gov.in by entering your vehicle registration number

Driving without a valid PUC in Chandigarh is a traffic offence attracting a fine under the Motor Vehicles Act.

HSRP (High Security Registration Plate) in Chandigarh

The Chandigarh RTO requires all vehicles to have a **High Security Registration Plate (HSRP)** fitted. These plates contain laser-etched identification codes and security features that help in vehicle theft prevention and identity verification.

- HSRP application can be initiated online through the official transport portal
- The RLA may refuse to process RC transfer if the vehicle does not have HSRP plates installed
- HSRP is available at authorised dealers and RTO-approved fitting centres

How to Check Vehicle Details Online — PB01 Registered Vehicles

You can look up any PB01-registered vehicle's details, including owner information, RC validity, insurance status, fitness certificate, and PUC status, through official channels:

Via Parivahan Portal:

1. Visit parivahan.gov.in
2. Go to "Know Your Vehicle Details" under Informational Services
3. Enter the vehicle registration number (e.g., PB-01-XX-1234)
4. Enter the captcha and click "Vahan Search"
5. Details including RC validity, insurance expiry, fitness certificate, and PUC status are displayed

Via mParivahan App: Download the mParivahan app (available on Android and iOS), enter the vehicle registration number, and access real-time vehicle details. The app also allows you to store digital copies of your RC and DL.

Via RC Status at Chandigarh Transport Department: Visit chdtransport.gov.in and use the "Know Your Application Status [RC]" option to track any pending RC application.

Motor Insurance and RTO Chandigarh — What You Must Know

All vehicles registered under PB01 are legally required to carry valid motor insurance under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The two types of coverage relevant to Chandigarh vehicle owners are:

Third-Party Liability Insurance (Compulsory)

This is the minimum legal requirement for every vehicle on the road — private or commercial. It covers financial liability arising from accident-related injury, death, or property damage caused to a third party. Driving any PB01-registered vehicle without this cover is a punishable offence.

Comprehensive Motor Insurance (Recommended)

A comprehensive policy adds **Own Damage (OD)** coverage to the mandatory third-party protection. It covers accidental damage to your own vehicle, theft, natural calamities such as floods and hailstorms, and fire. For Chandigarh vehicle owners, especially those in areas prone to seasonal flooding or extreme weather, a comprehensive policy offers significantly better financial protection.

Why Insurance Matters for RTO Processes

At every stage of RTO interaction — vehicle registration, RC renewal, NOC application, and RC transfer — the RTO Chandigarh verifies that your vehicle has valid insurance.

Key points to remember:

- **Vehicle registration** requires a valid insurance certificate (Form 20 submission will be rejected without it)
- **RC transfer** requires the seller to provide current insurance details; the new owner must arrange insurance from the date of purchase
- **NOC applications** require insurance validity as part of clearance documentation
- **Insurance claim validity** is directly linked to your RC, DL, and PUC being current — if any of these are expired at the time of an accident, your insurer may reduce or reject the claim

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What is the RTO code for Chandigarh?

The RTO code for Chandigarh is **PB-01**. "PB" stands for Punjab (the state under which Chandigarh's vehicle registration is administered) and "01" is the city-specific district code assigned to Chandigarh. All vehicles registered in Chandigarh carry number plates beginning with PB-01.

Where is the RTO Chandigarh (PB01) office located?

The main RTO office for Chandigarh (PB-01) is located at Jeevandeep Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh – 160017. The office can be reached at 0172-2702575. Chandigarh also has sub-offices (SDM offices in Sector 42 and the Industrial Area) that handle certain vehicle services for their respective sectors.

How can I check the owner details of a PB01-registered vehicle?

You can check vehicle owner details for any PB01-registered vehicle online by visiting parivahan.gov.in, selecting "Know Your Vehicle Details," and entering the vehicle's registration number. The result will display RC status, insurance expiry, fitness certificate details, and PUC status. Alternatively, use the mParivahan mobile app to access the same details instantly.

What documents are required for vehicle registration at Chandigarh RTO (PB01)?

For new vehicle registration at PB-01, you need Form 20 (registration application), Form 21 (sales certificate from dealer), Form 22 (roadworthiness certificate), valid insurance certificate, PUC certificate, identity proof, address proof for Chandigarh, and passport-size photographs.

How do I apply for a driving licence at RTO Chandigarh?

Apply online at sarathi.parivahan.gov.in. First obtain a Learner's Licence by clearing the computer-based theory test at the PB-01 RTO. After a minimum of 30 days, apply for the permanent Driving Licence and book a driving skill test slot at the Chandigarh RTO. The licence is delivered to your address by post upon successful completion.

Conclusion

RTO Chandigarh (PB01) is the regulatory hub for all vehicle and driver-related services in Chandigarh. From registering a brand new car to transferring RC when selling a used vehicle, paying road tax, obtaining a driving licence, clearing challans, or getting a NOC before moving to another city — every process runs through this office or its online equivalents on the Parivahan and Sarathi portals.

The most effective approach for Chandigarh residents is to begin every RTO process online — complete the application, upload documents, and make payments digitally before visiting the office only where a physical presence is mandatory, such as for the driving test or vehicle inspection. This saves time, reduces queuing, and ensures your application is processed without missing documentation.

Equally important: ensure your vehicle's insurance, PUC, and RC are always current. These are not just legal requirements but directly affect your ability to complete RTO processes smoothly and protect you financially in the event of an accident or theft.