

Extending the car permit & renewing SOAT insurance in Medellin

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Where:

DIAN in the very center of town, GPS of the entrance: N6.24412° W75.57231°

Bring:

- pen
- Passport
- Copies of information page and entry stamp
- Copy of car title
- Copy of the old DIAN permit
- Copy of the old SOAT insurance

You have to go there with the very car you want to renew the permit for. It is best and most convenient to park just opposite DIAN on a paid parking GPS: N6.24421° W75.57158°

You cross the street by foot and tell the Security at the entrance that you have to go to 'Aduaneras'.

It is on the 2nd floor. The office was in the back right corner. Ask if you are lost, people are very friendly. Our man there was Sergio, who was at that time the only person responsible for the issue.

You fill out a form (tick 'prorroga' at the top which means extension) with questions about the car and yourself. The clerk receives all the paperwork and hands you your copies and the original form.

You exit the DIAN building, go down the stairs and behind the closest building you will find a copy shop. There is also always police around and they know everything, ask them. Copy the original form, you will need it again later!

Go back to the DIAN building and this time, take a left and descend the stairs to the basement floor.

You will see the entrance all to the back; in case there is a huge queue, just walk past it, these people are there for different reasons! Tell the Security that you need to go to counter X (you are told by the clerk) to drop off a form. The person at the counter there will ask you for another copy and you are all set. When we exited, DIAN clerk Sergio was already waiting there for us, and we walked to the car where he double checked the data.

2 days later, Sergio called us to tell us that the permit was ready. A few signatures later we were all set. Everything for FREE :o)

Once you have the extension for the car, you will need a new insurance, it is compulsory to have one. We visited 3 different SOAT branches, and all of them wanted to sell us insurance for a year no less! SOAT is a basic insurance sold by different insurance companies and when we looked closely at our former insurance, we noticed that in Cartagena, we got insurance with SURA; they insure from 1 month on.

The big SURA office in Medellin we know is here: N 6.22915° W 75.57434° . It obviously again depends on the size of your rig, it cost us around 50'000COP and was done in 15 minutes (around 155'000COP for 3 months).