INTERACTIVE TITLE AND REGISTRATION MANUAL

FOR DEALER’S / TITLE SERVICES / VEHICLE PROGRAMS

The Motor Vehicle Administration is pleased to provide online guidance to dealers and title services. This manual is intended to assist you with the proper completion of your transactions, increase accuracy and reduce rejections of work. The information provided will increase the efficiency of processing work, which leads to greater customer service and satisfaction.
MVA’s Mission Statement

“The MVA shall provide exemplary driver and vehicle services that promote Maryland’s mobility and safety while enhancing process and product security.”
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MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION (MVA) CONTACTS

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Duplicate Titles
MVA’S
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You will find helpful information at our website

www.mva.maryland.gov

Learn how to:

Sign up to receive Dealer Bulletins

Search for information not found in this manual,

Obtain information regarding fines for late submission of dealer work,

And much more!
Documents Required for Basic Titling Transactions

- NEW VEHICLE PURCHASES FROM A DEALER
- USED VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM A DEALER
- USED VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM SOMEONE "OTHER THAN A DEALER"
- GIFTED VEHICLE BETWEEN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS (WITHIN MARYLAND)
- MOVING TO MARYLAND – USED VEHICLE ALREADY OWNED
- HOMEMADE TRAILER
NEW VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM A DEALER

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title, *(Form VR-005)*, and submit the following documents:

- **Certificate of Origin** properly assigned
- **Dealers Reassignments** (if needed) - Be sure there is a complete sequence of ownership from the owner to the first dealer, to any subsequent dealers, and finally to the retail buyer.
- **Original Dealers Bill of Sale** (photocopies are only accepted if notarized)

Note: Maryland Dealers may complete the certification section on the Application for Certificate of Title, *(Form VR-005)* or the certification on the dealer’s reassignment.

- **Odometer Disclosure Statement** on the reverse of the Certificate of Origin and/or any accompanying dealer reassignments. The odometer disclosure may also be on a separate odometer disclosure statement. All odometer disclosures must meet federal requirements.

- **Insurance coverage** with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name. Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.

- **New Tags** - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at *[www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov)*. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

- **Registration Card** - If transferring tags from another vehicle that has been sold, junked, traded, or otherwise transferred, provide the name and address of the person or business entity to which the old vehicle was transferred. Tags may be transferred to a vehicle in the same owners name, and between parents and children, and husband and wife. Tags may only be transferred to vehicles of the same class.

- **Tag transfer fee is $10.00.** If the tags being transferred are valid for less than a year, there will also be an additional year’s registration fee and surcharge collected.

- **Taxes**

  Excise tax is 6% of the price certified by the dealer, less trade-in allowance, with no allowance for down payment or manufacturer’s rebate. Dealer processing fee up to $200.00 is also included in the taxable price. Non-taxable items include dealer discount or dealer rebates, extended warranties, mechanical repair contracts, electronic registration fees, federal excise tax, and equipment installed to accommodate a disabled individual. See complete procedures for calculating total purchase and taxable price in Code of Maryland Regulation *(COMAR) 11.15.33.00*

- **Title Fee $100.00, except for short-term rental vehicle - $50.00.**
- **Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded** (if applicable)
Complete the Application for Certificate of Title, Form VR-005 or complete the application for title on the reverse of the Maryland title, and submit the following documents:

**Certificate of Title** properly assigned. Be sure there is a complete sequence of ownership from the owner to the first dealer, to any subsequent dealers, and finally to the retail buyer.

**Dealer Reassignments** (if Needed) – Be sure to attach any separate dealer reassignments required to complete the sequence of ownership as stated above.

**Original Dealers Bill of Sale** (photocopies are only accepted if notarized)

Note: Maryland Dealers may complete the certification section on the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005) or the certification on the dealer’s reassignment.

**Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate** – For vehicles held in dealer inventory only, inspections are valid for up to 6 months; or until 1000 miles has been added to the vehicles odometer. Note: Trucks (1 ton and larger), tractors and freight trailers may be sold un-inspected by Maryland dealers and the MVA may sell a 30-day temporary registration to be used by the owner to complete the inspection process.

**Lien Release** (if Needed) - An acceptable lien release is a Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing form properly signed on the front by the lien holders authorized representative; or a lien properly released on an out of state title; or a letter on the lien holders original letter head releasing the lien (See additional information on requirements for lien release letters in this manual). Unless the lien release letter is being provided to you directly from the lien holder, it is wise to verify the lien release and get positive identification from any customer presenting a lien release letter.

**Odometer Disclosure Statement** - Odometer statements are contained on all titles in compliance with the federal truth in mileage act. Separate odometer disclosure statements are acceptable if properly signed and completed by the seller and buyer. (See complete information on proper odometer disclosure in this manual)

**Insurance coverage** with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name.

Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.

**New Tags** - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

**Registration Card** - If transferring tags from another vehicle that has been sold, junked, traded, or otherwise transferred. Also provide the name and address of the person or business entity to which the old vehicle was transferred. Tags may be transferred to a vehicle in the same owners name, and between parents and children, and husband and wife. Tags may only be transferred to vehicles of the same class. **Tag transfer fee is $10.00.** If the tags being transferred are valid for less than a year, there will also be an additional year’s registration fee and surcharge collected.

**Taxes** - Excise tax is 6% of the price certified by the dealer, less trade-in allowance, with no allowance for down payment or manufacturer’s rebate. Dealer processing fee up to $200.00 is also included in the taxable price. Non-taxable items include dealer discount or dealer rebates, extended warranties, mechanical repair contracts, electronic registration fees, federal excise tax, and equipment installed to accommodate a disabled individual. See complete procedures for calculating total purchase and taxable price in Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 11.15.33.00

**Title Fee $100.00, except for short term rental vehicle - $50.00**

**Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded** (if applicable)
USED VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM SOMEONE “OTHER THAN” A DEALER

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title, (Form VR-005) or complete the application for title on the reverse of the Maryland title, and submit the following documents:
Certificate of Title properly assigned.
Notarized Bill of Sale (Form VR-181) with the signatures of all sellers and buyers should be provided for vehicles less than 7 years old.
Maryland Safety Inspection is valid for 90 days from the date of inspection. Once recorded with the MVA, the inspection certificate is only valid for 30 days from the date of inspection for a resale. If an inspection certificate is not provided, the customer may complete a Temporary Inspection Waiver (Form VR-129) to obtain a 30-day temporary registration.
Insurance coverage with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name.
Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.
Lien Release (if Needed) - An acceptable lien release is a Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing form properly signed on the front by the lien holders authorized representative; or a lien properly released on an out of state title; or a letter on the lien holders original letter head releasing the lien (See additional information on requirements for lien release letters in this manual). Unless the lien letter is being provided to you directly from the lien holder, it is wise to verify the lien release and get positive identification from any customer presenting a lien release letter.
New Tags - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.
Registration Card - if transferring tags from another vehicle that has been sold, junked, traded, or otherwise transferred, provide the name and address of the person or business entity to which the old vehicle was transferred. Tags may be transferred to a vehicle in the same owner’s name, and between parents and children, and husband and wife. Tags may only be transferred to vehicles of the same class. Tag transfer fee is $10.00. If the tags being transferred are valid for less than a year, there will also be an additional year’s registration fee and surcharge collected.
Taxes - Vehicles less than 7 years old - When a notarized bill of sale accompanies the title, the excise tax is 6% of “the greater of” the purchase price on the bill of sale or $640.00 ($320.00 for trailers). If the bill of sale does not accompany the title, the excise tax is 6% of the greater of the purchase price on the title, or the NADA book value of the vehicle. Minimum excise tax is $38.40 ($19.20 for trailers).
Taxes - Vehicles 7 years old and older - Excise tax is 6% of the greater of the purchase price on the title or $640.00 ($320.00 for trailers). Minimum excise tax is $38.40 ($19.20 for trailers).
Title Fee $100.00, except for short term rental vehicle - $50.00.
Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded (if applicable)
Gifted Vehicle Between Immediate Family Members (within Maryland)

**Maryland Title** - properly assigned by the person(s) giving the vehicle

**Application for Certificate of Title** on the reverse of the Maryland title, or the **Application for Certificate of Title** (Form VR-005) - completed by the person(s) receiving the vehicle

**Insurance coverage** with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name. Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.

**Gift Certification** (Form VR-103) - completed and signed by all givers and receivers of the vehicle

**Proof of Relationship** - submit if last names are different, i.e., birth certificate, marriage certificate, etc. Note: For Aunt/Uncle over 65 years old to Niece/Nephew transfers only, the Gift Title Transfers – Certified Statement (Form VR-299) may be used in place of proof of relationship

**Lien Release** (if subject to a lien) - Maryland's lien release is a Notice of Security Interest Filing, properly released on the front by the lien holder's representative; or a Letter on Lien Holder's Letterhead releasing the lien. If the lien is not released, a letter from the lien holder on letterhead to authorize the change in ownership and state whether or not the lien contract has changed or remains the same, is required. The letter must include the year, make and vehicle identification number and specifically indicate to whom the vehicle is to be transferred.

**Note**: Gifts between husband and wife with an open lien are excise tax exempt, but still require a letter of permission from the lien holder.

**Note**: Gifts between parents and children with an open lien need a letter signed by both, stating who made the down payment, paid the taxes, made all payments, and will continue to make the payments. If the receiver of the vehicle did not make all of the above payments, the transaction is taxable at 6% of the vehicle book value for vehicles less than 7 years old; or for vehicles 7 years old and older, the minimum tax of $38.40($19.20 for trailers). Letter of permission from the lien holder as stated above is, is also required.

**Note**: Gifts with open liens between relationships “other than” husband wife, and special conditions as stated above for parents and children, must pay excise tax.

**Maryland Safety Inspection** is not needed for transfers between husband/wife, parents/children, or transfers where the title is being transferred from joint ownership to one of the owners individual names. ALL OTHER RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRE MARYLAND SAFETY INSPECTION. Note: If an inspection certificate is required but not provided, the customer may complete a Temporary Inspection Waiver (Form VR-129) to obtain a 30-day temporary registration. The cost of a temporary registration is $20.00 and is in addition to all other required fees. If temporary registration is issued, the regular registration fee for the vehicle will be charged when the safety inspection certificate is submitted.

**Taxes** - Excise tax is “exempt” for vehicles currently titled in Maryland and being transferred to: a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, parent, sister, brother, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of the vehicle owner and no money or other valuable consideration is involved in the transfer. Transfers from Aunt/Uncle over 65 years of age to Niece/Nephew are excise tax exempt.

**Registration Card** - if transferring tags from the gifted vehicle or another vehicle that has been sold, junked, traded, or otherwise transferred. Also provide the name and address of the person or business entity to which the old vehicle was transferred. Tags may be transferred to a vehicle in the same owner’s name, and between parents and children, and husband and wife. Tags may only be transferred to vehicles of the same class.

**New Tags** - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov). All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

**Tag transfer fee is $10.00**. If the tags being transferred are valid for less than a year, there will also be an additional year’s registration fee and surcharge collected.

**Title Fee $100.00, except for short term rental vehicle - $50.00.**

**Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded** (if applicable) - Lien filing fee is not required for existing liens to be recorded if the letter of permission from the lien holder states that the lien contract remains the same.

**Note**: Gifts of vehicles “not previously titled in Maryland” between family members are subject to excise tax and a Maryland Safety Inspection.
MOVING TO MARYLAND – USED VEHICLE ALREADY OWNED

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005) and submit the following documents:

**Out of State Title (or ownership document required in that state)** - If the out of state title is being held by a lien holder, call 1-800-950-1682 to obtain a letter, requesting that the out of state title be mailed to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

**Lien Release**, if needed

**Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate** - If the applicant desires registration but does not provide a Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate, they may apply for a 30-day temporary registration by completing the Temporary Inspection Waiver (Form VR-129). If temporary registration is applied for, the permanent registration will not be issued until the Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate is submitted. Temporary Registration Fee is $20.00. Note: The fee for the regular plates will be paid when the safety inspection certificate is submitted.

**Insurance coverage** with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent's name.

Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.

**Excise Tax and Excise Tax Credit** - If the vehicle is titled or registered in the name of the applicant in another state at the time of making this application, Maryland Excise Tax is 6% of the “average retail value” of the vehicle as shown in the NADA Used Car Guide. Vehicles “7 years old and older” currently owned by the applicant in another state will be charged the minimum excise tax of $38.40 ($19.20 for trailers). On passenger cars, multi-purpose vehicles, 1/2 and 3/4-ton trucks, the value is computed by the addition or subtraction for high or low mileage. An excise tax credit is applied if the applicant has not been a Maryland resident for more than 60 days and has paid a state sales or excise tax in another state (excluding county or local tax). The excise tax shall apply, but at a rate measured by the difference in Maryland’s tax rate and the other state’s tax rate. The minimum excise tax imposed shall be $100. New residents leasing vehicles need to provide a copy of the lease contract or a letter from the leasing company indicating taxes paid (if any) to the previous state to ensure that an excise tax credit may be applied. Active duty military living in Maryland and stationed in Maryland, an adjoining state, or DC; and returning Maryland residents in the military, are entitled to receive an excise tax credit for up to 1 year. Please note that out of state military who are stationed in Maryland have the option of titling and registering their vehicles in Maryland or in the state that is their home of record.

**New Tags** - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

**Title Fee $100.00, except for short term rental vehicle - $50.00.**

**Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded** (if applicable)
Homemade Trailer

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005) and submit the following documents:

Two Pictures of the trailer are required. One picture of the entire rear view showing the lights; and one entire side view showing the hitch.

Receipts for parts that were purchased to build the trailer.

Certified Statement - Must itemize all parts used to build the trailer (provide receipts as stated above). If all or any of the parts were used, they must be listed and an estimated value of the used parts entered. The certified statement also needs to contain what the owner considers to be the total value of the trailer.

Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number (Form VR-198) - Trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 5,000 lbs or less may apply for assigned vehicle identification number at any full service branch of the MVA. Trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 5001 lbs or more, are required to be taken to the garage located at the Glen Burnie branch of the MVA, on Tuesdays between 8:30am and 1:00pm, to have the vehicle identification number assigned and affixed by the Maryland State Police Auto Theft Unit.

Temporary Inspection Waiver, Form VR-129 - Once the VIN has been issued and affixed to the trailer, it will need to be Maryland Safety Inspected before registration plates may be issued. The applicant may apply for a 30-day temporary registration to take the vehicle to an authorized Maryland Safety Inspection Station. If temporary registration is requested, the permanent registration will not be issued until the Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate is submitted. When the safety inspection is submitted, the regular tags may be purchased. Temporary Registration Fee is $20.00 (This fee is in addition to the cost of registration plates).

New Tags - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

Excise Tax - Excise tax will be 6% of the total value of the trailer. Minimum excise tax for trailers is $19.20.

Title Fee $100, except for short term rental vehicle - $50.00.

Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded (if applicable)
PROPER ASSEMBLY OF TITLE RECORDS
PROPER ASSEMBLY OF TITLE RECORD DOCUMENTS

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

- Registration card (If Tag Transferred)
- Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005)
- Certificate of Origin, Title, or other acceptable ownership document
- Lien Release – Notice of Security Interest Filing
- Dealer Reassignment(s)
- Bill of Sale / Gift Form
- Miscellaneous MVA Forms
- Odometer Mileage Statements
- Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate
- Vehicle Emission Report (if submitted)

PLEASE ASSEMBLE FORMS IN PROPER ORDER

DO NOT FOLD FORMS

DO NOT USE AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF STAPLES

DO NOT USE HIGHLIGHTERS
SUBMITTING TITLE WORK TO THE MVA
Submitting Title Work to the MVA

The dealer must submit to MVA all required documents, taxes and fees within 30 days of date of delivery for class A passenger cars, class D motorcycles, class M multipurpose vehicles, and class G travel and camping trailers. Dealerships will be charged late fines for work not submitted within 30 days of the date of delivery. **NOTE: For other classes of vehicles, the dealer has the option of collecting the tax and submitting it with all required documents within 30 days of the date of delivery; or allowing the customer to present the necessary titling documents, pay the excise tax and all required fees to the MVA.**

Even though dealers are not required to submit the documents, taxes and fees for other classes of vehicles, if there is a lien to record, you may want to exercise the option to submit the documents, taxes and fees to ensure that the lien is properly recorded. Maryland Vehicle Law Reference 13-113(e)

If you are selling a vehicle to a customer in another state the law allows the dealer to provide the titling documents to the transferee within 30 days. However, if there is a lien to record, the selling dealer may wish to contact the other state and mail the titling documents, taxes and fees to that state. This will ensure that the lien is properly recorded. Phone numbers for other state’s motor vehicle departments may be found in several national publications. Contact your dealer’s association for the names of these manuals.
TRANSMITTAL SHEET

All title work submitted to the MVA that is "dropped off" for processing must be recorded on a Transmittal Sheet (Form VR-205). The transmittal sheet is utilized as a receipt for drop off title work as well as a tracking sheet for title work processed. Exception: For walk-in transactions processed at branch offices, the transmittal sheet is not required.

See sample of properly completed transmittal sheet below:
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AND TITLING (ERT) DEALER WORK SUBMISSION
SPECIAL NOTE FOR ERT DEALER WORK

SUBMISSION – Any work processed through the ERT dealer networks must be “transmitted” within 30 days of the date of delivery. Bundles, containing title and registration records, need to be submitted to the MVA immediately after transmission by delivering them to counter 104 in the Glen Burnie headquarters building of the MVA; or mailed to the MVA at the following address:

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration
6601 Ritchie Highway NE
ERT Unit, Room 104
Glen Burnie, MD 21062

Effective October 1, 2010, the transmission date is used for proof of submission to MVA.
WHAT ERT DEALERS “CAN” DO & “CAN’T” DO
What transactions “CAN” ERT dealers process electronically?

- New title and tags (T1)
- New title and transfer of tags (T2)
- New title and transfer with renewal of tags (T3)
- New title only (T5)
- Title for ATV’s - Need to use class D, enter NR in the inspection field and enter AT for the body style
- New tag registration (NR)
- Standard renewal (SR)
- Replacement tag renewal (RT)
- Substitute tags (ST)
- Substitute stickers (SS)
- Duplicate registration (DU)
- Duplicate title, Form VR-018 (DT) (Transmit only)
- Duplicate title, Form VR-003 (Transmit only)
- Administrative flag fee (AF)
- Can utilize mailing address, mail address shows on title, not on database.
- Soundex issuance with proper documents – ERT Dealers must fax drivers license ID card, military ID from this country, or US passport to MVA ERT Unit at 410-424-3629 or 410-768-7070. Otherwise the transaction needs to be submitted to MVA.
- Tag return.

What transactions “CANNOT” be processed by ERT dealers?

- **No** branding of titles (can only brand for CAL LEV and odometer A, B or C)
- **No** VIN plate assignment
- **No** new issuance of disability plates, only transfer of disability plates
- **No** new issuance of personalized or organizational tags, only transfer of personalized or organizational tags
- **No** taxi (class B) no limousine (class Q) no ambulance / funeral (class C)
- **No** State and Local government (not new or transferred)
- **No** law enforcement
- **No** excise tax-exempt for business (mergers, consolidations, newly formed, dissolving etc.)
- **No** excise tax-exempt individual transferring to inter-vivos trust
- **No** excise tax credit for new residents
- **No** out of country gray market vehicles
- **No** registration corrections (RC)
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&
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**What transactions “CAN” ERT Title Services process electronically?**

- New title and tags (T1)
- New title and transfer of tags (T2)
- New title and transfer with renewal (T3)
- New title and temporary tags (T4)
- New title only (T5)
- Title for ATVS (NR in inspection field, use class D, and R in the exception field, AT for body style)
- Temporary tag (TM)
- New tag registration (NR)
- Standard renewal (SR)
- Replacement tag renewal (RT)
- Substitute tags (ST)
- Substitute stickers (SS)
- Duplicate registration (DU)
- Duplicate title (DT) transmit only
- Administrative flag fee (AF)
- Can utilize mailing address (mailing address shows on title, not on database)
- Soundex issuance with proper documents - must fax Driver License, ID card, Military ID from this country, or US Passport to MVA ERT UNIT (otherwise transaction needs to be submitted to MVA)
- Can do work on behalf of dealer (but cannot get 1.2% unless both dealer # and title service # are entered)
- Tag return
- Can “only” process salvage transactions on behalf of an insurance company (Must have contract with the insurance company and submit to MVA Business Licensing for approval).

**What transactions “CANNOT” be processed by ERT Title Services?**

- No duplicate title VR-003 processing
- No branding of titles (can only brand for CAL LEV and odometer A, B or C)
- No VIN plate assignment
- No new issuance of disability plates, only transfer of disability plates
- No new issuance of personalized or organizational tags, only transfer of personalized or organizational tags
- No taxi (class B), no limousine (class Q), no ambulance/funeral (class C)
- No state and local government (not new or transfer)
- No law enforcement
- No tax exempt for business (mergers, reorganizations, newly formed, dissolutions)
- No tax exempt - individual transferring to intervivos trust
- No excise tax credit for new residents
- No out of country – (gray market vehicles)
- No registration correction (RC)
- No transfer tags (TT)
- No transfer with renewal (TR)
Forms

To download the most commonly used MVA forms:
Go to www.mva.maryland.gov then go to Online Services/Download forms

Forms can be ordered by fax from the MVA Warehouse using the fax number below:

Fax: 410-762-5136

Fax requests need to be on the letterhead of the dealership or title service and must include the complete mailing address. “DO NOT” USE P.O. BOXES. THE DELIVERY SERVICE “WILL NOT” DELIVER TO P.O. BOXES. Be sure to include the first name, last name and phone number of the point of contact at the dealership or title service.

Please note that “Maryland Dealer Reassignments” and the “Secure Power of Attorney for Odometer Disclosure” may only be purchased from the:

Maryland Automobile Dealer’s Association (MADA)
410-269-1710  http://mdauto.org/

or,

Maryland Independent Automobile Dealer’s Association (MIADA)
HOW DO I PURCHASE A MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW BOOK?

CALL TOLL FREE 800-562-1197

OR

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.LEXISNEXIS.COM/BOOKSTORE
The Application for Certificate of Title is the form you will use to assist your customer in titling and registering their vehicle(s). It summarizes the contents of supporting documents in a vehicle’s title record. The pages that follow provide you with step-by-step guidance needed to properly complete the form. Maryland Vehicle Law requires the use of this form.
**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE**

**APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME**
**MIDDLE NAME**
**LAST NAME**

**APPLICANT'S SEX**
**DATE OF BIRTH**
**CITY OR TOWN**
**COUNTY**
**STATE**
**ZIP CODE**

**IS THE VEHICLE TO BE TITLED AS JOINT TENANTS OR TENANTS BY ENTITIES?**
☐ JOINT TENANTS
☐ TENANTS BY ENTITIES

**VEHICLE DESCRIPTION**

☐ NEW VEHICLE
☐ LIKE-USED VEHICLE

**MODEL YEAR**
**MAKE OF VEHICLE**
**MODEL NO.**
**VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

☐ TWO-STAGE VEHICLE
☐ COMBINATION TRUCK
☐ TRUCK TRACTOR
☐ BODY STYLE
☐ TYPE OF FUEL
☐ 4 OF CYLINDERS
☐ MOTOR CARRIER #
☐ TRUCK #

☐ G.V.W.
☐ G.C.W.
☐ AXLES
☐ SEATS
☐ MOTORCYCLE
☐ ENGIN NO.
☐ FRAME SIZE (C.C.)
☐ TRAILER (SPECIFY LENGTH)
☐ G.V.W.
☐ TYPE OF TRAILER

If this vehicle is subject to any liens or encumbrances, complete the following section. Attach form VR-217 for additional lien filings.

**NAME OF SECURED PARTY**
**ADDRESS OF SECURED PARTY**
**KIND OF LIEN (DESCRIPTION)**
**DATE OF LIEN**

**PURCHASE INFORMATION FOR TAX PURPOSES – SEE INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE**

**IF VEHICLE RECENTLY PURCHASED**

☐ MD. EXCISE

☐ TAX 6% OF $  
**FULFILL PURCHASE PRICE**

**ATTACH A NOTARIZED BILL OF Sale (Described by SELLER(S) and PURCHASER(S))**

**MARYLAND DEALER’S CERTIFICATION**

**CERTIFIED SELLING PRICE**
**TRUCK-IN ALLOWANCE**
**TAXABLE PRICE**
**GROSS TAX COLLECTED**

**COLL. TAX 8% OR GROSS OR 5% NET, BILL FEDERAL**

**APPLICATION FOR NEW REGISTRATION PLATES OR TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION PLATES**

If the vehicle is to be sold, traded or otherwise transferred to: Name:
**ADDRESS**

**Signature of Insurer**
**Policy No.**
**Policy No.**

**Federal and State law requires that you state the mileage in connection with this vehicle. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.**

**ODOMETER READING**

☐ NO TENTHS

**The mileage stated is in excess of its mechanical limits.**

**The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. WARNING – ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.**

**Signature of Applicant**
**Printed Name of Applicant**

**Signature of Co-Applicant**
**Printed Name of Co-Applicant**

**Witness my signature here, and sign this instrument in the presence of the above-named individuals or organizations.**

**Signature of Co-Signer**
**Relationship**

**Soundex**
**Date of Birth**

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For more information, please call: 1-800-960-1MVA (1682) (to speak with a customer service representative),

Proper Completion of the Application for Certificate of Title

Form VR-005 or Title Application Located on the Reverse of the Maryland Title

OWNER INFORMATION
For the protection of your customers and your business, be sure to obtain positive identification from all persons buying vehicles. In most cases, this will be a Maryland Driver License or Maryland Identification Card. A copy of the identification provided must be maintained with your records.

NAMES - Full names of all owners need to be used (First, Middle, and Last). For customer’s having no middle name, indicate with NMN. If the customer’s name contains a middle initial only, this must be verified by the Maryland Driver’s License, or a Maryland ID Card showing a middle initial.

For new residents to the State who have not yet obtained a Maryland Driver’s License or a Maryland ID Card, the first, middle and last name must be furnished along with the date of birth. Since many other states do not use full names on their Driver’s Licenses, you need to inform the customer that in this State, they need to use their full name.

The name(s) on the application must agree with the assigned Certificate of Origin (CO) or Title.

Change of Name – Customers having a change of name need to have their Maryland Driver License corrected before MVA may issue a title showing the new name. See change of name procedures in the “What’s New Section” of this manual.

ET AL - Vehicles having more than 2 owners must have the names, soundex numbers, and signatures of all owners on the title application, (Form VR-005). Only the first owner’s name and soundex number is shown on the title. The co-owners’ names are shown as ET AL and the co-owners’ soundex will be Z-977-777-777-777. **NOTE:** When the vehicle is sold, the signatures of all owners will be required to transfer ownership. The title record needs to be viewed to verify the names of all owners. Contact MVA to verify the names of all owners on a vehicle showing ET AL.
BUSINESS NAMES – The following are examples of how names may be shown for business owned vehicles.

USE OF CARE OF (c/o) - This is normally used when the owner of a vehicle is located out of state, but the vehicle is being used in the State of Maryland. Since the law requires a Maryland address, the application must reflect the name and address of the person using or leasing the vehicle in Maryland preceded by c/o. The title application is completed as follows:

Owner
Any Company Leasing
Soundex Number (use “Z” Soundex)
519 Best Street
Anywhere AA Maryland 21987

c/o Mary Doe

A “Z” Soundex is always used with a c/o.

Even though the lessee (or driver) name is entered in the space for co-owner preceded by c/o, THEY ARE NOT THE CO-OWNER. They are considered to be part of the address. The owner needs to sign all applications and documents. The person listed as c/o may not sign the title application unless they are granted Power of Attorney.

Use of Trading As (T/A) and Doing Business As (DBA)

An individual whose company is not incorporated (or an LLC) may use Trading As (T/A) and Doing Business As (DBA). As long as the company is not incorporated (or an LLC), the owner and his/her company are legally the same entity. Ownership is shown as follows on the application:

Owner
John Brown
Soundex Number (use “Z” Soundex)
111 Browns Parkway
Glen Burnie AA Maryland 21009

Co-Owner
T/A Browns Little Company
Always assign a “Z” Soundex number when using Trading As (T/A) or Doing Business As (DBA). Tags may be transferred from a vehicle owned by the individual (John Brown) to a vehicle owned by the individual T/A his company, or vice versa. An individual cannot Trade As (T/A) a corporation, LLP, or LLC because they are separate entities. Any application received requesting that an individual T/A a corporation or LLC must be returned for clarification as to whether the individual or the corporation/LLC is the owner of the vehicle.

A Corporation may Trade As its registered trade name, for example: America’s Best Company, Inc. T/A ABC, Inc.

In this instance, the corporation is legally the same entity as its registered trade name. You may contact the Department of Assessments and Taxation for verification at 410-767-1340 or www.dat.state.md.us. Please be advised, a corporation or LLC may not trade as a completely separate corporation or LLC. If one corporation or LLC is using a vehicle belonging to another corporation or LLC, c/o should be used, not T/A.

Can a corporation or LLC be a co-owner with an individual?” The answer is yes. Even though this is an unusual request, it can be shown once it is determined that this is truly what the customer wants. In this case, the corporation or LLC is listed as owner and the individual as co-owner. The MVA customer agent enters the corporation’s name as owner in TARIS and the individual’s name (do not use c/o in this case) as co-owner. The title application must contain the “Z” Soundex number and the co-owner’s soundex number. However, TARIS will only accept the “Z” Soundex number: the co-owner’s soundex will be left blank in TARIS. The application must be signed by a corporate officer or “member” of the LLC as the owner (must have capacity stated after signature), and the individual as co-owner.

SOUNDEX NUMBERS - Enter complete and accurate soundex numbers. DO NOT USE OUT OF STATE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBERS. If the applicant does not have a Maryland soundex number, be sure to give their FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH. In this case the customer agent who processes the work will assign a soundex number.
Please note: For Maryland residents who have not yet obtained their Maryland driver’s license or ID Card, dealers and titles services using one of the “electronic registration and titling networks” may contact the ERT Unit at 410-787-7823 to receive assistance with soundexing. The ERT unit can only issue a soundex if the applicant can furnish a driver license from another state in the United States. Otherwise MVA must do the soundexing of the applicant. ERT dealers who need a soundex issued must fax their request to 410-424-3629. Be sure to fax a complete Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005) showing a Maryland address, a copy of the out of state drivers license and a cover sheet with the dealers name and contact information.

Soundex Numbers for Business Owned Vehicles - When titling vehicles owned by companies, corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, partnerships, etc., be sure to use the assigned Z soundex number if it is available. Only use the same Z soundex number if all name and address information is identical. If there is a different address or c/o is shown, a new Z soundex number must be assigned. Any application received for a business owned vehicle must include the FEIN (Federal Employer Identification Number) in the area provided in the co-owner soundex/FEIN area.

TRUST: For vehicles purchased from a dealer to be titled directly into a Trust, or an Inter Vivos Trust, the dealer will need to issue a Z Soundex number. The trustee must sign the title application and all other required documents. A copy of the portion of the Trust Agreement that names the trust and the trustee(s) needs to be submitted. This is a “taxable” transaction.

Please note: Excise tax exemption may only be applied in private (non-dealer) transactions where a vehicle is already owned in Maryland, and the ownership is being transferred into an inter-vivos trust, and the owner of the vehicle is the primary beneficiary of the inter-vivos trust. Most other trust transactions are taxable.

DATE OF BIRTH - Date of birth is required.
ADDRESS - Give a complete Maryland address (street address, city, county, state and zip code).

P. O. Box may be shown along with the street address if it is in the same zip code area as the street address.

Maryland residents in the military, stationed out of state may show an out of state address if an "Address Certification, U. S. Government Employee's", (Form VR-102) is completed and signed by the employer and the employee.

JOINT TENANTS AND TENANTS BY ENTIRETIES are forms of ownership with rights of survivorship. Any two (or more) people may use JOINT TENANTS. Only husband and wife may use TENANTS BY ENTIRETIES. If Joint Tenants or Tenants by Entireties are selected, it will need to be entered into the exception field as "JT" or "TBE". Upon the death of an owner, the survivor needs only to submit a death certificate and the assigned title to transfer ownership. If there is an open lien, a letter of authorization from the lien holder will be required.

If neither of the above is selected, joint ownership will be considered TENANTS IN COMMON. Upon the death of an owner, the surviving owner may transfer ownership with a death certificate, the assigned title and a lien release/letter of authorization (if applicable).

NOTE: For more information on transfer's involving deceased owners, see booklet "Instructions for Transferring Ownership of a Decedents Vehicle", form VR-151. All Death Certificates submitted must contain the seal of the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

http://www.mva.maryland.gov/VehicleServ/REG/inherit.htm
VEHICLE INFORMATION
Check the appropriate box to indicate NEW or USED vehicle.

Enter a full description of the vehicle (Year, Make, Model and Vehicle Identification Number). Be sure to compare VIN on the application to VIN on Certificate of Origin or Title. Enter body style, type of fuel and number of cylinders.

TWO STAGE VEHICLES – If the chassis Certificate of Origin is assigned to a second stage manufacturer who sells the completed vehicle to a retail consumer, two certificates of origin are required. For transactions requiring two Certificates of Origin, enter complete vehicle information for both stages and submit Certificates of Origin for both stages. The VIN of the first stage and the year and make of the second stage will be shown on the title. However, if the conversion is only cosmetic, the year, make and VIN of the first stage will be shown. If the chassis Certificate of Origin is assigned to the retail consumer, the application for title can be accepted with one Certificate of Origin and a bill of sale for the body. This bill of sale will be to the retail consumer.

### Second Stage Vehicles

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*1 - If the first stage is a truck, enter the make, model and year in the space provided for the first stage.
*2 - If the second stage is a truck, enter the make, model and year in the space provided for the second stage.
*3 - If the conversion is cosmetic, only the year of the first stage will be shown on the title.
EXCEPTIONS
1-A – Motor Vehicle Administration will accept the model year as certified by the 2nd stage manufacturer provided the model year of the incomplete vehicle appears on the Federally required label affixed to the vehicle. This label must be prominently displayed on the vehicle to give notice to a purchaser.

2-B – Definition of Motor Home: The vehicle is equipped with permanently installed living facilities such as toilet, sink, stove, furnishings, etc. The living portion of the vehicle is a permanent integral living part of the entire vehicle as originally constructed by the manufacturer or reconstructed upon the chassis of a motor vehicle.

3-C – If the conversion is more than cosmetic and the 2nd stage manufacturer is licensed, both Certificates of Origin are required, in which case use the 2nd stage model year and model name. If the conversion is only cosmetic, use 1st stage Certificate of Origin’s vehicle identification number, year and model name.

TRUCKS - Enter GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (GVW), which is the weight of the vehicle plus the load. Only enter GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT (GCW) for a truck if it will be pulling a "Freight Trailer" in excess of 20,000 lbs.; or a tractor pulling a trailer in excess of 10,000 lbs. GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT (GCW) is the weight of the pulling vehicle (Truck or Tractor) and its load plus the weight of the trailer and its load.

NOTE: If your customer needs assistance in selecting gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight call "Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division" at 410-694-6100.

1/2 AND 3/4 Ton Trucks – Usually select 7,000 lbs. GVW. However, if the GVWR is above 7,000 lbs., a GVW of 10,000 lbs. may be selected. A 1/2 or 3/4 ton truck cannot be raised above 10,000 lbs. The letters "SP" will be entered in the exception field on the registration to indicate a 1/2 or 3/4-ton truck raised to its maximum weight of 10,000 lbs. Since a certificate of origin is not available to verify the GVWR for used truck transactions, the vehicle owner may use the ½ and ¾ Ton Truck Owner's Weight Certification (FormVR-142A) to choose the maximum weight of 10,000 lbs, if desired.

A one-ton truck’s minimum GVW is 10,000 lbs. Place N/A in the exception field. One-ton trucks may select a higher weight.
For larger trucks, see Truck Schedule of Fees Form VR-042A:

Indicate on the application Truck or Truck Tractor (if applicable)

DUMP TRUCKS - A dump truck may use EPO, EPD or ED4 tags. If EPD or ED4 Dump Service tags are selected, the truck will not be subject to axle weight limitations at weigh stations. However, if EPO tags are selected, the truck is subject to axle weight limitations according to the bridge formula just as any other truck would be.

If dump service tags are desired, complete the Dump Truck Certification (Form VR-098) indicate the number of axles on the title application and submit a side view photograph of the vehicle.

- **2-axle dump** - may only show a GVW of 40,000 lbs. Enter 2X in the exception field in TARIS or ERT program. (A higher weight may be selected for GCW.)
- **3 or more axles** - select between 40,000 - 55,000 lbs. Enter 3X in the exception field in TARIS or ERT program. (A higher weight may be selected for GCW.)
- **4 or more axles** - operating in Garrett and Alleghany counties only, may select up to 70,000 lbs. Enter 4X or higher number of axles in the exception field in TARIS or ERT program. (A higher weight may be selected for GCW).
- **Class ED4 (4 or more axles) with lift axle certification by the manufacturer** may select between 56,000 - 70,000 lbs. Enter 4X or higher number of axles in the exception field in TARIS or ERT program. Class ED4 vehicles may operate statewide. The "lift axle certification" must be carried in the vehicle and a copy needs to be submitted to the MVA to request class ED4 registration. (A higher weight may be selected for GCW).

Note: You must count the first axle when determining the number of axles.

NOTE: 3-axle dump trucks registered at 65,000 pounds prior to January 1, 1995 may operate at that weight until December 31, 1999. However, after December 31, 1999, 65,000 lb. dump trucks may operate at that weight for a maximum of twenty years based on the model year. Once reaching 20 model years old, they must either reduce weight to 55,000 lbs. or have a lift axle installed.
DUMP TRUCKS IN COMBINATION WITH FREIGHT TRAILERS IN EXCESS OF 20,000 LBS: When a dump truck is pulling a trailer in excess of 20,000 lbs, it must show both GVW and GCW on the registration card. Registration fees for dump trucks operating in combination are calculated as follows:

(1) Find the fee for the “GVW” using the Dump Truck Schedule of Fees on Form VR-042A;

(2) Use the Truck Schedule of fees on form VR-042A to find the “dollar per thousand” amount for the GCW selected;
(3) Find the difference between the GCW and the GVW;
(4) Multiply the “difference” times the “dollar per thousand” figure; and add the result to the cost for the GVW in item (1). This will give you the total registration fee for the dump truck in combination.

NOTE: When a dump truck using either EPD or ED4 tags is pulling a trailer (freight or non-freight), the axle weight limit exemptions that normally apply to “dump trucks” are not applicable. This means that a dump truck pulling a trailer will have its axles weighed at the Weigh Station.

NOTE: Even though GCW is not needed unless a truck is pulling a freight trailer in excess of 20,000lbs, the weight selected for GCW “may be” equal to or only slightly higher” than the GVW because the truck may be operated empty while pulling the heavy trailer.

APPORTIONED REGISTRATION (International Registration Plan): For assistance with apportioned registration, call Motor Carrier and Electronic Services at 410-787-2971.

BRIDGE FORMULA: Information regarding bridge formulas may be obtained from the State Highway Administration (SHA). Their number within Maryland is 1-800-543-4564 outside Maryland 410-582-5734. You may also contact the SHA for a Motor Carrier Handbook.
TOW TRUCKS - Complete Tow Truck Certification (Form VR-294) entering Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and required insurance certification information. Tow trucks must have a minimum manufacturer’s GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or more and be equipped as a tow truck or rollback. Vehicles showing a GVWR of 26,000 lbs. or under will show U26 in the exception field on the registration. The registration fee will be $185.00 plus a $13.50 surcharge. Vehicles showing a GVWR over 26,000 lbs. will show O26 in the exception field on the registration. The registration fee will be $550.00 plus a surcharge of $13.50. Indicate tow truck or rollback on the form.

Class T will be selected for tow trucks used exclusively for towing. N/A will be shown for GVW and GCW. Fee for U26 is $185.00. Fee for O26 is $550.00. A $13.50 surcharge will also be assessed.

Class TE will be selected for rollbacks and tow trucks used for towing and other hauling. GVW must be entered and GCW may be entered if applicable. If weight selected is 18,000 lbs. or less fee is $185.00 and the $13.50 surcharge. Over 18,000 lbs., but less than 26,000 use fee from regular truck chart see Truck Schedule of Fees (Form VR-042A). If the weight selected is above 26,000 lbs. up to 40,000 lbs., the fee is $550.00. Over 40,000 lbs. use fee from regular truck chart by clicking on the link above.

TRUCK TRACTORS (CLASS F) – Indicate the gross combination weight (GCW) only.

FARM TRUCKS - must have a GVWR above 6,000 lbs. to qualify. The minimum GVW that may be selected is 10,000 lbs. but a higher weight may be selected based on bridge formula guidelines from Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Division. Complete Application and Certification for Issuance of Farm Tags (Form VR-097).

FARM TRUCK TRACTORS (CLASS FF) - Indicate gross combination weight only (GCW). Please note that farm truck tractors “are taxable transactions”. Complete Application and Certification for Issuance of Farm Tags (Form VR-097).
BUS – Buses operating as class P must state the number of passengers, and this will show on the registration in the exception field, example 25P. Class P buses operating Intrastate (only in Maryland) need to submit their Public Service Commission Vehicle Listing (TR605) stamped approved by the PSC before plates can be issued. A Maryland Safety Inspection is not required at the time registration or renewal of registration is processed since they are already subject to inspections through the PSC. The phone number for the Public Service Commission is 410-767-8000.

Class P buses operating Interstate (both in Maryland and Out of State) are required to provide a “certificate of authority” form obtained from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. FMCSA completes an inspection of these vehicles at the time the DOT number is assigned. The phone number for Federal Motor Carrier is 202-366-4000.

NOTE: Temporary Registration (30 Day) may not be issued for class P vehicles.

SCHOOL BUSES- School Vehicle Tag Certification (Form EP-216), signed and embossed, must be submitted before tags are issued. The EP-216 is only available from the Board of Education, or MVA’s School Vehicle Safety Technical Program. The EP-216 form must contain the embossed seal of either the Vehicle Safety Technical Program or the Board of Education. A Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate is not required since once registered, these buses are under the authority of the School Vehicle Safety Section and already are subject to annual inspection. The Vehicle Safety Technical Program telephone number is 410-768-7401. An EP-216 is not required for tag renewal.

NOTE: Temporary Registration (30 Day) may not be issued for school buses.

A class M tag will be issued to vehicles having the body style of a school bus but painted a color other than international school bus yellow and flashing lights must be removed. No tag may be issued unless this is completed and certified on the Multipurpose Certification (Form VR-095). This type of vehicle requires an annual inspection with (NAI) indicated in the exception field.

NOTE: Buses converted to motor homes will be registered as class M, do not require annual Maryland Safety Inspection and will show a body style of MH.
**MOTORCYCLE** - Enter engine number and engine size. Complete the "Motorcycle Equipment Certification" *(Form VR-094)*. Legislation enacted in 2008 defines a motorcycle as a motor vehicle that:

- Has Motive Power
- Has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider
- Is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground at speeds exceeding 35 MPH
- Is of a type required to comply with all motor vehicle safety standards applicable to motorcycles under federal law

**NOTE**: Motorcycles not manufactured for use on the road will "NOT" be issued registration plates. "NR" will be entered in the inspection field on the title in this case.

**MOTOR SCOOTER** - A motor scooter is a non-pedal vehicle with:

- A seat for the operator
- 2 wheels of which one is 10 inches or more in diameter
- A step through chassis
- A motor with a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or if the motor is an internal combustion engine with a capacity of 50 cc piston displacement or less; and
- Is equipped with an automatic transmission

**NOTE**: Motor scooters are not titled or registered. Click on the following link for motor scooter information contained on the Maryland MVA website concerning lawful operation and driver's licensing requirements in Maryland.

[http://www.mva.maryland.gov/VehicleServ/REG/scooter.htm](http://www.mva.maryland.gov/VehicleServ/REG/scooter.htm)

**LOW SPEED VEHICLE** - A low speed vehicle is designed to carry not more than four people. A low speed vehicle is a four-wheeled electric vehicle that has a maximum speed capability that exceeds 20 miles per hour but is less than 25 miles per hour. The vehicle must have at least four wheels in contact with the ground and an unladen weight of less than 3,000 lbs. Low speed vehicle does **NOT** include golf carts or electric personal assisted mobility devices (EPAMD).
NOTE- A Low Speed Vehicle Application (Form VR-324) must be completed. When processing the transaction it will be registered as a Class D (motorcycle) with “R” in the exception field. LV will be placed in the body style for all low speed vehicles. Original completed documents involving a Low Speed Vehicle must be sent to Vehicle Services Room 104 at the Glen Burnie MVA, along with a credit voucher for the fees. Class “R” tags are only available at the Glen Burnie MVA

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV)- Registration may not be issued. However, a title may be processed through the Electronic Titling and Registration System (ERT). The transaction will be done as title only with AT as the body style and the class will be D. NR will be placed in the inspection field for not roadworthy. Should the selling dealership indicate they do not have the ERT System please refer the applicant to the MVA website [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov) for the name and address of a licensed tag and title service listed under Vehicle Services.

TRAILERS - Indicate the trailer type on the application (boat, utility, camping, travel, etc.) Non-freight trailers will show GVW on the registration card and will be weighed separately from the pulling vehicle at the weigh station. The weight must be chosen in thousand pound increments.

Non-freight trailers select GVW. Show weight in increments of 1,000 lbs:
- 3,000 lbs. or less Fee $25.50
- 4,000 or 5,000 lbs. Fee $51.00
- 6,000 lbs. 7,000 lbs. 8,000 lbs. 9,000 lbs. 10,000 lbs. Fee $80.00
- 11,000 lbs. 12,000 lbs. 13,000 lbs. 14,000 lbs. 15,000 lbs. 16,000 lbs. 17,000 lbs.
- 18,000 lbs. 19,000 lbs. 20,000 lbs. Fee $124.00

Freight Trailer is a trailer in excess of 20,000 lbs. pulled by a truck; or a trailer in excess of 10,000 lbs. pulled by a tractor. Fee $38.25

NOTE: A freight trailer will show N/A on the registration card for GVW and GCW and will be weighed in combination with the vehicle pulling it. That combined weight cannot exceed the GCW selected on the registration of the pulling vehicle. This includes farm trailers over 20,000 lbs.
The **Class/ Fee Chart** provides a complete list of vehicle classes, requirements and registration fees.

**LIEN RECORDING**- Give complete and accurate lien information: amount of lien, kind of lien, account number, date of lien and name and address of secured party. **WORK CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT COMPLETE LIEN INFORMATION.** All first liens are placed on the title application. (Even though an account number is requested, the MVA will not reject any request to record a lien, for lack of an account number)

**SECOND AND ADDITIONAL LIENS** are recorded by attaching a "SECURITY INTEREST FILING STATEMENT" ([Form VR-217](#)). A $20.00 lien fee is charged for each lien recorded. Second and additional lien holders will not receive a Notice of Security Interest Filing.

**NOTE:** Banks, credit unions, finance companies and dealers do not need to submit a lien contract at the time the lien is recorded. **ALL OTHER LIEN HOLDERS MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THE CONTRACT AT THE TIME THE LIEN IS RECORDED.** A lien contract must contain a description of the vehicle to include the year, make and vehicle identification number. The lien contract must also contain language that there is a security interest, and the signature(s) of all debtors. All contracts must be signed by "at least" all owners of the vehicle. There may also be additional co-signors on a lien contract.

An updated Lien Code Manual is provided to the ERT Vendors. Please contact your vendor for access to the Lien Code Manual.
Purchase Price Information and Calculation of Excise Tax

Enter the purchase price.

BILL OF SALE - The names on the bill of sale must match the assigned title or certificate of origin. A bill of sale only needs to be submitted for vehicles sold by out of state dealers. Maryland Dealers complete the "Maryland Dealers Certification" on the Application for Maryland Certificate of Title (Form VR-005), or complete the price certification on the Maryland Dealers Reassignment (form VR-182), the price certification on the Dealers Reassignment on the reverse of the Maryland title or Maryland salvage certificate.

The person signing for the dealership needs to indicate their capacity after their signature or indicate that they have Power of Attorney to sign for the dealership.

The Power of Attorney of the person authorized to sign for the dealership must be kept on file at the dealership and be made available upon request by MVA.

EXCISE TAX - Is based on the price as certified by the dealer, less trade-in, with no allowance for down payment or manufacturers rebate.

Taxable items include:

- The retail purchase price
- The shipping or freight charges
- After manufacture items included with the vehicle at time of purchase, and
- Manufacturer rebates
- The $200.00 processing fee must be added to the purchase price and taxed.

Note: The first $200.00 of the processing fee charged by an out of State dealer must be taxed as well.
Non-taxable items include:

- Dealer trade-in allowance (see COMAR 11.15.33 in this manual)
- Dealer discounts or rebates
- Extended warranties
- Mechanical repair contracts
- Federal excise tax
- Electronic registration fee, and
- Equipment installed to accommodate a disabled person.

Maryland dealers are "Entitled" to keep 0.6% of the excise tax up to $12.00 on all vehicle classes. The calculation of the 0.6% of the excise tax is shown on the Maryland Dealer's Tax Certification located on the Application for Certificate of Title (form VR-005), the Maryland Dealer’s Reassignment (form VR-182), Maryland Certificate of Title, the Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing (for sale of repossessed vehicles in this State), or the Maryland Certificate of Salvage.

Code of Maryland Regulation 11.15.33 provides guidance in proper procedures for calculation of excise tax due on dealer sales and how and when to apply trade-in allowance. The regulation also provides guidance on which items are taxable and which are not taxable.
The complete regulation is as follows:

11.15.33.00

Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Subtitle 15 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION—VEHICLE REGISTRATION
Chapter 33 Vehicle Trade-In Allowance
Authority: Transportation Article, §§12-104(b), 13-809, and 13-812, Annotated Code of Maryland

11.15.33.01

.01 Applicability.
This chapter applies to the use of a dealer trade-in allowance to determine the total purchase price of a vehicle that is used to calculate the excise tax remitted when purchasing another vehicle.

11.15.33.02

.02 Purpose.
The purpose of this chapter is to establish the requirements and guidelines for calculating the total purchase price of a vehicle when there is a dealer trade-in allowance, as set forth in Transportation Article, §13-809, Annotated Code of Maryland.

11.15.33.03

.03 Definitions.
A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
B. Terms Defined.
(1) "Administration" means the Motor Vehicle Administration.
(2) "Certified selling price" means the full price of the vehicle purchased before the trade-in allowance is deducted.
(3) "Dealer" has the meaning stated in Transportation Article, §11-111, Annotated Code of Maryland.
(4) Lease.
(a) "Lease" means a signed contract or agreement for the rental or leasing of a vehicle for more than 180 consecutive days.
(b) "Lease" includes a lease where the vehicle is intended or not intended as security as defined in Transportation Article, §11-127.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.
(5) "Leased vehicle" means a vehicle acquired from a dealer, by the lessor, for lease of the vehicle to a lessee for payment under the terms and conditions of a lease.
(6) "Lessee" means a person or entity who, under the terms and conditions of a lease made at the time of acquisition from a dealer, has possession of the leased vehicle.
(7) "Lessor" means a person or entity who, at the time of acquisition from a dealer, relinquished possession of the vehicle to a lessee under the terms and conditions of the lease.

(8) "Nonleased vehicle" means a vehicle in which a person or business entity holds both title to, and possession of, the vehicle.

(9) "Taxable price" means the total purchase price as stated in Transportation Article, §13-809, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(10) "Trade-in" means a vehicle assigned to a dealer for the purpose of receiving a deduction in value that is applied to the purchase price of another vehicle.

(11) "Trade-in allowance" means the amount determined by the dealer that is deducted from the purchase price of another vehicle.

11.15.33.04

.04 Total Purchase Price.
A. The total purchase price or taxable price of a vehicle is determined by the certified selling price agreed on by the buyer and the seller, including any dealer processing charges as defined in Transportation Article, §15-311.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, less an allowance for the trade-in. There is no other nonmonetary consideration.
B. The taxable price of the vehicle shall include:
(1) The retail purchase price;
(2) The shipping or freight charges;
(3) After manufacture items included with the vehicle at time of purchase; and
(4) Manufacturer rebates.
D. A dealer may not include the cost for any nontaxable items when determining the taxable price of the vehicle. Nontaxable items include:
(1) Dealer trade-in allowance;
(2) Dealer discounts or rebates;
(3) Extended warranties;
(4) Mechanical repair contracts;
(5) Federal excise tax;
(6) Electronic registration fee; and
(7) Equipment installed to accommodate a disabled person.

11.15.33.05

.05 Trade-in Allowance.
A. A dealer determines the trade-in allowance that is deducted from the purchase price of another vehicle. The amount of the trade-in allowance may not exceed the trade-in value indicated in the national publication of used car values adopted for use by the Administration.
B. A trade-in allowance may not be divided or deducted from the purchase price of more than one vehicle.
E. If the vehicle traded-in is subject to a lien, the owner or co-owners of the vehicle are entitled to the full trade-in allowance, as stated in §A of this regulation, and deducted from the total purchase price. The trade-in allowance is not limited to the amount of equity the owner has in the vehicle.

11.15.33.06

.06 Applying the Trade-in Allowance.
A. When applying a trade-in allowance to the certified selling price to determine the taxable price of the vehicle purchased, the dealer shall complete one of the following forms:
(1) Application for Certificate of Title (VR-5);
(2) Maryland Dealers Reassignment (VR-182);
(3) Dealers Reassignment on the reverse side of the Maryland Certificate of Title (VR-2);
(4) The Dealer's or Auto Wreckers Re-Assignment on the reverse side of the Maryland Salvage Certificate (VR-108); or
(5) The Dealer's Reassignment on the reverse side of the Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing (VR-2), if the dealer is selling a repossessed vehicle.
B. When applying a trade-in allowance, a dealer shall:
(1) Complete the Maryland Dealer's Certification portion of the application for title; or
(2) Provide an original bill of sale showing the certified selling price and amount of the trade-in allowance.
C. The dealer shall determine and enter on the Maryland Dealer's Certification portion of the application for title:
(1) The certified selling price;
(2) The trade-in allowance;
(3) The taxable price of the vehicle by deducting the amount of the trade-in allowance from the certified selling price;
(4) The gross tax remitted by calculating the applicable excise tax rate times the taxable price; and
(5) For licensed Maryland dealers, the net tax remitted by:
   (a) Multiplying 0.6 percent times the gross tax remitted; and
   (b) Subtracting the result from the gross tax collected.
D. When the trade-in allowance is equal to, or higher than, the total purchase price, the excise tax shall be $0.
E. When the excise tax is exempt under Transportation Article, §13-810, Annotated Code of Maryland, or calculated as $0 as set forth in §D of this regulation, no additional allowance or refund shall be given to the purchaser of the vehicle.
F. When a certificate of title or a dealer reassignment is submitted without the required Maryland Dealer's Certification showing the trade-in allowance information on the form, a dealer shall submit with the certificate of title or a dealer reassignment:
(1) A completed Application for Certificate of Title (VR-5) containing the required certification; or
(2) An original bill of sale showing the:
   (a) Purchase price and the amount of trade-in allowance;
   (b) Vehicle identification number of the trade-in vehicle; and

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(a) Purchase price and the amount of trade-in allowance;
(b) Vehicle identification number of the trade-in vehicle; and
(c) State in which the trade-in vehicle was last titled.

11.15.33.07

.07 Qualifications for Trade-in Allowance.
A. A trade-in allowance under Transportation Article, §13-809(a)(3)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland, shall only apply when:
   (1) The owner or co-owner of the trade-in vehicle is the owner or co-owner of the vehicle being purchased; or
   (2) The owner or co-owner of the trade-in vehicle is a relative as defined in §B of this regulation of the owner or co-owner of the vehicle being purchased.
B. In this regulation, a relative means a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, parent, sister, brother, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of the owner or co-owner of the trade-in vehicle and is the owner or co-owner of the vehicle being purchased.
C. For a relative who qualifies for a trade-in allowance, the dealer shall submit an application for a certificate of title to the Administration with:
   (1) A completed application for Maryland Gift Certification (VR-103) certifying the relationship to the owner or co-owner of the trade-in vehicle and vehicle being purchased; and
   (2) Proof of the relationship if the last names of the relatives are different.
D. A trade-in allowance may be applied when the owner of the trade-in vehicle is the primary beneficiary of an inter-vivos trust and the purchased vehicle is in the name of the inter-vivos trust.

11.15.33.08

.08 Trade-in Allowance for Leased Vehicles.
A. A trade-in allowance under Transportation Article, §13-809(a)(3)(ii), Annotated Code of Maryland, may be applied to the purchase price of a leased vehicle if:
   (1) The trade-in is in the same owner's name as the name of the lessee on the purchased vehicle; or
   (2) The vehicle is:
      (a) Owned by the same leasing company purchasing the vehicle;
      (b) Being assigned to the dealer; and
      (c) Becoming a part of the dealers inventory for resale.
B. A trade-in does not include a vehicle acquired by a dealer but not assigned to a dealer.

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Administrative History

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Understanding EXEMPTIONS FROM EXCISE TAX is another important area to know in calculating the proper amount of tax due. Most of the excise tax exemptions that may apply to dealer sales are in section (a). For your reference section (b) and (c) has also been included even though in most cases, they do not relate to dealer transactions; these sections will be helpful to licensed title services who assist customer with non-dealer transactions. Maryland’s law for excise tax exemption is provided for you below:

MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW §13-810

Excise tax exemptions – Certain vehicles are exempt from the excise tax imposed. These excise tax exemptions are found under article §13-810 Exemptions of the Maryland Vehicle Law, which is a follows:

(a) Exempt vehicles generally. — On issuance in this State of an original or subsequent certificate of title for a vehicle, the vehicle is exempt from the excise tax imposed by this part, if it is:

1. A mobile home over 35 feet long;
2. A vehicle owned by the United States and used in the investigation of any violation of suspected violation of the law of the United States.
3. A vehicle owned by this State or a political subdivision of this State.
4. A fire engine or other Fire Department emergency apparatus, including any vehicle operated by or in connection with any Fire Department.
5. A vehicle owned and operated by the Civil Air Patrol.
6. An ambulance, rescue or other vehicle owned and operated for the benefit of the public.
7. An ambulance, rescue or other vehicle owned and operated for the benefit of the public.
8. A vehicle owned and operated by a Maryland chapter of the American Red Cross.
9. A vehicle acquired by an insurance company as a result of a comprehensive or collision claim.
10. A vehicle registered in a jurisdiction the laws of which do not require titling and acquired for resale by a licensed dealer.
11. A vehicle that is involuntarily transferred to a licensed dealer and for which a certificate of title is not available.
12. A school bus owned by a religious organization or a private school which is exempt from federal income tax under 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
13. A privately owned bus used only for operating the transportation system of any political subdivision in this State, if the bus is used for the transportation of the public on regular schedules and between fixed terminals.
14. A vehicle otherwise exempt for the excise tax by any other applicable law.
15. A vehicle which is used regularly for the transportation of individuals with disabilities and owned by a nonprofit organization providing direct care services to individuals with disabilities which is licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and is wholly or partially funded by the State.
16. A mobile hearing and vision-screening vehicle owned and operated for the benefit of the public by a nonprofit civic organization.
17. A Class F tractor or truck tractor, however a farm tractor is taxable.
18. A Class P charter bus or a Class P for hire bus.
19. A salvage vehicle acquired by a licensed dealer that has been restored by the licensed dealer and that has been inspected under 13-507 (a) (ii) of this title.
20. A vehicle acquired for resale by a licensed dealer if the dealer reassignment sections contained on the certificate of title are exhausted.
21. A Class M motor home or Class G travel trailer that is transferred or retitled in the dealership’s name under 15-305 (d) (2) of this article.
22. A special purpose vehicle owned by a coal company if the vehicle is used:
   (i) For transportation of workers, coal, or equipment used in the coal production process; and
   (ii) Exclusively in or on coal mining property.
23. A vehicle which is used exclusively in the transportation of disabled or elderly persons, owned by a nonprofit organization, and in which the Maryland Transit Administration retains a security interest.
(24) A vehicle acquired by a religious, charitable, or volunteer organization exempt from taxation under 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Department of Human Resources, or a local Department of Social Services for the purpose of transferring the vehicle to a Family Investment Program recipient or an individual certified by the Department of Human Resources or a local Department of Social Services as eligible for the transfer, or

(25) A rental vehicle

(b) Applicability of subsections (c) (1) and (3) —The provisions of subsection (c) (1) and (3) of this section do not apply to the transfer of a vehicle if:

(1) The vehicle that is transferred was previously exempt under subsection (a) (17) or (18) of this section; and

(2) The transferee is the vehicle titles and registers the vehicle under any other section of this title.

(c) Vehicles exempt on transfer. — On transfer of a vehicle titled in this State and issuance of a subsequent certificate of title, the vehicle is exempt from the excise tax imposed by this part, if it is:

(1) A vehicle transferred to:
   (i) A spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, parent, sister, brother, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of the transferor, and no money or other valuable consideration is involved in the transfer; or
   (ii) A niece or nephew of the transferor if:
      1. The transferor is at least 65 years of age at the time of the transfer; and
      2. No money or other valuable consideration is involved in the transfer.

(2) A vehicle repossessed under a security agreement, unless the sale of the vehicle is required under the agreement;

(3) A vehicle transferred from an individual to a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation or from a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation to a sub-partnership, subsidiary limited liability company, or subsidiary corporation, if the individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation is a partner, member, or principal stockholder of the newly formed partnership, sub partnership, limited liability corporation, as the case may be;

(4) A vehicle transferred to a legal heir, legatee, or distribute;

(5) A vehicle involuntarily transferred as a result of divorce or separation proceedings.

(6) A vehicle is jointly owned and transferred to the name of one of the owners, if the transferee can establish to the satisfaction of the Administration that the transferor did not pay any part of the original purchase price of the vehicle or any applicable taxes or fees for the vehicle;

(7) A vehicle transferred by a corporation to its stockholder or stockholders or by a limited liability company to its member or members as a liquidating distribution of tangible personal property where the vehicle or vehicles transferred are not a principal or substantial asset of the corporation or limited liability company as determined by the Administration;

(8) A vehicle transferred as a result of a reorganization within the meaning of §368(A) of the Internal Revenue Code or a vehicle transferred as a result of a statutory merger or consolidation of a corporation and a limited liability company if no gain or loss is recognized as a result of the transaction under §332 and §721 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(9) A vehicle transferred to a Family Investment Program recipient or an individual certified by the Department of Human Resources or a local department of social services as eligible for transfer of the vehicle that was exempted from the excise tax imposed by this part under subsection (A) (24) if this section.

(10) A vehicle transferred into a written inter vivos trust in which the transferor is the primary beneficiary; or

(11) A vehicle transferred to a lessee who exercises an option under a vehicle leasing agreement for an initial term of more than 180 consecutive days to purchase the leased vehicle at the end of the lease.

(d) Reciprocal exemptions for law enforcement vehicles. — The Administration may exempt from excise tax imposed by this part any vehicle of a law enforcement agency of the United States or of any other state, if the United States or other state provides a reciprocal exemption for law enforcement vehicles of this State.

(e) Registration of vehicles exempt under subsection (a) (17) or (18) If the owner of a vehicle is exempt under subsection (a) (17) or (18) of this section from the vehicle excise tax subsequently registers the vehicle under any other section of this title, the owner shall pay the excise tax based on the fair market value of the vehicle at the time the exemption was initially granted.
Registration of Vehicles

NEW TAGS - If purchasing new tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected. Various tag schemes of license plates may be viewed in Maryland Registration Tag System (Form VR-131)

HALF YEAR REGISTRATION FEE- applies when less than 6 months is left until the next scheduled renewal.

QUARTERLY FEES- apply to vehicles of the following classes registered at 27,000 lbs. or more: Class EPO(Truck), Class EFT (Farm Truck), Class F(Tractor), Class FF( Farm Tractor); Class EPD (Dump Truck), Class T (Tow Truck), Class TE (Tow Truck/Rollback).

SURCHARGE- a $13.50 surcharge per registration year will apply to all classes except: L, Historic; N, Street Rod; G, Trailers; Interchangeable plates; and transactions that are “Gratis” under Maryland Vehicle Law 13-903. Surcharge does not apply to the issuance of 30-day temporary tags (for non-dealer transactions), however surcharge will be collected when permanent plates are issued.
APPLICATION FOR NEW REGISTRATION PLATES OR TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION PLATES

| We hereby make application for:               | New Tags          | Yes | No |
|                                            | Transfer of Tags   |     |    |
|                                            | Title Only         |     |    |
| Is your motor vehicle now suspended or revoked in this or any other state? | Yes | No |
| Is this vehicle to be operated for short term rental? | Yes | No |

TAG NO. 123ABC and STICKER NO. 123ABC The vehicle to which these plates were affixed has been sold, traded or otherwise transferred to: Name: Traded to Dealer

Address: Name of Insurance Co. Maryland Insurance Company Policy or Binder No. 000111000

Agent or broker: Class of Tags desired

Federal and State law requires that you state the mileage in connection with this vehicle. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked:

1. The mileage stated is in excess of its mechanical limits.
2. The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.

I verify that I have compared the manufacturer’s vehicle identification number on this application with the number on the vehicle and agree that this vehicle is subject to the terms or endorsements indicated herein and none other. For vehicles registered over 10,000 lbs., by signing this application, I verify knowledge of the Federal and State Motor Carrier Safety Laws and certify this vehicle is maintained in compliance with the Maryland Preventive Maintenance Program. If making application for new plates or transfer of registration plates I verify under penalty of Law that this vehicle is covered by at least the minimum amounts of insurance required by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Laws, and further certify that this vehicle will be continuously insured throughout its registration period. I verify the vehicle is under penalty of law that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Applicant: John Quincy Public Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Co-Applicant: Printed Name of Co-Applicant

Witness my/his/her hand(s) and seal(s) this day of, year 2010

Signature of Co-Signer: Relationship

Sounder: P-142-429-723-002 Date of Birth


FLAGS and suspensions of various types may prevent the issuance of new tags or prevent the transfer of tags. MVA’s Flagging Unit may be reached at 410-768-7404 for guidance. The Flagging Program Jurisdictions and Locations (form VR-143) provides contact information for the jurisdictions flagging for parking, red light, electronic toll and speed camera violations. The Flag Chart will also be of assistance in determining when a release is needed.

TRANSFER TAGS- The fee to transfer tags is $10.00: Under the multi-year registration system, if the tag is valid for less than 12 months, submit an additional year registration fee and $13.50 surcharge. If the tag being transferred is due for renewal, collect the renewal fee (single or multiyear), and a surcharge of $13.50 for each year and submit with this application (the $10.00 transfer fee is not charged when tags that are being transferred are also renewed). If the tag is being transferred to a vehicle with a higher GVW (or GCW) you must collect the fee for the applicable increase in vehicle weight. Quarterly, half year, and multiyear registration need to be considered as well in cases of weight increases. These fees are calculated by both TARIS and ERT vendor software. Requirements for tag transfers are as follows:

- Tag and sticker number must be entered on the application
- Must be same class of vehicle
- Enter disposition of the old vehicle; Name and address to whom previous vehicle was sold, junked, traded, or given.

- REGISTRATION CARD needs to be submitted, or for ERT dealers only, if the registration card is not available, the dealer’s “TAG Pull /Transfer Request” sheet” is acceptable.
- Tags may be transferred from a vehicle in the same owner’s name; the joint or individual names of a spouse(s); or the joint or individual names of parents and children of the owner.
- Tags may be transferred from an individual (who is the primary beneficiary) to vehicle titled into an inter vivos trust.
If tag transfer is requested, but the customer also requires a substitute set of tags, submit a form Application for Substitute Plates/Stickers/Duplicate Registration Card (Form VR-009) and copy of the Tag Return Receipt, if available. If the tags were lost or mutilated, an additional $20.00 substitute tag fee will be charged. Please note: ERT dealers may process the substitute tag transaction and then proceed to transfer the tag.

“Permanent” historic tags assigned to vehicle 60 years old and older “may not” be transferred.

When transferring disability plates to another vehicle or applying for new disability license plates, the dealer must verify the customer disability certification card or verify with the MVA that the disability certification is valid. Attach a copy of the certification for the owner or co-owner of the vehicle.

NOTE: IF YOU WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO PROCESS THE CUSTOMER’S TRANSACTION BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TAGS, ISSUE THE CUSTOMER A 60 DAY TEMPORARY TAG AND SUBMIT THEIR REQUEST FOR TRANSFER AND RENEWAL TO MVA ALONG WITH THE TITLING DOCUMENTS. THIS WILL PREVENT NEEDLESS FRUSTRATION AND INCONVENIENCE FOR THE CUSTOMER.

If substitute tags are needed, for tag transfer, submit an Application for Substitute Plates/Stickers/Duplicate Registration Card (Form VR-009) and receipt for returned tags (if available). If tags were lost or mutilated, a $20.00 substitute tag fee will be charged. In addition, if the tags being transferred are due for renewal and a customer needs a replacement set of tags, there will be an additional $20.00 substitute tag fee charged. If a customer has black and white plates and they request a War of 1812 plate at time of transfer, a $20.00 substitute tag fee will be charged in addition to the usual transfer fees. Please note: if the customer is applying for substitute tags because the tags were stolen, and the customer can provide a police report, the substitute tags will be issued gratis. There will be an additional fee for the substitution of specialty plates, even if they have been reported stolen. Organization/Organization Logo plates have an additional $15.00 or $25.00 fee respectively. Personalized and Ham Radio Operator plates have an additional $20.00 fee. In all other cases, substitute tags are gratis.

Reference to Maryland Vehicle Law for transfer of registration plates are found in 13-503.1, 13-503.2 and 13-503.3. COMAR 11.15.11.02.
REPURCHASE OF CERTAIN PLATES UNDER A NEW CLASS – This procedure is in place to accommodate situations where a specialized plate (or Maryland’s new standard War of 1812 plate) is on a vehicle that is being sold, junked, traded or otherwise disposed of, and the owner is purchasing a vehicle of a different class (i.e. car to truck; multipurpose to car, etc.). Repurchasing the tags under the new class is permissible when the following specialized plates are involved:

- War of 1812 Plates (A, M, EPO)
- Disabled person’s plates (ADP, MDP, EDP)
- Personalized disabled person’s plates (AVH, MVH, EVH)
- Organizational plates (AOR, MOR, EOR)
- Organizational logo plates (AOL, MOL, EOL)
- Amateur radio operator plates (HAM, HMM, HEM)
- Personalized plates (ASP, MSP, ESP)
- Agricultural plates (AGA MGA EGA also Disabled and Personalized)
- Bay plates (ABY, EBY, MBY also Disabled and Personalized)

PROCEDURE FOR REPURCHASING PLATES:

- Owners must be the “same” or can add or drop a spouse or child. Note: For organization plates, the organization member must remain as one of the owners.
- Must give disposition of the vehicle to which the plates were originally affixed (name and address of purchaser)
- Must submit the old registration card. Remit registration fee for the new vehicle including the surcharge (New month and year stickers will be issued to be affixed to the plate) for ERT dealers only, if the registration card is not available, the dealer’s “TAG Pull /Transfer Request” sheet is acceptable.
- All Special Plates are available for 1 ton trucks
SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR DISABLED VETERANS - Section 13-903 of the Maryland Vehicle Law exempts qualifying disabled veterans from the "registration fees" when applying for special registration plates. The registration fee for totally disabled veterans is entered as GR when using these special registration plates. The following plate classifications are covered:

Individuals with disabilities ADP, EDP, MDP, DDP, HDP, JDP, PDP
Special Amateur Radio HAM, HEM, HMM
Special Organization AOL, EOL, MOL, DOL, AOR, EOR, MOR, DOR
Special Combat Related / Armed Forces AOL, EOL, MOL
Special Commemorative (Bay) ABY, EBY, MBY, GBY,
Special Agricultural Plates AGA, GGA, MGA, AGH, EGH, MGH
Note: Even though the registration fee is gratis for plates issued to “totally disabled veterans”, on the initial issuance of “organizations logo plates”, a totally disabled veteran needs to pay a one-time fee of $25.00. No other annual fees apply at the time of registration renewal.

Note: If a totally disabled veteran chooses to apply for Personalized Plates, the registration fee is no longer gratis and the Personalized Plate fees apply as well.

**BAY AND AGRICULTURAL PLATES** - Complete the Application for Chesapeake Bay/Agricultural License Plates (Form VR-302) to apply. A fee of $20.00 in addition to the annual registration fee must be paid at the time of issuance of the new plates. In addition to the one time $20.00 fee, the vehicle owner must pay a $10.00 annual fee along with the annual registration fee. The plates may be issued to the following class of vehicles: Class A, Class EPO (26,000 lbs or less) Class M, Class G.

**DISABILITY PLATES AND PLACARDS** – Vehicle owners may apply for disability plates on their vehicle by completing the Application for Maryland Parking Placards/License Plates for Individuals with a Disability (Form VR-210). If this is the initial request for issuance of a disability plate or placard, Section C needs to be completed by a licensed physician, licensed chiropractor, licensed optometrist, licensed podiatrist, or licensed nurse practitioner. (See complete instructions on the reverse of the form)

Disabled individuals may request any of the combinations of placards and plates below:
- 1 set of plates
- 1 set of plates and 1 parking placard
- 1 parking placard (blue)
- 2 parking placards (blue)
- 1 temporary placard (red)
- 2 temporary placards (red)
DISABILITY PLATES FOR LEASED VEHICLES - If a “disabled individual” is shown on the title of the vehicle as the “c/o”, license plates may be issued with the completion of the form VR-210. However, for those leased vehicles where the leasing company does not choose to show c/o, the disabled individual will need to use a placard to be entitled to special disabled parking privileges. Several leasing companies only want the address of the leasing company within Maryland.

DISABILITY PLATES FOR VEHICLES TITLED TO AN INTER-VIVOS TRUST
Disability License plates may be issued to a vehicle titled to an inter-vivos trust if the disabled individual is the primary beneficiary of the trust.

INSURANCE - Enter “full” name of insurance company, policy or binder number, and agents name. (If an incomplete company name is given or if you only indicate the “insurance agency” the transaction will be rejected)

NOTE: Only “Rented” or “Leased Trailers” require insurance.

Maryland’s Insurance Compliance Process
Having a good understanding of Maryland MVA’s Insurance Compliance process will ensure that your customer’s vehicle is not flagged unnecessarily.

The information requested on the VR-005, Application for Certificate of Title, under VIN# and state of trade, is not associated with Insurance Compliance. It is on the application to assist in auditing trade in amounts applied to the purchase price of a vehicle and becomes part of the vehicle’s title record.

Automated Compulsory Insurance System (ACIS) is a stand-alone program that only communicates to MVA’s mainframe.

VERY IMPORTANT!!! When trading in a vehicle to purchase another vehicle, the customer MUST notify their insurance company that the vehicle was traded-in when the
tags were transferred and provide the insurance company with the information for the newly purchased vehicle.

Newly Titled vehicles:
Upon the titling of a new vehicle the purchaser self certifies that they have insurance and at that time they provide the name of the insurer and the policy number on the application. ACIS forwards a request to the insurer for insurance verification. If the insurance company does not respond in a positive way ACIS will then generate a case and send a letter of inquiry to the vehicle owner.

**ACIS will not generate a notice to request verification of insurance if an event occurs, for example:**
- If a tag is returned to MVA
- If the tags expire
- If the title is transferred
- If new business is reported by an insurance company

**ACIS will generate a notice to request verification of insurance if:**
- A newly titled vehicle’s insurance cannot be verified, or when the insurance company sends cancellation of vehicle’s insurance.
- If a vehicle is sold privately and the tags are not returned
- If a vehicle is sold privately and the tags are not returned and the vehicle is not re-titled

**How Soundex Flags Are Created**
Insurance Inquiry Flag (Soundex Flag) – If MVA receives a notice of cancellation on a vehicle’s insurance, it will suspend the registration 15 days after the case is created, for that vehicle and all other vehicles owned or co-owned by the vehicle’s owners. This soundex flag prevents that owner from completing any registration transaction or registering a new vehicle.

**How to Pay Through IVR**
Insurance fines may be paid by IVR once the penalty has been accessed. The motorist has the option of paying their fine at MVA or 410-768-7431. Payments are by credit card only. VISA MC AX EXP. Make sure you have your title number and case number. No partial payments. If your account has already been sent to CCU, no payments may be made by phone.

If a customer has cases on multiple vehicles, all penalty fines must be paid before the flag will be lifted.

To view information about insurance compliance in Maryland go to **www.mva.maryland.gov**
Then click on Vehicle Services / Insurance Compliance / Maryland approved insurance companies.

To order a book of insurance companies licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland go to: **insurance@mva.maryland.gov**

**ODOMETER MILEAGE**- Enter the odometer reading and check appropriate box if applicable. The transaction must contain an odometer disclosure statement on a Certificate of Origin, title, dealer’s reassignment or odometer disclosure statement that conforms to all federal requirements.
REASSIGNMENT ODOMETER DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE:

- Current odometer reading (no tenths)
- An indication whether the odometer reading reflects “ACTUAL MILEAGE”, “ACTUAL MILEAGE IS IN EXCESS OF MECHANICAL LIMITS OF THE ODOMETER” or “NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE”
- Signature and printed name of the seller(s)
- Signature and printed name of the buyer(s)

NOTE: For odometers that have 6 digits, do not check “in excess of mechanical limits” unless the vehicle has at least one million miles.

MARYLAND TITLES WILL BE BRANDED ACCORDINGLY:

a. ACTUAL MILEAGE
b. EXCEEDS MECHANICAL LIMITS
c. NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE

ODOMETER DISCLOSURE EXEMPTIONS

- Motor vehicle 10 model years old or older
- Vehicles having GVWR of more than 16,000 lbs.
- Vehicles not self propelled
- New vehicle prior to its first transfer for purposes other than resale
- A vehicle sold directly from manufacturer to any agency of the U.S. in conformity with contractual specifications.

Note: For vehicles 10 years old or older, Maryland requires that the odometer be entered on the VR-005, but will not reject the transaction if a federally conforming odometer disclosure statement is not present.

Note: The Truth in Mileage Act of 1986 is provided for your guidance at the end of this section.

SIGNATURE ON APPLICATION: Applicant(s) must sign and print their name and date the application.
CO-SIGNER- If an owner of a vehicle is under 18, a parent, spouse, employer, or other responsible adult must sign as co-signer. The purpose of the co-signer’s signature in this section is to certify to the accuracy of the information on the application for title. (They will not be shown on the title).

APPLICANTS MAY SIGN IN THEIR USUAL MANNER. All of these are acceptable signatures:

- John Henry Doe
- John H. Doe
- J. H. Doe
- John Doe
- J. Henry Doe

PRINTED SIGNATURES are only acceptable with sufficient proof that the applicant cannot sign the name.

“X” SIGNATURE requires the signature of two (2) witnesses.

COMPANY AND CORPORATE SIGNATURES- Need to have the capacity of the individual stated after the signature. See examples below for capacities having authority to sign on behalf of the business entities:

- Solely Owned Company or Sole Proprietorship: sole owner or sole proprietor
- Partnership: partner (even though one is acceptable, try to have all partners sign)
- Corporation: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, any manager
- Limited Liability Companies: member

If a business entity gives power of attorney to an individual to sign all documents to title and register any vehicles owned by that business entity, the power of attorney need not be submitted. It will only be necessary for the person signing to indicate that they have power of attorney to sign on behalf of that business entity. However, if a concern arises, the MVA reserves the right to request to see the power of attorney.
TRUSTEE SIGNATURE – The person or persons who are trustees in a trust need to indicate trustee after their signature. A copy of the trust agreement (only the part naming the trust and designating the trustees) must be attached to the application for title. If more than one trustee is appointed, they all have to sign, unless the trust agreement indicates that they may act separately (severally).

RESTRICTED POWER OF ATTORNEY - If an individual or business entity grants power of attorney to complete any documents necessary to assign, title or register a vehicle “SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED BY YEAR, MAKE AND VIN” the original power of attorney or a notarized copy must accompany the transaction. Person(s) granting power of attorney and person(s) to whom power of attorney was granted need to sign the power of attorney.

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY - It is important that a general power of attorney have wording that indicates that it may be used for the transfer or acquisition of personal property as the case may be, or in a very broad sense implies the same.

OWNER INCOMPETENT requires signature of guardian and a copy of the court order appointing the guardian.

Please note: If a “durable power of attorney” (advanced directive) was executed by the individual prior to the time of their incompetence, stating that it will continue to be in effect in the event that the person granting becomes incompetent, it may be accepted without the need for guardianship. Be sure that the power of attorney covers the transfer of personal property.

STATE OF MARYLAND, POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ODOMETER DISCLOSURE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE (FORM VR-279) is used when a vehicle titled in another state is traded-in to a Maryland dealer, and the title is in the possession of a lien holder. Once the title is received from the lien holder, this power of attorney allows the dealer to disclose the mileage and complete the assignment of ownership. All three sections of this form must be completed. Please note: This form is only available through the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) http://mdauto.org// or the Maryland Independent Automobile Dealers Association (MIADA) http://miada-diada.com/forms.cfm. (See Truth in Mileage Act)
POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ODOMETER DISCLOSURE
OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

WARNING: This form may be used only when Title is physically held by a lien holder or has been lost. This form must be submitted to the State by the person exercising powers of attorney. Failure to do so may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER          YEAR         MAKE         BODY

PART A. — POWER OF ATTORNEY TO DISCLOSE MILEAGE

Federal law requires that you state the mileage upon transfer of ownership. Providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I _____________________________________________________appoint____________________________________________________

(Translator’s name print) (Translator’s name print)

As my attorney-in-fact, to disclose the mileage, on the title for the vehicle described above, exactly as stated in my following disclosure.

I state that the odometer reads_________________________miles and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage

(NO TENTHS)

unless one of the following statements is checked:

(1) I certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the mileage in excess of its mechanical limits.

(2) I certify that the odometer reading is not the actual mileage.

WARNING — ODOMETER DISCREPANCY

Transferor’s Signature: ________________________________________Printed Name: ________________________________________

Transferor’s Address: _________________________________________

Transferee’s Signature: ________________________________________Printed Name: ________________________________________

Transferee’s Name: _____________________________________________

Transferee’s Address: _________________________________________

PART B. — POWER OF ATTORNEY TO REVIEW TITLE DOCUMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGE DISCLOSURE.

(Part B Is Not Valid Unless Part A Has Been Completed)

I __________________________________________appoint__________________________________________________________________

(TRANSFEROR’S NAME PRINTED) (TRANSFEROR’S NAME PRINTED)

as my attorney-in-fact, to sign the mileage disclosure, on the title for the vehicle described above, only if the disclosure is exactly as the disclosure completed below.

Transferor’s Signature: ________________________________________Printed Name: ________________________________________

Transferee’s Name: _____________________________________________

Transferee’s Address: _________________________________________

PART C. — CERTIFICATION

I, ____________________________________________hereby certify that the mileage I have disclosed on the

(title document is consistent with that provided to me in the above power of attorney. Further, upon examination of the title and reassignment documents for the vehicle described above, the mileage disclosure I have made on the title pursuant to the power of attorney greater than that previously stated on the title and reassignment documents. This certification is not intended to create, nor does it create any new or additional liability under Federal or State law.

Transferor’s Signature: ________________________________________Printed Name: ________________________________________

Transferor’s Address: _________________________________________

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MARYLAND CLEAN CARS ACT 2007

Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 SB-103 Effective June 1, 2007
*All vehicles starting with model year 2011, must comply with California's strict emissions standard. (CAL LEV)
*This Bill does not affect vehicles with model year 2010 and older.
*The Maryland title will indicate the 2011 + year vehicle meets the emissions standard for this state.
*Vehicles starting with model year 2011 that do not meet the Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 cannot be titled in Maryland (see exemptions specifically noted below).
*Many of the vehicles titled today are CAL LEV compliant.
*The Bill was passed in 2007 requiring vehicles with a model year of 2011 and beyond to be CAL LEV compliant. This was to give the Manufactures three years to become compliant as required by Federal Regulations.
*The Motor Vehicle Administrations titling screens have been modified to require operators to enter a Y to reflect that the vehicle is CAL LEV compliant. This will allow the CAL LEV brand to print on the title certificate for future use. This brand field will be added to the dealer transactions in the near future.

Sample wording for CAL LEV, which appears on the front of the Certificate of Origin:
*This vehicle is certified for sale in all 50 states.
*This vehicle conforms with applicable U.S. Federal Safety bumper and theft protection and with the applicable U.S. Federal and California emission requirements.
*This vehicle certified according to Federal EPA and California ARB emission requirements for sale in any state within the U.S.
CAL LEV EXEMPTIONS

The following exemptions were identified in the Maryland Department of Environment COMAR regulations:

- Transferred by inheritance
- Transferred by divorce, dissolution, or legal separation.
- Previously registered where mileage exceeds 7,500 miles,
- Purchased by a nonresident prior to moving to Maryland
- A Vehicle sold for the purpose of being wrecked or dismantled.
- A vehicle sold directly from one licensed dealer to another licensed dealer.
- A vehicle sold for registration out-of-state
- A vehicle sold for off-highway use
- A vehicle of a rental agency in Maryland as a result of a rental initiated in a state other than Maryland.
- An emergency vehicle
- A military tactical vehicle
- A vehicle exempted by California Health and Safety Code §43656
- A vehicle replacement vehicle acquired by a resident of Maryland out of State
- A vehicle designated as exempt by the Administration

This law is applicable to vehicles of the 2011 model year and each model year thereafter for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles. Includes Medium duty vehicles with gross vehicle weight rating of 14, 000 pounds or less.
TRUTH IN MILEAGE
ACT OF 1986
TRUTH IN MILEAGE ACT

The Law

Congress enacted the federal odometer law in 1972 to prohibit tampering with odometers and to establish safeguards for the protection of consumers. In 1976, the law was amended to strengthen the enforcement provisions. In 1986, the Truth in Mileage Act of 1986 was enacted to enhance the paper trail of odometer readings. The Truth in Mileage Act also doubled the civil penalties to $2,000 and made knowing and willful violations a felony. In 1988 the Pipeline Safety Reauthorization Act amended the odometer law to permit the use of a secure power of attorney in connection with the mileage disclosure. The laws and amendments are codified and can be found in Title IV of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, 15 U.S.C. Sections 1981 – 1991.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was charged with the responsibility of implementing the provisions of the law. The final rulemaking was advertised in the Federal Register on August 30, 1989.

Unlawful Acts

The Act makes it unlawful for any person:

1) To advertise for sale, to sell, to use, or to install or to have installed, any device which causes an odometer to register an inaccurate mileage;

2) To disconnect an odometer;

3) To reset or alter the odometer of any motor vehicle with intent to change the mileage;

4) To drive, with fraudulent intent, a motor vehicle with a disconnected or nonfunctional odometer;

5) To conspire with any other person to violate the provisions of the Act;

6) To fail to issue a disclosure statement or to issue a false statement; and

7) If a dealer or distributor, to fail to receive a complete mileage disclosure statement.
**REMEDIES**

**Private Civil Actions** – Anyone violating any requirement “with intent to defraud” is liable for three times actual damages or $1500, whichever is greater, plus costs and attorney fees. This action may be brought by an attorney in a State or Federal court within two years from the date on which liability arises.

**Injunctive Relief** – The United States Attorney General may bring an action to restrain violations of the Act.

**State Enforcement** – The chief law enforcement officer in a State (usually the Attorney General) may bring an action to restrain violations or to recover amounts for aggrieved consumers.

**Civil Penalty** – The Secretary of the Department of Transportation has the authority to assess civil penalties which are collectable in a civil action brought by the United States Attorney General. Any person who violates any provision of the Federal law is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $2,000 for each violation, with a maximum penalty of $100,000.

**Criminal Penalty** – The criminal penalty, subjects a person, including an individual director, officer or agent of a corporation, to a fine of not more than $50,000 or to imprisonment for not more than three years, or both, for knowingly and willfully committing any of the unlawful acts.

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators created a Task Force to analyze the final rule and develop guidelines for the states to follow in implementing the law.

The Task Force reduced the pertinent issues regarding the act to six.

- **Power of Attorney**
- **Secure documents**
- **Non-conforming Documents**
- **Reassignment/Disclosure Language**
- **Involuntary Divestiture**
- **Odometer/Mileage Reading Brands**
POWER OF ATTORNEY

- The Final Rule prohibits the use of a Power of Attorney in any situation where the transferor (seller) and the transferee (buyer) are the same person or agents of the same person or corporation.

- The Pipeline Safety Reauthorization Act of 1988 allows for the use of a Power of Attorney when the transferor and the transferee are the same person or an agent of the same person or corporation and the title is in the possession of a lien holder.

- Legitimate uses of a Power of Attorney will continue to be recognized by NHTSA. Such uses include, but are not limited to estate administrators or personal representatives, lessor/lessee dealings and most situations where an owner or joint owner is unavailable.

PIPELINE SAFETY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1988

- Requires each jurisdiction to issue Power of Attorney forms by means of a secure printing process.

- Requires that the original form be returned to the jurisdiction by the person who was granted the Power of Attorney and a copy be retained by that person, firm or corporation.

- Requires the Power of Attorney form to have a certified odometer disclosure statement with a signature line for both the person granted the Power of Attorney and the transferee. NHTSA requires certification that the title is, in fact, in the possession of a secured party.

- The use of the Power of Attorney is voluntary on the part of the customer. They are under no obligation to sign a Power of Attorney and if they elect to return to the dealership after they receive the title, the dealer must comply.

POWER OF ATTORNEY FORM

Three Part Form:

- **Part A** Mileage Disclosure
- **Part B** Is used to show that the party granted the Power of Attorney has reviewed the title document and acknowledge disclosure.
- **Part C** Is a certification to all information appearing on the Power of Attorney Form and that there are no indications of mileage discrepancies.
POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ODOMETER DISCLOSURE
OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

WARNING: This form may be used only when Title is physically held by a lien holder or has been lost. This form must be submitted to the State by the person exercising powers of attorney. Failure to do so may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

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WARNING ---- ODOMETER DISCREPANCY

Transferor’s Signature: ____________________________________________  (STATEMENT DATE)

Transferee’s Signature: ____________________________________________  (STATEMENT DATE)

Transferee’s Address: ____________________________________________  (STREET)    (CITY)   (STATE)   (ZIPCODE)

Transferor’s Address: ____________________________________________  (STREET)    (CITY)   (STATE)   (ZIPCODE)

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SECURE DOCUMENTS

The certificate of title and any documents used to reassign the title shall be set forth by a secure process; however, the assignment documents do not need to be set forth by the same secure process as the title certificate.

AAMVA is recommending as a minimum:

- Pantograph Void Feature
- Erasure Sensitive Background Inks
- Security paper

These features will deter or detect counterfeiting and will allow alterations to be visible to the naked eye.
Federal and State law requires that you state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described in this title has been transferred to the following:

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2. The odometer reading is not the actual mileage.

DATE OF SALE

ASSIGNMENT OF OWNERSHIP

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AMOUNT OF LIEN

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ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE voids THIS TITLE.
NON-CONFORMING DOCUMENTS

After April 29, 1989, all jurisdictions were required to accept the new odometer disclosure form. Inasmuch as most jurisdictions’ titles did not contain the new odometer statement, a separate disclosure document was developed. This document is presently being used whenever a non-conforming certificate of title is issued to transfer ownership of a vehicle.

A non-conforming title need only be accompanied by a separate conforming odometer disclosure document when the vehicle is sold to the retail purchaser. NHTSA will verify that odometer disclosure statements were furnished between dealers through audits of dealer records. This document does not need to be printed by any secure process.

A separate odometer disclosure is not required when transferring new vehicles between dealers.

When the new vehicle is sold retail, a separate conforming odometer disclosure statement must accompany any non-conforming certificate of origin.

Most states requested and received an extension beyond the April, 1989 implementation date. Maryland was granted an extension for implementation until April, 1991.
REASSIGNMENT / DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE

The final rule gives very clear direction on language regarding reassignments and disclosures and NHTSA requires jurisdictions to issue title documents with this new disclosure language.

The following information must be contained in each assignment on the back of the title.

1. Current odometer reading (no tenths).
2. An indication whether the odometer reading reflects ACTUAL MILEAGE or is NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE, or that the ACTUAL MILEAGE IS IN EXCESS OF MECHANICAL LIMITS OF THE ODOMETER.
3. The signature and printed name of the seller.
4. The signature and printed name of the buyer.

The statement regarding the federal mileage disclosure law need only be included at the top of the first assignment area.

The address of the seller must appear somewhere on the document.

The printed name of the seller and buyer shall reflect the name of the person signing, not just the company or corporate name.
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Exceptions to odometer disclosure requirements: The following is a list of exceptions from the odometer disclosure requirement:

- Dealer transfers prior to the first sale.
- Vehicles with GVW’s above 16,000 pounds.
- Vehicles not self-propelled.
- Government vehicles,
- Vehicles 10 years old or older.

Five year statement retention required: The new regulations require dealers to retain the odometer disclosure statements for five years and you must have a retrieval system in place.
Federal law (and State law, if applicable) requires that you state the mileage upon transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

1. ______________________ (transferor's name)
state that the odometer now reads __________ (no tenths) miles and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle described below, unless one of the following statements is checked.

☐ (1) I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits.

☐ (2) I hereby certify that the odometer reading is NOT the actual mileage. **WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.**

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(NON-OWNER INVOLVEMENT)

There are many reasons for ownership of a vehicle to change without owner involvement. Reasons include, but are not limited to: court order, mechanic's/storage lien, repossession, police sale or probate of an estate.

Where an involuntary transfer occurs, an odometer disclosure statement is required if the transferee and transferor are not the same person. An odometer disclosure from the previous owner is not required; however the current odometer reading must be noted on both the application for title or a separate disclosure form. The applicant makes the disclosure.
It is important to recognize the difference between odometer reading and vehicle mileage. The Final Rule defines mileage as “…actual distance that a vehicle has traveled.” Because odometer readings and mileage can be different, it is necessary to brand odometer readings.

Because there is a lack of common definitions of brands, NHTSA created a national definition of these brands.
EXEMPTIONS

- Motor vehicles 10 model years old or older.
- Vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 16,000 pounds.
- Vehicles that are not self-propelled.
- A new vehicle prior to its first transfer for purposes other than resale.
- A vehicle sold directly by the manufacturer to any agency of the United States in conformity with contractual specifications.
Dealers and distributors who are required to execute an odometer disclosure statement shall retain for five years a copy of each odometer disclosure statement which they issue and receive.

The records shall be maintained at their primary place of business.

Lessors shall retain for five years following the date they transferred ownership of the leased vehicle each odometer disclosure statement they received from a lessee.

The record shall be maintained at their primary place of business.

Each auction company shall retain for five years following the date of sale of each motor vehicle the following records.

a) The name of the most recent owner (other than the auction company;
b) The name of the buyer;
c) The vehicle identification number; and
d) The odometer reading on the date which the auction company took possession of the motor vehicle.

The record shall be maintained at their primary place of business.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Dealers and distributors who are granted a power of attorney shall retain a copy for five years at their primary place of business.
LEASED VEHICLES

Each lessor of a leased motor vehicle shall notify the lessee in writing that the lessee is required to provide a written disclosure to the lessor regarding the mileage. This notice shall contain a reference to the federal law.

The lessee shall furnish to the lessor a written statement regarding the mileage of the vehicle. This statement must be signed by the lessee and shall contain the following information:

1) The printed name of the person making the disclosure;
2) The current odometer reading (not to include tenths of miles);
3) The date of the statement;
4) The lessee’s name and current address;
5) The lessor’s name and current address;
6) The identity of the vehicle, including its make, model, year and body type, and its vehicle identification number;
7) The date that the lessor notified the lessee of disclosure requirements;
8) The date that the completed disclosure statement was received by the lessor; and
9) The signature of the lessor.

The lessee shall certify that to the best of his knowledge the odometer reading reflects the actual mileage; or

If the lessee knows that the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in the excess of the designed mechanical odometer limit, he shall include a statement to that effect; or

If the lessee knows that the odometer reading differs from the mileage and that the difference is greater than that caused by odometer calibration error, he shall include a statement that the odometer reading is not the actual mileage and should not be relied upon.

If the lessor transfers the leased vehicle without obtaining possession of it, the lessor may indicate on the title the mileage disclosed by the lessee unless the lessor has reason to believe that the disclosure by the lessee does not reflect the actual mileage of the vehicle.
CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

What is a Certificate of Origin?

The Certificate of Origin is the ownership document for a “new” vehicle and must accompany the title application when submitted to the MVA.

What information is contained on the front of the Certificate of Origin?

FRONT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

The “top portion of the front” of the Certificate of Origin provides the description of the vehicle including the vehicle identification number, year, make, shipping weight, H.P. (S.A. E.), GVWR, number of cylinders, and series or model. This is the source document that provides the vehicle information that you will enter on the application for certificate of title.

The “middle portion of the front” of the Certificate of Origin shows the first assignment by the manufacturer to a licensed distributor or dealer.

The “lower portion of the front” of the Certificate of Origin contains the manufacturer’s name and address and also contains a space for the signature of the manufacturer’s agent.
What information is contained on the reverse of the Certificate of Origin?

**REVERSE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN**

The reverse of the Certificate of Origin contains dealer/distributor reassignments where a licensed dealer may assign ownership of vehicles for which they have a franchise to sell. The reassignment area must be completed in full including name of purchaser, address, odometer reading (including designation as to actual mileage, not actual mileage, or exceeds mechanical limits), dealer number, and signature of the dealer. There must be a complete sequence of ownership from the manufacturer, to the dealer(s), to the retail buyer of the vehicle. For dealer to dealer transfers, the odometer reading is to be stated within each dealer reassignment, but once the ownership transfers to the retail buyer, the federally conforming odometer disclosure statement on the bottom of the certificate of origin needs to be completed; otherwise, a separate odometer disclosure statement needs to accompany the Certificate of Origin that has been completed and signed by the dealer and the retail buyer. There is also a space to provide lien information if applicable. If there is no lien, enter “NONE” in the space for lien holder’s name.
COMAR’s Requirement for a Uniform Certificate of Origin

Code of Maryland Regulation 11.12.01.19 is as follows:

.19 Uniform Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin.

A. The Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin for a new motor vehicle shall have the security features and be in the form recommended by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

B. A distributor of motor vehicles, licensed under Title 15 of the Transportation Article, may issue the uniform Certificate of Origin in behalf of the manufacturer of a new motor vehicle.

What is meant by the term “Uniform Certificate of Origin”

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) has approved security specifications for the paper, which is used for the ownership documents. The approved security revisions for the Certificate of Origin (C/O’s) are consistent with AAMVA’s specifications recommended for the paper used for the vehicle titles in the various jurisdictions.

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators has set forth the standards for Certificates of Origin.

Certificates conforming to all AAMVA standards may be ordered from the following AAMVA associate members:

- De La Rue Security Printing
  703-450-1300 ext. 2265 or 571-224-0185
- American Banknote
  615-261-0610

Please note: There are other secure printing companies that issue Certificates of Origin that contain all features that are required by AAMVA as well. All “Certificates of Origin” should contain the following nine (9) features:

(1) Paper
  a. Sensitized Security paper – paper that is reactive to chemicals commonly used to alter documents.
  b. Non-Optical Brightener Paper – paper without added optical brighteners, which will not fluoresce under ultraviolet light.
(2) Engraved border – a border produced from engraved art work which shall appear on the front of the document.

(3) a. Prismatic – rainbow printing which is used as a deterrent to color copying, and/or
   b. Copy void Pantograph – the word “void” appears when the document is copied.
(4) Complex Colors – colors which are developed by using a mixture of two or more of the primary colors (red, yellow, or blue) and black if required.
(5) Erasable Fluorescent Background Inks – fluoresces under ultraviolet light and reacts to any attempt to erase in such a manner as to be immediately detectable.
(6) Background Security Design – a repetitious design consisting of a pattern which hinders counterfeiting efforts.
(7) Microline – a line of small alpha characters in capital letters which requires a magnifying glass to read.
(8) Consecutively numbered – documents that contain a number which is consecutively numbered for control purposes
(9) a. Security Thread – with or without watermark, and/or
   b. Intaglio Print – with or without latent image.

DOCUMENT SIZE – “Certificate of Origin” size specifications shall be seven(7) inches by eight (8) inches.

PAPER STOCK- Sixty (60) pound offset or equivalent durability

CONSTRUCTION – Unless otherwise specified by the user, the forms should be constructed and fan–folded for use on high-speed pin-fed computer printer and/or continuous typewriters.

LAYOUT – Text matter space for 1/10 inch horizontal and 1/6-inch deep characters per AAMVA H-12 Policy for standard format.

FACILITY SECURITY – To ensure the integrity of the manufacturers “Certificate of Origin”, the user should require the vendor to maintain secure printing and storage facilities.
MARYLAND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

What information is contained on the front of the MD title?

The front of the Maryland title contains a complete description of the vehicle by year, make and vehicle identification number, body style, odometer reading, brands, title number, exception codes for special conditions (such as JT, TBE, number of axles, number of passengers etc.), gross vehicle weight and gross combination weight, tag fee, inspection date, date issued, and the owner and co-owner soundex. This critical information is protected from alteration by a background of safety block microprint.

Directly below the safety block area on the left side is the name and address of the vehicle owner. On the right side directly below the safety block printing are the odometer codes and their meanings.

Below the owner’s name and address you may see additional branding information such as “Rebuilt Salvage”, “Flood”, “Vehicle Returned-Automotive Warranty Enforcement Act-History on File”, etc. If you see brands in this area, this indicates that there are conditions in the vehicles past that may substantially reduce the vehicle’s value, and/or safety.

The lower portion of the front of the title is used to record lien information. The certificate of title is able to hold lien information for 4 lien holders. If there are more than 4 liens, the title will contain the words “and more”. There is also a box on the lower half of the title where MVA may stamp the title clear of liens if provided with sufficient proof that the liens have been released. It is acceptable to provide the proof of lien satisfaction with the title at time of ownership change, instead of having the title stamped clear.

What information is on the reverse of the Maryland title?

The top section on the reverse of the Maryland title is the “Assignment of Ownership”. This is the section where the owner(s) of the vehicle will complete an assignment, as required by law, showing the name and address of the party or parties to whom they are
transferring the ownership of the vehicle. The odometer reading stated in accordance with all federal requirements needs to be entered as well. For vehicles transferred to a dealer, the word “RESALE” is usually entered for selling price. In other circumstances, the selling price, GIFT etc, is entered. All federally conforming titles have both the printed name and signature of the buyer(s) and seller(s).

The next section on the reverse of the Maryland title is an “Application for Certificate of Title”. The customer purchasing the vehicle has the option of completing this section or completing the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005).

The next two sections on the reverse of the “Certificate of Title” are dealer reassignments. Maryland dealers may use these reassignments or if the title has been assigned to an out of state dealer, they may use these sections as well. The dealer reassignments have a place for the dealer to assign ownership to another dealer, the retail buyer or any other transferee. There is also a federally conforming odometer certification and spaces for the signature and printed name of the buyer(s) and seller(s). There is a space for the certified selling price of the vehicle and space for Maryland dealers to show trade in value and calculate the gross and net tax remitted. A space for VIN and state of trade is provided on titling documents printed in 2009 or later. There is a space for the dealer to provide lien information (if there is no lien, write “NONE”). Once all reassignments are full on a title, a Maryland dealer may attach a separate dealer’s reassignment or apply for a dealer resale title, excise tax exempt.

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**MARYLAND NOTICE OF SECURITY INTEREST FILING (SIF)**

🔍 What is the Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing (SIF)?

The State of Maryland is a two-part titled state. When a vehicle is titled, the Certificate of Title is mailed to the owner of the vehicle. If the vehicle is subject to a lien, the second part of the title called the Notice of Security Interest Filing (SIF) is mailed only to the first lien holder, even though there may be second and additional lien holders recorded. The Notice of Security Interest Filing contains the same information on the front that is contained on the Certificate of Title. It has a similar appearance to the title but is a slightly different color. It also has a statement at the top saying “THIS IS NOT A TITLE”. The reverse of the document contains a certification of repossession, assignment of ownership, application for title and a dealers reassignment.

🔍 What is the purpose of the Notice of Security Interest Filing?
The Notice of Security Interest Filing serves two purposes. It may be utilized as a lien release, or in the case of a repossession, it serves as an ownership document.

**How is the Notice of Security Interest Filing used as a lien release?**

When the lien is satisfied, the lien holder needs to **sign in the place provided on the front of the document**. The lien holder is then required to mail or give the Notice of Security Interest filing to the vehicle owner to keep with their title. The ownership of a vehicle may not be transferred unless this document, accompanies the title. If the owner chooses, they may submit the title and the properly released Notice of Security Interest Filing to the MVA to have the title stamped clear or they may apply for a clear title for no additional charge.

If the Notice of Security Interest Filing has been lost, the lien holder may either (1) apply for a duplicate by completing the Application for Duplicate Security Interest Filing **(Form VR-048)** for a $20.00 fee; or (2) prepare a letter on their original letterhead, identifying the vehicle by year, make and vehicle identification number also providing the name(s) of the debtor(s), the amount and date of original lien, account number, date of release, signature and capacity of the secured party releasing the lien, printed name of the person releasing the lien, and the telephone number of the lien holder. Note: All lien release letters must be accompanied by a copy of the photo identification of the person presenting the lien release letter to the Motor Vehicle Administration.

**How is the Notice of Security Interest Filing Used when a Lien Holder “Repossess a Vehicle”?**

The Notice of Security Interest Filing serves as an ownership document when a lien holder repossesses the vehicle. To utilize the form for repossession, the lien holder needs to **complete the Certification of Repossession** on the reverse of the document including the **odometer disclosure statement**. The lien holder may then apply for a “repossession title” by completing the **application for title** and submitting it to the Motor Vehicle Administration with a fee of **$50.00**. The MVA also requires a **Condition Report** as an additional source of odometer mileage verification. Note 1: If the lien holder is anyone “other than” a bank, credit union, or finance company, a copy of the lien contract must be provided for repossession. Note 2: This transaction is excise tax exempt as long as the vehicle was titled in Maryland in the debtor’s name and the lien holder is only applying for title in their name to transfer the vehicle to a new owner.

If the lien holder does not wish to apply for a repossession title in their name, they may **use the SIF to assign ownership**. In this case, the **certification of repossession is completed including the odometer disclosure**, and the lien holder also completes the **assignment of ownership section** on the reverse of the document. In this case the SIF serves as the ownership document for the vehicle. **A Condition Report** is also
required as an additional source of odometer mileage verification.  **Note:** If the lien holder is anyone other than a bank, credit union, or finance company, a copy of the lien contract must be provided for repossession.

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MARYLAND DEALER REASSIGNMENT

¿ How do dealers obtain and use “Maryland Dealer Reassignments”? ¿

Dealer Bill of Sale and/or Reassignment for New and Used Vehicles (form VR-182) must be purchased from the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) or Maryland Independent Automobile Dealers Association (MIADA). These forms will only be sold to licensed Maryland dealers and will not be sold to out of state dealers. They are not available from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. The forms are blue in color, are printed on secure paper and have a void pantograph security feature. This form bears a control number.

Dealer reassignments are also located on the reverse of the Maryland title. When the dealer reassignments on the back of the Maryland title (or out of state title) are full, a Maryland dealer has the option of using a separate dealer's reassignment or applying for a tax exempt dealer resale title. Most dealers choose to use the dealer reassignment. There is no limit to the number of dealer reassignments that can be used with a title. As long as there is a complete sequence of ownership, and appropriate forms from all states involved are attached, the transaction should be acceptable. All documents must be completed in full, not altered and properly signed by all required parties.

The dealer reassignments on the reverse of the Maryland title may be used by out of state dealers as well. In 1991 when the MVA developed the title conforming to the "Truth in Mileage Act of 1986" the wording "Maryland Dealer's Reassignment" was replaced with "Dealer Reassignment". This was done specifically so that all dealers could reassign on Maryland’s titles. Most states changed their titles so that our dealers would be able to use the dealer reassignments on the title. However, on the separate Maryland Dealer's Reassignment (VR-182), as long as a Maryland dealer reassigns on the first reassignment, out of state dealers may reassign on subsequent reassignments.
MVA WILL REJECT any transaction if an out of state dealer completed the first reassignment on the Maryland Dealer Reassignment (form VR-182).

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**OUT OF STATE TITLES**

Out of State titles are quite different and need to be read carefully before being assigned to your dealership, to ensure that they are properly completed. Some have the assignment of ownership on the front; others have it on the reverse. Some out of State titles only have a place for the owner to sign to release their ownership of the vehicle; if there is no place to show who the buyer is, a separate statement will be required showing that the owner assigned the vehicle to your dealership.

Your dealer’s association will also be able to give you the names of several reference manuals that will have instructions for each state, as well as examples of the titles and other forms used by that state. These manuals will assist you at the time of taking an out of State vehicle in trade, as well as give guidance on what other states require when you are selling a vehicle to an out of State resident.

**Helpful tip:** For both out of State and Maryland titles, it may benefit your dealership to have the vehicles title history searched through one of the companies that specialized in online vehicle history.

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**LIEN RELEASE**

The State of Maryland is a two-part title State. When a vehicle is titled in this State, the title is mailed to the vehicle owner and a “Notice of Security Interest Filing (SIF)” is mailed to the lien holder. Once the lien has been satisfied, the lien holder signs off on the front of the SIF to release the lien and mails it to the vehicle owner. The vehicle owner may keep the SIF with their title as proof that the lien is paid, or they may submit the title and lien release to the Motor Vehicle Administration to have the lien stamped clear on the title, or receive a corrected title with the lien removed.

If the SIF has been lost, the lien holder may apply for a duplicate SIF by completing form VR-048 at a cost of $20.00; or the lien holder may provide a lien release on their original letterhead containing the following information:

- Contact telephone number of the secured party
- The name of the debtor
- A description of the vehicle to include the year, make, and vehicle identification number
- The date and amount of the original lien
- The financial account number of the lien
- The date lien was released The printed name, signature and capacity of the secured party’s representative a photocopy must be made of the drivers license or state issued ID of the person submitting the lien release letter.

NOTE: Only the first lien holder receives the Notice of Security Interest Filing. Subsequent lien holders will need to use a letter as described above to release their lien(s).

NOTE: If a lien release letter is faxed directly from the lien holder to an ERT dealer, the dealer may use that lien release to process the transaction through the ERT network.

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**SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

**New Vehicles**

Brand new vehicles are not required to be Maryland safety inspected. Brand new vehicles must be sold by dealers licensed to sell new vehicles and must hold a franchise with the manufacturer.

Demonstrator vehicles are considered used if they have been driven for more than 7,500 miles. The fact that they have never been titled or registered is not a matter that determines whether they are new or used. The mileage of more than 7,500 is the determining factor to indicate that they must be sold as a used vehicle with a Maryland Safety inspection. The term “new” may not be used to describe a demonstrator vehicle. This information can be found under [COMAR 11.12.01.14.I](#).

Licensed dealer without franchise to sell - If a licensed dealer acquires a brand new vehicle and they do not have a franchise to sell that make of vehicle, they must title the vehicle in their name and pay excise tax before transferring the vehicle to another dealer or a retail buyer.

Damaged vehicles - There are circumstances when a vehicle has sustained damage, and the dealer and/or manufacturer has determined that the vehicle must be sold as a used vehicle, even though it has never been titled. In this case, the Certificate of Origin needs to be stamped “SOLD AS USED” and a Maryland Safety inspection is required prior to selling the vehicle to a retail buyer. Of course, the damage needs to be disclosed to the buyer as required by law. Note: If the damage to the vehicle is extensive the vehicle may need to be salvaged.

Manufacturers going out of business – If a dealer has a franchise to sell a particular make of vehicle, and the manufacturer goes out of business or a particular make goes out of production, the vehicle may only be sold as new if the manufacturer will honor the
warranty. If the manufacturer is not honoring the warranty, the vehicles will need to be safety inspected and sold as used, even though they have not been titled.

**Used Vehicles**

**When does a dealer have to sell vehicles inspected?**
Maryland dealers are required to sell the following classes of vehicles inspected:

- Class A Passenger Vehicles
- Class E Truck up to ¾ ton
- Class M Multipurpose Vehicle (class M buses also need annual inspection)
- Class J Van Pool (also need annual safety inspection)
- Class F Tractors
- Class G Trailers
- Class B for Hire
- Class D Motorcycles

Exception: Trucks 1 ton and larger, tractors, and freight trailers may be sold uninspected by dealers and the transferee may obtain the required inspection certificate.

**What length of time is a Maryland Safety Inspection Valid?** Inspection Certificates are valid for 6 months from date of inspection or until 1,000 miles has been added to the odometer, for vehicles held in dealer inventory. For non-dealer transactions, inspection certificates are valid for 90 days, and if already recorded, are valid for 30 days on resale to a subsequent owner.

If an inspection certificate is valid on the “date of delivery to the customer”, it is valid for acceptance both for worked processed at the MVA and transactions processed through the Electronic Registration Titling systems (ERT).

**Dismantling or Rebuilding** - Except as noted above, dealers may only sell a vehicle uninspected if it is sold for “Dismantling or Rebuilding” which is defined in law as needing extensive repairs to the body, frame, engine, suspension, or drive train. In this case, the dealer has to clearly mark the bill of sale as “Sold for Dismantling or Rebuilding”; or the box on the separate Maryland Dealers Reassignment form may be checked. If a Maryland dealer sells a vehicle for dismantling or rebuilding to a Maryland resident, the Maryland resident needs to be told that the dealer will not issue 60 day temporary registration, and the MVA will not issue 30 day temporary registration for that vehicle. The customer should be made aware once repairs are made, they will need to have the vehicle towed to an authorized Maryland Safety Inspection station (Note: Customers should contact the inspection station first to ensure the station has a transporter tag to place on the vehicle for the required road test.). If the customer chooses title only, the inspection field will be marked “NID” (Not Inspected by Dealer).
VEHICLES ACQUIRED BY DEALERS UNDER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

BANKRUPTCY

If a vehicle owner is in bankruptcy and property of that owner needs to be sold, the bankruptcy court will appoint a trustee to sell the property. A copy of the bankruptcy trustee’s appointment is required and the trustee signs as seller on the title and completes the assignment of ownership to the purchaser/transferee.

A bankruptcy trustee is also authorized to obtain a duplicate title by completing an Application for Duplicate Title (form VR-018) and providing a copy of their appointment by the court.

DEATH OF VEHICLE OWNER

http://www.mva.maryland.gov/ Vehicle-Services/REG/inherit.htm

When a surviving spouse or personal representative of a deceased person wishes to sign a vehicle over to a dealer, either as a trade or a sale to the dealer, the following documents are needed;

- If the vehicle is **jointly owned by husband and wife and one is deceased**, the surviving spouse needs to complete the ‘assignment of ownership” section on the reverse of the title to transfer the vehicle to the dealer. When the surviving spouse is completing the seller signature area, they need to print the name of the deceased on one of the blanks and write “deceased” after the printed name entered. On the other blank as the seller (or co-seller) the surviving spouse signs and prints in the space provided indicating “surviving spouse” after their signature. The title must be accompanied by a certified copy of the death certificate bearing the seal of the bureau of the bureau of vital statistics.

- If the vehicle is titled in the **individual name of the deceased**, the personal representative of the deceased individual signs as seller indicating personal representative or executor after their
signature, in the assignment of ownership area to transfer ownership to the dealer. A letter of administration with the seal of the court must accompany the title.

- For vehicles **jointly titled with someone other than a spouse**, the surviving owner may take their title and a certified copy of the death certificate to the MVA and apply for a title in the name of the survivor that will be mailed to the survivor. The new title received may then be used to transfer ownership to the dealer.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**
**What is required?**

Code of Maryland Regulation 11.15.14 provides guidance on what is required for all types of titling transactions. The specific sections referencing dealer work are 11.15.14.03 and 11.15.14.04

The complete regulation is provided for your guidance. Please note the regulation is specific to documents related to titling only. Any other documents and requirements for registration of vehicles are in addition to the titling requirements. It includes information on the required documents for titling and gives reasons that the Administration may reject titling transactions. The sections specifically applying to dealer transactions are highlighted in blue. Title Services will find the complete regulation helpful in handling non-dealer title transactions. The regulation is as follows:

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.01 Purpose.
The purpose of this chapter is to specify the documents and information needed for the Administration to issue a certificate of title for a vehicle and to clarify the Administration's policy regarding the refusal to issue a certificate of title for a vehicle if an applicant fails to furnish certain information or documents required by statute or regulation for the following title transaction types:

A. New vehicles;
B. Used vehicles sold by a dealer;
C. Used vehicles sold or transferred from someone other than a dealer;
D. Used vehicles titled in the applicant's name in another jurisdiction and now being titled in Maryland;
E. Vehicles being titled as a result of a repossession;
F. Vehicles being titled as a result of a mechanic's lien;
G. Vehicles being titled as the result of a sheriff's sale;
H. Vehicles being titled by a court order;
I. Reconstructed vehicles;
J. Glider kits and kit cars;
K. Homemade trailers; and
L. Kit trailers.
.02 Definitions.
A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
B. Terms Defined.
(1) "Administration" means the Motor Vehicle Administration.
(2) "Applicant" means the person requesting a certificate of title for a vehicle.
(3) "ASED" means the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Department of State Police.
(4) "Bill of sale" means a written statement certifying the:
(a) Ownership of something has been transferred; and
(b) Exchange of property for an agreed sum of money or other valuable consideration.
(5) "Certificate of title" means a document evidencing ownership and commonly associated with motor vehicles.
(6) "Dealer" has the meaning stated in Transportation Article, §11-111, Annotated Code of Maryland.
(7) "Vehicle" has the meaning stated in Transportation Article, §11-176, Annotated Code of Maryland.

11.15.14.03

.03 New Vehicles.
A. An applicant for a new vehicle title shall provide the Administration with:
(1) A certificate of origin;
(2) A completed application for a certificate of title;
(3) A dealer's reassignment or reassignments;
(4) A dealer's bill of sale; and
(5) An odometer disclosure certification as required by COMAR 11.13.06.
B. Instead of a dealer's bill of sale, Maryland dealers may complete the purchase price certification on an application for a certificate of title or a dealer's reassignment.
C. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
(2) The seller's or applicant's signature is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(3) The applicant is a trust and the trust agreement naming the trust and designating the trustee or trustees is not furnished;
(4) A copy of the court appointment for a bankruptcy trustee is not furnished;
(5) A copy of a court appointment for a legal guardian is not furnished;
(6) An error or alteration in the documents furnished has occurred and a letter of explanation or certified statement does not clarify the error or alteration to the satisfaction of the Administration;
(7) The lien holder to be recorded is someone other than a dealer or bona fide lending institution and a lien contract is not furnished;
(8) The vehicle is an unrecovered stolen vehicle and a letter from the insurance company requesting issuance of a title to satisfy the claim is not furnished;
(9) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
(a) A letter of indemnification which is subject to the approval of the Administration; and
(b) Photocopies of lost documents;
(10) The owner or purchaser is deceased and the personal representative, legatee, distributee, legal heir, or surviving spouse has not provided as required:
(a) Letters of administration/testamentary;
(b) A legal heir form; or
(c) A death certificate;
(11) A receipt from the Compliance Division of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which shows that the retail sales tax has been paid on a mobile home, is not furnished;
(12) The vehicle is an import and the following documents are not furnished:
(a) One of the following:
(i) Appropriate U.S. Customs forms or Canadian immigration visa, or
(ii) If imported by a member of the U.S. military, Form DD788 or DD1252, and a copy of military orders or a Maryland driver's license; and
(b) If the vehicle does not comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements:
(i) Receipts for conversion work, or
(ii) A bond release letter;
(13) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:
(a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN; or
(b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State;
(14) The vehicle is a two-stage vehicle and both certificates of origin are not presented; or
(15) The vehicle is purchased directly from a manufacturer and an invoice is not presented.

11.15.14.04

.04 Used Vehicles Sold by a Dealer.
A. An applicant for a title to be issued for a used vehicle sold by a dealer shall provide the Administration with:
(1) A properly assigned title or other acceptable ownership document from the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was last registered;
(2) A completed application for a certificate of title;
(3) A dealer's reassignment or reassignments;
(4) A dealer's bill of sale;
(5) A Maryland safety inspection certificate; and
(6) An odometer disclosure certification as required by COMAR 11.13.06.
B. Instead of a dealer's bill of sale, Maryland dealers may complete the purchase price certification on the application for a certificate of title or dealer's reassignment.
C. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
(2) The seller's or applicant's signature is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(3) The applicant is a trust and the trust agreement naming the trust and designating the trustee or trustees is not furnished;
(4) A copy of the court appointment for a bankruptcy trustee is not furnished;
(5) A copy of the court appointment for a legal guardian is not furnished;
(6) The documents furnished contain an error or alteration and letters of explanation or certified statements do not clarify the errors or alterations to the satisfaction of the Administration;
(7) The lien holder to be recorded is someone other than a dealer or bona fide lending institution and a lien contract is not furnished;
(8) The vehicle is an unrecovered stolen vehicle and a letter from the insurance company requesting issuance of a title in order to satisfy the claim is not furnished;
(9) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
(a) A letter of indemnification which is subject to the approval of the Administration; and
(b) Photocopies of the lost documents;
(10) The owner or purchaser is deceased and the personal representative, legatee, distributee, legal heir, or surviving spouse has not provided as required:
(a) Letters of administration/testamentary;
(b) A legal heir form; or
(c) A death certificate;
(11) A receipt from the Compliance Division of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which shows that the retail sales tax has been paid on a mobile home sold before January 1, 1989, is not furnished;
(12) The vehicle is an import and the following documents are not furnished:
(a) One of the following:
(i) Appropriate U.S. Customs forms or Canadian immigration visa, or
(ii) If imported by a member of the U.S. military, Form DD788 or DD1252, and a copy of military orders or a Maryland driver's license; and
(b) If the vehicle does not comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements:
(i) Receipts for conversion work, or
(ii) A bond release letter;
(13) The vehicle was subject to a security interest and a proper termination statement is not furnished on a:
(a) Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing form;
(b) Title; or
(c) Letter on the lien holder's letterhead;
(14) Except for trucks with a gross vehicle weight of 1 ton or more, truck tractors, and freight trailers, which Maryland dealers may sell without an inspection, the vehicle was sold by a Maryland dealer and the:
(a) Vehicle's most current safety inspection is over 6 months old;
(b) Vehicle has traveled more than 1,000 miles since the inspection certificate was issued; or
(c) Vehicle was sold uninspected for dismantling or rebuilding and the dealer has not furnished a statement to indicate that the vehicle was sold for dismantling or rebuilding;

(15) The ownership document is a salvage certificate from this State or another state and the inspection by a police officer in this State who is authorized to inspect salvage vehicles has not been furnished;

(16) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:

(a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN; or
(b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State; or

(17) The ownership document is a salvage certificate branded "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not To Be Retitled".

11.15.14.05

.05 Used Vehicles Sold or Transferred from Someone Other Than a Dealer.

A. An applicant for a title for a used vehicle transferred from someone other than a dealer shall provide the Administration with a:

(1) Properly assigned certificate of title or other ownership documentation acceptable to the Administration from the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was last registered; and

(2) Completed application for a certificate of title.

B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:

(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;

(2) The seller's or applicant's signature is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;

(3) The applicant is a trust and the trust agreement naming the trust and designating the trustee or trustees is not furnished;

(4) A copy of the court appointment for a bankruptcy trustee is not furnished;

(5) A copy of the court appointment for a legal guardian is not furnished;

(6) An error or alteration in the documents furnished has occurred and a letter of explanation or certified statements does not clarify the error or alteration to the satisfaction of the Administration;

(7) The lien holder to be recorded is someone other than a dealer or bona fide lending institution and a lien contract is not furnished;
(8) The vehicle is an unrecovered stolen vehicle and a letter from the insurance company requesting issuance of a title in order to satisfy the claim is not furnished;
(9) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
   (a) A letter of indemnification which is subject to the approval of the Administration; and
   (b) Photocopies of lost documents;
(10) The owner or purchaser is deceased and the personal representative, legatee, distributee, legal heir, or surviving spouse has not provided as required:
   (a) Letters of administration/testamentary;
   (b) A legal heir form; or
   (c) A death certificate;
(11) A receipt from the Compliance Division of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which shows that the retail sales tax has been paid on a mobile home sold before January 1, 1989, is not furnished;
(12) The vehicle is an import and the following documents are not furnished:
   (a) One of the following:
      (i) Appropriate U.S. Customs forms or Canadian immigration visa, or
      (ii) If imported by a member of the U.S. military, Form DD788 or DD1252, and a copy of military orders or a Maryland driver's license; and
   (b) If the vehicle does not comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements:
      (i) Receipts for conversion work, or
      (ii) A bond release letter;
(13) The vehicle was subject to a security interest and a proper termination statement is not furnished on a:
   (a) Maryland Notice of Security Filing form;
   (b) Title; or
   (c) Letter on the lien holder's letterhead;
(14) The ownership document is a salvage certificate from this State or another state and the inspection by a police officer in this State who is authorized to inspect salvage vehicles has not been furnished;
(15) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:
   (a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN; or
(b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State;

(16) The ownership document is a salvage certificate branded "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not To Be Retitled";

(17) The vehicle is less than 7 years old and the applicant:

(a) Did not furnish a notarized bill of sale; and

(b) Refuses to pay excise tax based on the greater of the purchase price or the book value of the vehicle;

(18) The purchase price on the title is left blank and the applicant fails to produce a bill of sale;

(19) The assignment of ownership is signed by the seller, but:

(a) The space provided for the purchaser's name is left blank; and

(b) A bill of sale is not furnished;

(20) A Maryland titled vehicle is transferred as a gift between family members and the applicant fails to furnish a:

(a) Gift certification form; and

(b) Proof of relationship certification;

(21) A vehicle with an open lien is transferred as a gift between a parent and child, and the transferor and transferee fail to furnish a statement signed by both parties, identifying the individual who:

(a) Paid the down payment;

(b) Paid the taxes;

(c) Made all previous payments; and

(d) Incurred the obligation for continued payment; or

(22) The vehicle is transferred as a result of a divorce and the divorce decree is not furnished.

11.15.14.06

06 Used Vehicles Transferred from Another Jurisdiction to Maryland.

A. An applicant for a title for a used vehicle presently titled in the applicant's name in another jurisdiction and who is now applying for a Maryland title shall provide the Administration with an:

(1) Out-of-State title or other acceptable ownership document from the jurisdiction where the vehicle was last registered; and
(2) Application for a Maryland certificate of title.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents and information are not submitted or are not complete;
(2) The out-of-State title or other acceptable ownership document is held by a lien
holder and the lien holder refuses to relinquish the title or other ownership document to
the Administration;
(3) The ownership document presented to the Administration is a:
(a) Nonnegotiable title; or
(b) Memorandum title;
(4) The application for a certificate of title is signed by an individual to whom power of
attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(5) The application is signed by a legal guardian and the court appointment is not
furnished;
(6) The applicant’s name has changed through marriage, divorce, court order, or other
method and a change of name and address notice and proof of the name change such
as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order is not furnished;
(7) The vehicle previously had a salvage certificate issued in this State or another state
and a vehicle identification number inspection has not been completed by a police
officer of this State authorized to inspect salvage vehicles;
(8) The vehicle was previously salvaged in this State or another state and has been
branded "Parts Only-----Not Rebuildable";
(9) The vehicle is an import and the following documents are not furnished:
(a) One of the following:
   (i) Appropriate U.S. Customs forms or Canadian immigration visa, or
   (ii) If imported by a member of the U.S. military, Form DD788 or DD1252, and a copy of
        military orders or a Maryland driver's license; and
(b) If the vehicle does not comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency requirements:
   (i) Receipts for conversion work, or
   (ii) A bond release letter;
(10) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but
has not:
(a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN number; or
(b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State; 
(11) An error or alteration in the documents furnished has occurred and a letter of 
explanation or certified statement does not clarify the error to the satisfaction of the 
Administration; 
(12) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish: 
(a) A letter of indemnification subject to the approval of the Administration; and 
(b) Photocopies of lost documents; or 
(13) The ownership document is a salvage certificate branded "Not Rebuildable----- 
Parts Only-----Not to be Retitled", or with an equivalent term.

11.15.14.07

.07 Vehicles Being Titled Because of Repossessions.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle which has been repossessed shall provide the 
Administration with: 
(1) A Notice of Security Interest Filing form; 
(2) An out-of-State title or other ownership document acceptable to the Administration; 
(3) A certification of repossession; 
(4) An assignment of ownership or bill of sale; 
(5) An odometer disclosure certification as required by COMAR 11.13.06; 
(6) A condition report; and 
(7) An application for a certificate of title.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if the: 
(1) Required documents are not furnished or information is incomplete; 
(2) Lien holder was a dealer or someone other than a bona fide lending institution and a 
clear copy of the lien contract is not furnished; 
(3) Lien holder was not holding first position and a previous lien holder has not been 
released; 
(4) Vehicle was not titled in the debtor's name and the lien holder cannot furnish a copy 
of the contract; 
(5) Vehicle is titled in Maryland, but the security interest has not been perfected and the 
applicant cannot furnish a copy of a contract; 
(6) Applicant is not the secured party shown on the title and cannot furnish an 
assignment of lien;
(7) Applicant is a dealer but the lien contract does not state that the dealer has full recourse for the secured party named in the contract;
(8) Vehicle was titled out of State and the forms required by that state for repossession have not been furnished; or
(9) Lien contract does not contain:
   (a) The signature of all vehicle owners,
   (b) A full description of the vehicle, and
   (c) A notation of the security interest.

11.15.14.08

.08 Vehicles Being Titled Because of Mechanic’s Lien.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle being titled due to a mechanic's lien shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) A completed application for a certificate of title;
   (2) A certification by the garage owner or the person having the lien, and the auctioneer, on a form provided by the Administration, that the auction was held in compliance with Commercial Law Article, Title 16, Annotated Code of Maryland;
   (3) A pencil tracing of the vehicle identification number or an affidavit of the vehicle identification number;
   (4) A certification that a newspaper advertisement has run once a week for the 2 weeks immediately preceding the sale, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or city where the vehicle was sold, with the last advertisement appearing the week immediately preceding the sale;
   (5) A copy of the newspaper advertisement required by §A(4) of this regulation;
   (6) A storage or repair order as specified in Commercial Law Article, §14-1008, Annotated Code of Maryland, containing an affirmative request by the vehicle owner for the repair services or storage services requested or, if applicable, a written statement from the lienor that the lienor stored the vehicle in accordance with an agreement with an insurer;
   (7) Signed receipts for a certified or registered letter or letters sent to the individual who left the vehicle for repairs, the vehicle owner, and the lien holder or the unopened, undeliverable certified or registered letter or letters; and
   (8) An odometer disclosure certification as required by COMAR 11.13.06.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents or information are not furnished or are incomplete;
(2) The address on the returned, unopened certified or registered letter or letters sent to the vehicle owner, individual who left the vehicle for repairs, or lien holder is different from the Administration's most current records;
(3) The receipt for the certified or registered letter sent to the owner, lien holder, or individual who left the vehicle for repairs was signed by someone other than the person to whom the letter was addressed;
(4) The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) report shows that the vehicle was stolen and the reporting police agency has not issued a recover report;
(5) There is a discrepancy or alteration in the paperwork and the letter of explanation or certified statements do not clarify the discrepancy to the satisfaction of the Administration;
(6) The signatures on the submitted documents or the application are signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(7) A notarized bill of sale is not submitted and the customer refuses to pay the excise tax on the greater of the book value or the purchase price;
(8) The pencil tracing of the vehicle identification number is illegible and the shop owner does not furnish an affidavit of the vehicle identification number;
(9) The vehicle was not advertised in a newspaper as specified in §A(4) of this regulation;
(10) The vehicle description by year, make, and vehicle identification number in the newspaper advertisement is different than in the supporting documents furnished;
(11) The newspaper advertisement does not contain the time, date, place of auction, and description of the vehicle by year, make, and vehicle identification number;
(12) The vehicle was previously salvaged in this State or another state, as verified through the Interstate Teletype System, and the applicant fails to furnish a certification by a police officer in this State who is authorized to inspect salvage vehicles;
(13) The vehicle was previously issued a salvage certificate in this State or another state, as verified through the Interstate Teletype System, containing the brand "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not To Be Retitled" or an equivalent brand; or
(14) The Administration has been notified that action in accordance with Commercial Law Article, §16-206, Annotated Code of Maryland, is being taken and that the Administration has received notification of the action before the close of the business day following the action.

11.15.14.09

.09 Vehicles Being Titled Due to a Sheriff's Sale.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle being titled due to a sheriff's sale shall provide the Administration with:
(1) A court order or writ directing the sale;
(2) An application for a certificate of title;
(3) A copy of the required newspaper advertisement; and
(4) A bill of sale from a sheriff.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
(2) The application for certificate of title is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(3) The applicant is a trust and the trust agreement naming the trust and designating the trustee or trustees is not furnished;
(4) A copy of the court appointment for a bankruptcy trustee is not furnished;
(5) A copy of the court appointment for a legal guardian is not furnished;
(6) The documents furnished contain an error or alteration and letters of explanation or certified statements do not clarify the errors or alterations to the satisfaction of the Administration;
(7) The lien holder to be recorded is someone other than a dealer or bona fide lending institution and a lien contract is not furnished;
(8) The vehicle is an unrecovered stolen vehicle and a letter from the insurance company requesting issuance of a title in order to satisfy the claim is not furnished;
(9) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
(a) A letter of indemnification which is subject to the approval of the Administration, and
(b) Photocopies of lost documents;
(10) The owner or purchaser is deceased and the personal representative, legatee, distributee, legal heir, or surviving spouse has not provided as required:
(a) Letters of administration/testamentary,
(b) A legal heir form, or
(c) A death certificate;
(11) A receipt from the Compliance Division of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which shows that the retail sales tax has been paid on a used mobile home sold before January 1, 1989, is not furnished;
(12) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:
(a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN, or
(b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State;
(13) The previous ownership document was a salvage certificate and the inspection by a police officer in this State who is authorized to inspect salvage vehicles is not furnished; or
(14) A security interest termination statement for liens on the previous Maryland title record is not furnished.

11.15.14.10

.10 Vehicles Being Titled Because of Court Orders.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle being titled as a result of a court order shall provide the Administration with:
(1) An application for a certificate of title; and
(2) A writ of mandamus or show cause order.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The court order does not clearly indicate that the Administration is to take the ordered action;
(2) A lien shows on the previous Maryland record and a security interest termination statement for each lien is not furnished;
(3) The vehicle is not fully described by year, make, and vehicle identification number;
(4) A salvage certificate has been previously issued in this State or another state and an inspection from a police officer in this State authorized to inspect salvage vehicles is not furnished; or
(5) A salvage certificate had been previously issued containing the brand "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not To Be Retitled" or an equivalent term.
11.15.14.11

.11 Reconstructed Vehicles.
A. An applicant for a title for a reconstructed vehicle shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) An application for a certificate of title;
   (2) An application for an assigned vehicle identification number;
   (3) A certificate of title for the frame;
   (4) A bill of sale or a copy of the title for the body;
   (5) Receipts for parts and labor used to reconstruct the vehicle; and
   (6) A garage inspection by an authorized police officer in this State.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
   (1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
   (2) A title for a vehicle less than 7 years old is being assigned to the applicant and the applicant:
      (a) Does not furnish a notarized bill of sale, and
      (b) Refuses to pay excise tax on the book value of the vehicle;
   (3) An individual bringing the vehicle to the Administration for a garage inspection by the ASED does not furnish a power of attorney authorizing the individual to sign for the applicant;
   (4) The garage inspection reveals stolen parts; or
   (5) A security interest termination statement has not been furnished for each lien shown on the Administration’s records.

11.15.14.12

.12 Glider Kits and Kit Cars.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle constructed from a glider kit or a car kit shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) An application for a certificate of title;
   (2) A certificate of origin for the kit;
   (3) A bill of sale for the kit;
   (4) A title for the frame;
   (5) Bills of sale or receipts for all parts and labor;
(6) An application for an assigned vehicle identification number; and
(7) A garage inspection at the Administration or, in the case of a glider kit, a certified statement that the vehicle was assembled by a Maryland licensed dealer or repair shop.

B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
(2) The individual bringing the vehicle to the Administration garage is not the applicant and cannot furnish a power of attorney authorizing the individual to sign for the applicant;
(3) The garage inspection reveals stolen parts;
(4) The application is being processed at a branch office of the Administration, and a statement certifying that the glider kit has been assembled by a Maryland licensed dealer or repair shop is not furnished;
(5) A security interest termination statement has not been furnished for each lien shown on record; or
(6) A title for a vehicle less than 7 years old is being assigned to the applicant and the applicant:
   (a) Does not furnish a notarized bill of sale, and
   (b) Refuses to pay excise tax on the greater of the book value or the purchase price of the vehicle.

11.15.14.13

.13 Homemade Trailers.
A. An applicant for a title for a homemade trailer shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) A rear view and a side view photograph of the trailer;
   (2) Receipts for the parts used to build the trailer;
   (3) A certified statement listing the parts used to construct the trailer and the total value of the trailer;
   (4) An application for an assigned vehicle identification number (VIN); and
   (5) An application for a certificate of title.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if the:
   (1) Required documents or information are not furnished or are incomplete;
   (2) Trailer is other than a boat, utility, or camping trailer which:
       (a) Weighs 10,000 pounds or less, and
(b) Has not had an inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State; or
(3) Homemade trailer was previously issued a Maryland-assigned VIN, and the:
  (a) Maryland-assigned VIN has been lost, or
  (b) Owner refuses to have the vehicle inspected by an authorized police officer in this State.

11.15.14.14

.14 Kit Trailer.
A. An applicant for a title for a kit trailer shall provide the Administration with:
  (1) A certificate of origin;
  (2) An application for a certificate of title; and
  (3) A bill of sale or receipt.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a title if the:
  (1) Required documents and information are not furnished or are incomplete; or
  (2) Applicant’s signature is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted
      and the power of attorney is not furnished.

11.15.14.15

.15 Vehicle Titled by Survivor When Co-owner is Deceased.
A joint tenant or joint tenants applying for title by right of survivorship shall provide the Administration with:
A. A death certificate for the deceased co-owner;
B. A completed application for certificate of title; and
C. The title bearing the names of the decedent and the applicant or applicants as co-
owners.

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Administrative History
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Regulation .15 adopted effective July 23, 2001 (28:14 Md. R. 1322)
Dealer Resale Titles

Obtaining a Dealer Resale Title – A Maryland dealer resale title is a Maryland Certificate of Title that lists the dealer as the vehicle owner. Even though the law does not require a dealer to title the vehicle in their name before transferring ownership, there are certain circumstances that arise in which the dealer may need to obtain a title in the name of their dealership. The Maryland Vehicle Law 13-810 allows a Maryland dealer to obtain a ‘Dealer Resale Title “excise tax exempt” under the following circumstances:

- The vehicle is registered in a jurisdiction whose laws do not require titling.
- The vehicle is involuntarily transferred to a licensed dealer and the certificate of title is not available (i.e.) repossession, court order, or a mechanic’s lien.
- The vehicle is salvaged, but has been restored by the licensed dealer and inspected in accordance with State law.
- The vehicle is acquired for resale and the dealer reassignment sections contained on the certificate of title have been used.

Note: In all other situations, the dealer must pay excise tax when obtaining a dealer resale title.

A resale title may be applied for at any full service MVA by mail or at any licensed tag and title service.

The documents needed include:

- Submit the vehicles current reassigned title or other ownership document such as a Maryland Security Interest Filing document, a court order or proof that you have a mechanics lien or other ownership document.
- A completed application for Maryland Title using the application section on the back of the Maryland title or the Application for Certificate of Title form VR-005.
- Odometer disclosure statement if needed.
- If the existing title indicates a lien you must submit a lien release.
- Power of attorney if someone other than the owner or officer of the dealership is signing the title application or other forms.
- Certificate of repossession if the repossession lien holder is applying for a title for conveyance of ownership of a repossessed vehicle.

Dealer resale titles are mailed to the dealer. Dealer resale titles for repossession, when the dealer is the lien holder, may be issued over the counter the same day or mailed.

Please remember that all requests for dealer resale titles are subject to review and approval by the Administration before issuance.
Dealer Duplicate Titles
Form VR-003 (order form from warehouse)

Obtaining a dealer duplicate title – A dealer duplicate title cannot be issued prior to 10 days after sale of the new vehicle. Only licensed Maryland and Virginia dealers can apply for a dealer duplicate title. The application for Duplicate Certificate of Title VR-003 is a three-part form; all three parts must be completed. The owner and co-owner must sign the application. A power of attorney cannot be used for this transaction.

ERT dealers do not have to wait 10 days to submit the VR-003 request.

The following documents must also be submitted:

- A copy of the Buyer’s Order identifying the vehicle as a trade.
- Odometer mileage statement.
- The transaction must be logged on a VR-205 (order form from warehouse) Transmittal Sheet and submitted.

Virginia dealer duplicates must be mailed to the dealership. Maryland dealer duplicates may be handed across the counter if they meet all of the requirements.

Reasons title work may be rejected:

Maryland Vehicle Law §13-110 Grounds for refusing certificate of title

The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title of a vehicle if:

(1) The application contains any false or fraudulent statements.
(2) The applicant has failed to furnish information or documents required by statute or regulations adopted by the Administration.
(3) Any required fee has not been paid.
(5) The application is not entitled to a certificate of title under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(5) The Administration has reasonable grounds to believe:

(i) That the applicant is not the owner of the vehicle.
(ii) That the issuance of a certificate of title to the applicant would be a fraud against another person, or
(iii) That the vehicle does not comply with Title, 2, Subtitle 11 of the Environment Article or any regulation adopted under that subtitle.

Note: Also see the COMAR regulation 11.15.14 which includes details on what is required and reasons transactions may be rejected for title transactions.
Please complete this application in ink.

Duplicate titles are processed at all full service branch offices and are issued to registered owner(s) with proper identification.

Reason for Request (please check one):
- Lost
- Destroyed
- Altered
- Mutilated
- Misassigned
- Returned to State
- Other

The altered, mutilated, or misassigned title is required when making an application for a duplicate. The out-of-state title is required if the original Maryland title was surrendered to another state.

Name of Secured Party
(Bank, Finance Company, Etc.)

Address of Secured Party

Current Maryland Title # Make of Vehicle Model Year

Vehicle Identification Number

Owner's First Name Middle Last

Driver's License # Date of Birth

Co-Owner's First Name Middle Last

Co-Owner's Driver's License # Date of Birth

Current Residency Address
City State Zip Code

☐ Please check here if this is a new address.

We certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made herein are true and correct, to the best of my/our knowledge, information, and belief.
This day of year

Owner's Signature (LS) Co-Owner's Signature (LS)

This application requires the owner's signature (if jointly owned, the signatures of both parties are required); a legal officer, if owned by a company or a corporation; a trustee, if the owner is a trust. Please state your capacity after your signature.

Penalty for falsifying this application for a title or registration is punishable by a fine up to $1,000.

Additional Instructions:
- The personal representative or legal heir of a deceased owner is required to submit the letters of administration.
- If the vehicle is jointly owned by spouses and one is deceased, the surviving spouse is required to include a certified copy of the death certificate.
- A trustee is required to attach a copy of the appointment by court.

Please do not send cash. Make check or money order payable to Motor Vehicle Administration. The check must include (1) imprinted Name and Address; (2) Driver's License Number (Social Security Number); (3) Home and/or Work Phone Number.

You may either mail your application with the appropriate fees to the Motor Vehicle Administration, 6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E., Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062, Room 104, or visit your local MVA full service office.

Important: This Section can only be used if the lien(s) are over seven (7) years old and have been satisfied.

"I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above referenced vehicle lien has been satisfied in full.
I further certify that in the event a lien or lienholder is later determined to exist, I will make full restitution to the lienholder and furnish the lien release to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). I further certify that I will defend, indemnify and hold the MVA harmless against any claim from a lienholder or lien as a result of this title being issued."

Owner's Signature Date Co-owner's Signature Date

For MVA use only
Record examined and issuance approved by: _______ OK to issue and show lien _______ OK to issue without lien (identification provided)

Type of Identification provided:

Method of Payment: [ ] C [ ] CK [ ] CC [ ] CV

For more information, please call: 1-800-638-8347 (touch tone calls only), 1-800-950-1MVA (1682) (to speak with a customer service representative).
Application for Dealer's Duplicate Certificate of Ownership

Fee: $20.00

Please print information in ink

Instructions to Dealer: Please use this form only when the original Certificate of Ownership has not been delivered to the dealership and/or the registered owner of the vehicle has not received an additional Title or has been lost, destroyed, mutilated, or misstated.

This application will not be accepted if submitted within 10 days of the transaction. Attach this application signed or the vehicle buyer's order, identifying the vehicle as a trade-in, and the odometer mileage statement signed by the currently registered owner of the vehicle. The duplicate Title will be mailed to the dealership and will indicate current mileage.

Registered Owner: A copy of this application will be mailed to you. When you receive it, please check it carefully. If any information is incorrect or has been altered, please contact the MVA's Licensing and Consumer Services Division at (410) 766-7421.

Check reasons for requiring a duplicate: [ ] Lost  [ ] Destroyed  [ ] Altered  [ ] Misstated  [ ] Misassigned  [ ] Returned in Notes

Other

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked.

[ ] 1. The mileage stated is in excess of its mechanical limits.
[ ] 2. The odometer reading is not the actual mileage

Warning: Odometer Discrepancy

Original Amount to Loan [ ] None written [ ] Note if loan included. Please attach the lien realized.

Date of Loan Kind of Loan

Name of Secured Party (Bank, Finance Company, etc.)

Address of Secured Party

Current Maryland Title Number Tag Number Miles Year Vehicle Identification Number

Applicant's First Name Middle Last

Applicant's Driver's License Number Date of Birth Co-Applicant's Driver's License Number Date of Birth

Applicant's Street Address City County State Zip Code

I/We certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made are true and correct, to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief.

This day of , (year)

L.S. (L.S.)

Must be signed personally by the owner, or firm or corporation, by one of its legal officers, if joint ownership is indicated or each party must sign.

Checks or money orders for the application fee are to be made payable to the MVA. Please include a check or money order and address, driver's license number, and phone number on the application with the fee.

Motor Vehicle Administration, 6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E., Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062.

Name of Dealership duplicate Title is to be mailed to Address

Printed Name of Dealers Authorized Agent Signature

For MVA use only

Record examined and issuance approved by: [ ] On to owner and show lien [ ] On to issue without lien (identification provided)

Cash [ ] Check [ ] Credit Card

White Copy - MVA

Ceramic Copy - Customer

Pink Copy - Dealer Licensing

For more information, please call 1-800-538-8547 (voice) or 1-800-555-MVAA (1682) (for voice, or to speak with a customer service representative) From Out-of-State: 1-301-723-4550, TTY for hearing impaired 1-800-492-4575. Visit our website at www.marylandmvamva.com
Excise Tax Credit for Lemon and 60 Day Buy Back Vehicles

- **Excise Tax Credit for Vehicle Returned under the Lemon Law**

When a dealer takes a vehicle back on behalf of the manufacturer, as a "Lemon" proper disclosure must be made in writing to the MVA. Upon receipt of the disclosure, the MVA will brand its database "Vehicle Returned, Automotive Warranty Enforcement Act, History on File".

After the vehicle has been returned, the customer may apply for either tax credit towards a replacement vehicle or excise tax refund for the portion of excise taxes paid on the repurchase price of the vehicle. If the price charged for a replacement vehicle is greater than the repurchase price of the returned vehicle, the dealer must submit the additional tax due.

If a replacement vehicle is purchased the dealer must submit:

- Application for Certificate of title (for replacement vehicle), [form VR-005](#)
- Copy of the Registration Card (if transferring tags)
- Odometer Disclosure Statement (if conforming Certificate of Origin is not used)
- Manufacturers letter for the replacement vehicle, which also states the repurchase price

*When calculating tax due, take the price of the replacement vehicle minus the repurchase price of the returned vehicle. The amount remaining is the taxable amount for which the dealer needs to submit tax. The rest will be covered by the tax credit.*

*Transaction involving tax credit for both "Lemons and Buybacks" can only be handled at the Glen Burnie Branch room 30 by Jessie Maydwell, phone number 410-787-7991, [jmaydwell@marylandmva.com](mailto:jmaydwell@marylandmva.com).*

Note: If the repurchase price is the same as the replacement vehicle price, no additional tax needs to be submitted. If the repurchase price is greater that the price of the replacement vehicle, Neva Rowles, Vehicle Services, room 104 will need to be contacted for a refund of the additional tax.

- **Excise Tax Credit for Vehicle Returned to the Dealer as a 60 Day Buy Back**

Excise tax credit for vehicles *bought back* by the dealer within 60 days is handled in a similar way. If no replacement vehicle is being purchased, a refund of the excise tax may be requested through Neva Rowles.
To receive excise tax credit for buy backs toward tax due on replacement vehicle submit:

- Copy of title for buy back vehicle, front and back, showing assignment to dealer
- Application for Certificate of Title, form VR-005 for replacement vehicle
- Copy of Registration card (if transferring tags)
- Certificate of Origin or Title for Replacement Vehicle
- Odometer Disclosure Statement
- Letter from the customer(s) stating why they have returned the vehicle
- Letter from the dealer on letterhead stating that they have taken the vehicle back

Subtract the price of the buy back vehicle from the price of the replacement vehicle and remit any additional tax due with the transaction. If the prices are the same, do not submit any tax. If the cost of the replacement was less than that of the vehicle bought back, a refund may be applied for through Neva Rowles, Vehicle Records, Room 202 at the Glen Burnie location of the MVA. You may reach her at 410-768-7346 or email her at nrowles@marylandmva.com.
WHAT’S NEW AT THE MVA

Please click here for: IRS Notice: Form 2290 Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Status Update.

2011 Legislative Changes

Listed below are the bills passed in the 2011 legislative session that affect Vehicle Programs. The websites have been included for your convenience.

HB 72  Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011
http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/bills/hb/hb0072e.pdf

SB 679  Overtaking and Passing School Vehicles – School Bus Monitoring Cameras
http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/bills/sb/sb0679e.pdf

HB 1167  Motorized Passenger Scooter Use in Ocean City
http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/bills/hb/hb1167t.pdf

HB 908  Motor Vehicles – Leased Vehicles Advertising Practices
http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/bills/hb/hb0908e.pdf

HB 1017  Registration and Driver’s License Renewal Fees – No Charge for Recipients of Medal of Honor
http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/bills/hb/hb1017t.pdf

HB 319  Issuance of Temporary Registration Plate – Lapsed Security – Registration
http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/bills/hb/hb0319t.pdf

HB 624  Baltimore City – Used Car Dealers – Sunday Operations
http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/bills/hb/hb0624t.pdf

Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011
House Bill 72
Effective Date – June 1, 2011

This Bill includes fee changes for the issuance of personalized registration, title, dealer discounts, dealer processing charges and the flagging of driver license and vehicle registration for individuals and businesses who owe outstanding taxes to the Comptroller or unemployment insurance to DLLR.

Tax Compliance (Comptroller’s Office)
And
Unemployment Insurance Contribution
(Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)
• The Comptroller’s Office will send on behalf of themselves and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), two (2) files each evening to the MVA to flag vehicle records:
  o A liability file (add)
  o A cleared file (delete)

• The file will be sent on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

• MVA’s OIR will develop programs to perform a preliminary match of individual and business entity information contained on our mainframe. The file will contain primary and alternate name and addresses.

• There will be 3 flag codes assigned to accommodate this process:
  o MD DLLR UI - code 0091
  o Comptroller MD ind – code 0092
  o Comptroller MD bus – code 0093

• The MVA may not renew/transfer license plates for any vehicle if the applicant has not paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or DLLR. Vehicle Transactions that may not be processed are:
  o Registration Renewal
  o Replacement Tag Renewal
  o Substitute Tag
  o Substitute Sticker
  o Tag Transfer
  o Tag Transfer with Renewal (this includes plates being repurchased under a new class, i.e. War of 1812, personalized, or any special tags, etc.

• The registration records of the MVA will be flagged upon notification by the Comptrollers office or DLLR. **However, the initial notification letter from the MVA to the customer will not be sent until 120 days prior to the expiration of their registration.** In addition, 60 days prior to the expiration of the registration, the standard flag notification letter, Form VR-278, from the MVA will be sent in lieu of the registration renewal notice.

• Contact information for the Comptrollers Office and DLLR for the various flags will be provided to customers on the notification letters.

• The Comptrollers Office/DLLR will provide the release letters when the customer has satisfied their obligation.

• The $30.00 administrative flag fee will **not** be charged for the Comptroller or DLLR flags.

**Contact Information for Comptroller/DLLR Flags**

Effective June 1, 2011, State law requires that individuals and businesses that have unpaid, undisputed State tax liabilities and/or unpaid unemployment insurance contributions satisfy the debt(s) prior to renewing a Maryland driver’s license or vehicle registration. If a customer has unpaid taxes and are not already in an approved payment plan, they can make payment arrangements online at the Comptroller’s website, [www.marylandtaxes.com](http://www.marylandtaxes.com), by calling the Comptroller’s Collection Unit toll free at 855-213-6669 (individual), 410-649-0633 (business) or in person at one of the Comptroller’s 12 local branch offices. If your business has unpaid unemployment insurance contributions and is not already in an approved plan, you can make payment arrangements by contacting DLLR at 410-767-2699 or via email at licnrelease@dllr.state.md.us.
Personalized Registration

- The additional fee for personalized registration will increase from $25.00 per registration year to $50.00 per registration year effective July 1, 2011. This fee is in addition to the annual registration fee. No backlog prompt is available. Use justifiable shortage process, with supervisory approval, to allow old fees for work submitted or rejected prior to July 1, 2011.
- No backlog prompt is in place for personalized fee increase. For dealer transactions showing a date of delivery prior to July 1, 2011, use justifiable shortage process to allow for collection of old fees. For non-dealer transactions receipted in or rejected prior to July 1, 2011, use justifiable shortage process to allow for old fees.

Title Fee

- Effective July 1, 2011 the title fee will increase from $50.00 to $100.00.
- For fiscal Years 2012 through 2014 only, the fee for each certificate of title issued for a rental vehicle is $50.00.
- The fee increase “does not” apply to duplicate or corrected titles.
- Regulation 11.11.05.01 will be amended.
- For dealer transactions, the date of delivery will determine the need for using the backlog prompt.
- For non-dealer transactions, submitted or rejected prior to July 1, 2011 use the backlog prompt.

Dealer Discount Based on Excise Tax Submitted to the Administration

- A licensed dealer who, on behalf of the Administration, collects the excise tax imposed may keep the lesser of $12.00 per vehicle or 0.6 percent of the gross excise tax the dealer collects.
- All forms and the TARIS program are being modified.
- Regulation 11.15.33.C.5. (a) will be amended to reflect this change.
- For dealer transactions, the date of delivery will determine the need for using the backlog prompt.

Dealer Processing Charge

- The amount a dealer may collect for processing charge increases from $100.00 to $200.00 effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.
- Effective July 1, 2014, the processing charge a dealer may collect increases to $300.00.
- The dealer processing charge needs to be included in the certified selling price of the vehicle.
- Amount of the dealer processing charge is set by law in 15-311.1
This Bill authorizes a law enforcement agency in consultation with a county board of education to place school bus monitoring cameras on county school busses to record a motor vehicle committing a violation relating to overtaking and passing school vehicles.

- **School bus monitoring cameras may be placed on a school bus to record images of vehicles violating laws related to passing or overtaking a school bus if:**
  - A local law enforcement agency consults with the county board of education for authorization, and;
  - A local law has been enacted by the jurisdiction authorizing school bus cameras to be used

- **Citations must be mailed to the owner liable and must include:**
  - The name and address of the registered owner
  - The registration number of the motor vehicle
  - The violation charged
  - The location of the violation to the extent possible
  - The date and time of the violation
  - A copy of the recorded image
  - The amount of the civil penalty and the date by which the penalty must be paid
  - A signed statement by a technician employed by the law enforcement agency, based on inspection of recorded images, the motor vehicle was being operated during the commission of a violation
  - A statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation
  - Information advising the person alleged to be liable, of the manor in which they may contest in District Court; and that failure to pay in a timely manner is an admission of liability and may result in refusal or suspension of the motor vehicle registration

- The owner of the vehicle is subject to a civil penalty, if the image was recorded while the vehicle was committing a violation.
  - The civil penalty charged may not exceed $250.00
  - The penalty may be prepaid for persons choosing not to appear in court

- The law enforcement agency may mail a warning notice instead of a citation.

- The citation must be mailed no later than 2 weeks after the alleged violation.

- A person receiving a citation may elect to pay the penalty or stand trial.

- The Motor Vehicle Administration’s database will be flagged with a “School Bus Monitoring” flag (5500 series of flag code); and a $30.00 administrative flag fee will be charged for each violation submitted to the MVA. This is not considered a moving violation and will not cause points to be placed on the owner’s driver license.

- Owner is the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.
• Owner does not include: a motor vehicle rental or leasing company or a holder of an interchangeable license plate under title 13 subtitle 9 Part III (Interchangeable Plates).

Motorized Passenger Scooter – Use in Ocean City
House Bill 1167
Effective Date July 1, 2011
Emergency Legislation Effective the Date Enacted

This bill creates a new definition for “motorized passenger scooter,” and provides guidelines for the use of motorized passenger scooters in Ocean City, Maryland

Definition - “Motorized Passenger Scooter” means a non-pedal vehicle that:

• Has a cockpit containing a seat for the operator and a passenger;
• Has three wheels, of which one is 10 inches or more in diameter;
• Has a motor;
  a. With a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or
  b. If the motor is an internal combustion engine, with a capacity of 50 cubic piston displacement or less; and
• Is equipped with an automatic transmission

Motorized passenger scooter does not include a vehicle manufactured for off road use including:

• An off road motorcycle, or
• An all terrain vehicle

Motorized passenger scooters may only be operated within the municipal boundaries of Ocean City, Maryland on:

• A local highway; and
• Any portion of a State Highway designated by the State Highway Administration (SHA) as a bicycle way

The SHA may prohibit the use of a motorized passenger scooter on a bicycle way under SHA jurisdiction if:

• An occupant of a motorized passenger scooter is placed at unacceptable risk of injury; or
• The use of the motorized passenger scooter is a threat to the safety or mobility of others along the bicycle way.

Only an individual holding a driver’s license of any type may operate a motorized passenger scooter. Driver's license “does not” include a Learner’s Permit.

Motorized passenger scooters “are not” required to be titled or registered

Motor Vehicles – Leased Vehicles
Advertising Practices
House Bill 908
Effective Date October 1, 2011

This Bill prohibits a dealer who leases vehicles from failing to offer to the general public a cost reduction to the lessee unless the cost reduction is offered to all potential lessees.

• Prohibits a dealer who leases vehicles from failing to offer to the general public a cost reduction to the lessee unless the cost reduction is offered to all potential lessees.
A dealer who leases vehicles may not fail to include any dealer processing or freight charges in determining the adjusted capitalized cost used to calculate the base lease payment shown in an advertisement for a leased vehicle.

Registration and Driver’s License Renewal Fees
No Charge for Recipients of Medal of Honor
House Bill 1017
Effective October 1, 2011

This bill allows a Medal of Honor recipient to obtain gratis drivers license renewals and registration renewals.

- A registration renewal issued for a vehicle that displays the Medal of Honor tag will indicate GR in the fee section.
- A Medal of Honor recipient who’s vehicle does not display the Medal of Honor tag will need to present their DD214 or other documentation accepted by the Administration when renewing the initial registration until the gratis indicator is placed.

Note: The Bill does not make any provision for the Medal of Honor recipient’s initial issuance of a vehicle registration.

Issuance of Temporary Registration Plate
Lapsed Security – Registration
House Bill 319
Effective October 1, 2011

This bill allows a licensed dealer to issue a temporary registration to a buyer who may be subject to an insurance violation.

- A licensed dealer may issue a temporary registration plate to a vehicle buyer who may be subjected to a penalty for lapsed security (insurance) for another vehicle under §17-106
- Permanent registration may not be issued until the insurance violation has been satisfied.
This Bill permits a used car dealer to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show or offer for sale a motor vehicle or Certificate of Title on Sunday instead of Saturday if the dealer notifies the MVA in advance.

Dealers may notify the MVA in the following ways:

- By sending a letter on the dealer’s letterhead stating their new hours of operations. The letter, signed by an owner of the dealership, must be sent to the Business Licensing and Consumer Services Division.

- Completing a new application indicating the new hours with the appropriate signature(s). If it is time to renew, make sure the completed application must reflect the corrected hours of operation.

- Email directly from the dealership to mvabusinesslicensing@mdot.state.md.us giving the dealership’s name and location and stating the corrected hours of operation.

**Customer/Business Change of Name**

Effective immediately, the VR-154 “Application for Maryland Change of Address and/or Name” has been changed to “Application for Maryland Change of Address”. The form number is the same, but the form can now only be utilized to change an address. This change has been made because the Real ID Act requires that all Personal Identifying Information (PII) must be placed on the actual Driver License, Identification Card or Permit. It is important to note this form is no longer being printed and can only be obtained on the Intranet or Internet.

In addition a new form has been developed and is available on the Intranet and Internet only. The form is titled “Application For Corrected Title Due To A Name Change” (VR-448). The new form is to be used by individuals who have changed their name through DLS and are applying for a corrected title. The form is also to be used by business entities that have changed their name and are applying for a corrected title. Businesses that require a name change will still be required to submit documentation verifying the name change.

If the customer is completing a title transaction and does not have the documents needed to complete the change of name through DLS, the title transaction may be completed using their current name as on our records. When the name is changed on the product issued, a corrected title due to name change can be requested. Maryland Vehicle Law requires the customer to apply for a corrected title within 30 days of a name change for a $50 fee.
Effective January, 2011:

**Lien Release Stamps:**

Effective immediately, the MVA branch offices will no longer have lien stamps, and will only be using the corrected title process to remove a lien. Transactions that cannot be accommodated through the corrected title process need to be referred to the Central Lien Unit room 104.

**Walk-in Registration Renewals:**

Beginning with February renewals, the ability to renew vehicle registrations in person at the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) offices is no longer available. Tag and Title Services will no longer have the option to deliver renewals to MVA for processing unless the renewal is flagged with a violation. Renewals without violations must be processed utilizing the Electronic Registration and Titling System (ERT).

The following vehicles cannot be renewed on the Internet by telephone or KIOSK. They must be renewed by mail or on the Electronic Registration and Titling System (ERT). Trucks and Tractors over 55,000 lbs., Tow Trucks towing over 26,000 pounds and vehicles requiring an annual safety inspection.

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**2010 Legislation**

**Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles – Titling**

**House Bill 445**

**Effective Date – October 1, 2010**

This bill requires all Off Road Vehicles purchased October 1, 2010 and later to be titled. The Motor Vehicle Administration will issue permits to be displayed on Off Road Vehicles titled in Maryland. Off Road Vehicle is defined as an All Terrain Vehicle, Off Road Motorcycle, or Snowmobile.

- Issuance of titles and permits will be handled by:
  - ERT dealer locations in Maryland and Virginia
  - ERT Maryland Title Services
  - MVA, for special and unusual circumstances
- ORV owners have the option to apply for title and permit if they purchased the vehicle prior to October 1, 2010. In addition to the required ownership documents and title application, an “Off Road Recreational Vehicle Permit Application” (Form VR-337) must be completed.
- ORV Permits (Form VR-444) are issued gratis, will not expire, and are non-transferable. Dealers, Title Services, and MVA Branches may order permits from the MVA warehouse.
Excise Tax is collected unless Maryland sales and use tax was paid at the time of purchase. Minimum Tax for ORV’s is based on $320.00 ($19.20 excise tax) for non-dealers sales.

TARIS has been modified to accept the ORV permit number and the permit number is displayed in the PERM# field on the mainframe. The numbering sequences of the permit will be: AT00000 and 00000AT.

Permit numbers can be used to retrieve owner and vehicle information.

Substitute permits will be issued gratis by completing the Application for Substitute Plates/Stickers/Duplicate Registration Card (form VR-009). The new ORV permit number must be updated in TARIS.

Body Style in TARIS is as follows: All Terrain Vehicle (AT), Off-Road Motorcycle (MC), and Snowmobile(SM). Inspection field for off road vehicles is always NR. Registration plates are never issued to an Off-Road Vehicle.

MVA’s ORV Permit should be placed on the rear of the vehicle in a visible position.

WEB transactions will be developed to allow owners to apply for permits, if the ORV is already titled and to notify the MVA if they have sold the ORV.

**Note:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will not recognize the MVA’s Permit for use on authorized DNR trails.
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Credit
For Electric Vehicles
House Bill 469
Effective Date October 1, 2010
This bill allows a tax credit for qualified plug-in electric vehicles purchased on or after October 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

- Excise tax credit will apply to a “new” plug-in electric vehicle or “used plug in electric vehicle that was initially titled in Maryland” and being transferred to another Maryland owner. Excise Tax Credit for plug-in electric vehicles will not be allowed for vehicles previously titled out of state.
- The credit may not exceed $2000.
  - Vehicles where the purchase price exceeds $33,333.33 will be charged 6% tax on the amount exceeding the $33,333.33.
- An individual is limited to 1 excise tax credit.
  - Includes owned or leased vehicles.
  - Jointly owned/leased vehicles will allow each owner a credit.
- A Business entity is limited to 10 vehicle excise tax credits regardless whether the vehicles are owned or leased.
- Qualified Vehicles:
  - Plug in vehicles must be made by a manufacture for use on public roads and may not be modified from the manufactures specifications.
  - Have a maximum speed of at least 55 mph
  - Shipping weight of 8500 pounds or less
  - Acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale
  - Rechargeable from an external source of electricity and the electric motor draws electricity from the battery
    - 4-wheeled vehicles to have a capacity not less than 4 kilowatt hours
    - 2-3 wheeled vehicles to have a capacity not less than 2.5 kilowatt hours
- Excise tax credit form to be completed Excise Tax Credit Request for a Plug-in Electric Vehicle (form VR-334)
- TARIS fuel type must show PE
- TARIS Tax code for qualifying plug in vehicles will be XPE
  - Vehicles previously registered out of state do not qualify for the credit

High Occupancy Vehicle HOV Lanes –
Use by Plug-in Vehicles
House Bill 674
Effective Date October 1, 2010
This bill allows operators of plug in vehicles usage of Maryland HOV lanes with a displayed permit regardless of the number of passengers.

- The Maryland Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) will issue the permit to qualified dealers. Full-service MVA Branch offices, and MVA Headquarters (counter 104) will also issue the permit.
- HOV permit use will be in effect until September 30, 2013
- The permit will be issued gratis (law allows up to a $20 fee charge)
• The permit must be affixed on rear of vehicle in a visible position within 12 inches of Registration plate and may not be placed on the window.

• Vehicle Qualifications:
  o Made by a manufacturer for use on public streets, roads and highways
  o Has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications
  o Has a maximum speed capability of at least 65 miles an hour.
  o Is rated at not more than 8,500 lbs unloaded gross vehicle weight
  o Propelled by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery with a capacity of not less than 4-kilowatt hours for 4-wheeled motor vehicles and not less than 2.5-kilowatt hours for 2 or 3 wheeled motor vehicles.
  o Is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

• To apply for an HOV permit, the customer must complete an Application for Plug-In Vehicle HOV Permit (form VR-335)

• TARIS modification will have a prompt to select an HOV permit and if selected, HOV will display in a new field on the mainframe.

Salvage – Standards and Requirements
House Bill 1199
Effective Date October 1, 2010

This bill requires all vehicles acquired by an insurance company as a result of a total loss claim settlement to be branded salvage regardless of the percentage of damage to the vehicle, with the sole exception being recovered stolen vehicles with less than 75% damage.

Salvage Program
• Cosmetic Brand will no longer be an option for damages unless a Salvage Certificate is being corrected or a duplicate is being issued/printed.

• Modify the previous salvage brand “EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE” to show “DAMAGE IS 75% OR LESS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE”. The brand will be used for all vehicles acquired by an Insurance Company as a result of a claim settlement and the cost to repair is 75% or less of the fair market value. Any Salvage Certificates requiring a correction in which the brand is “EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE” will be branded with the new verbiage.

• When the Insurance Company estimates the damage for a claim settlement, they cannot include the cost of towing, storage, vehicle rental or repair for cosmetic damage.

• For a vehicle retained by the original owner(s), if the Damage is 75% or less of the fair market value, a Maryland Safety Inspection will not be needed. The Insurance Company will not be required to obtain the owner(s) Certificate of Title and no correction will be needed to the vehicle record. This vehicle will not be branded.

• The application for Salvage (VR-028) is being revised to show the new brands and requirements.

Titling Program
• The Cosmetic Brand will no longer be an option for damage when titling a previously salvaged vehicle. The Certificate of Title will be issued without a brand for any previously salvaged vehicles branded “COSMETIC”, with the exception of a corrected or duplicate Certificate of Title.

• Develop a new brand to be used for damage on the Certificate of Title if the previously salvaged vehicle contains a notation the “DAMAGE IS 75% OR LESS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE” or “Abandoned”. This brand will be displayed as “XSALVAGE”. The “XSALVAGE” notation will appear on the new Certificate of Title and will update the IBM record to show “XSALVAGE”.

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If a previously salvaged vehicle contains a notation the “DAMAGE IS 75% OR LESS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE” and the TARIS Operator fails to choose a brand for the new titling transaction, the Certificate of Title will automatically be branded with “XSALVAGE.” This procedure is similar to the current one used for “Rebuilt Salvage.”

Salvage Chart

This chart has been developed to assist customer agents in the proper branding of titles for vehicles that have been previously salvaged in Maryland or other States. The left column shows brands on salvage certificates that may be presented. The right column has instructions on how to brand (or not brand) the title in each case.

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<th>SALVAGE CERTIFICATE BRAND TITLE</th>
<th>TITLE BRANDING IN TARIS</th>
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<tr>
<td>Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of fair market value for this vehicle, and the vehicle is repairable on salvage certificate issued October 1, 2008 or later...Or for salvage certificates issued before October 1, 2008 branded Damage is greater than fair market value</td>
<td>Enter 1 in the damage field on the TARIS screen. This will cause the title to be branded “REBUILT SALVAGE.” All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Damage is equal to or less than fair market value... Effective October 1, 2010 this brand will be modified to show “Damage is 75% or less of fair market value”.</td>
<td>Enter 2 in the damage field. The title will be branded “XSALVAGE”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parts Only / Not Rebuildable</td>
<td>Title &quot;Cannot&quot; be issued.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abandoned Vehicle</td>
<td>Enter 4 in the damage field. The title will be branded “XSALVAGE”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Vehicle Has Sustained Flood Damage</td>
<td>Enter 6 in the damage field. The title will be branded “FLOOD DAMAGED”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to title. The brand will carry through subsequent titles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of Fair Market Value for this vehicle, and the damage is cosmetic is Obsolete effective October 1, 2010.</td>
<td>Enter 7 in the damage field. Title &quot;will not&quot; be branded.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recovered Stolen will be used only when vehicle has been recovered and damage is 75% or less.</td>
<td>Enter 5 in damage field. Title will be branded “XSALVAGE”.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stolen (Only MVA’s database is branded stolen. Salvage certificate will not be issued until vehicle is recovered.)</td>
<td>Once recovered, the Insurance company may apply for an unbranded title if the insurance company makes a statement that the vehicle has sustained 75% damage or less. An application for certificate of title needs to be completed together with the Application for Salvage Certificate with Box 8 checked. A $50.00 title fee must be collected, but transaction is excise tax exempt under 13-810(a)(9). The Salvage Unit in Room 104 Glen Burnie will issue initial titles produced for recovered theft vehicles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Out of State Salvage Certificates</td>
<td>Enter 1 or 2 in the damage field, to brand the title REBUILT SALVAGE, or EXSALVAGE, or use a similar notation as indicated on the out of state salvage certificate. The brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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Please be reminded that all salvage vehicles are required to be inspected by a Police Officer in this state that is authorized to inspect Salvage vehicles. The Police Officer will inspect VIN’s on the vehicle and make sure the car is roadworthy. An additional Maryland Safety Inspection is needed if registration is required.

Note: If the document presented is an out of state title that indicates rebuilt salvage, xsalvage, flood, etc., the POLK or NADA Title and Registration Textbook is very helpful in determining how each state brands their title and what that brand means. If the Reference Guides state the brand is the Rebuilt Salvage title, these vehicles have already gone through the rebuilding process in another state and do not need a MD State Police Salvage Inspection. We must enter brands (or similar notations) from other state titles when transferring to MD regardless of model year. Enter brand information in the six-digit brand field on the TARIS title screen and carry it through to subsequent titles.
Issuance of Temporary Registration Plates by Dealers-Transmission of Information and Recordkeeping
Senate Bill 67
Effective October 1, 2010

This bill requires a dealer to electronically transmit to MVA the vehicle owner, insurance and temporary registration information the same day the temporary plate is issued.

- A dealer who issues a temporary tag must submit electronically, information on the vehicle, owner, insurance and temporary registration information
- The dealer must maintain a copy of the temporary tag records for three years.
- The dealer may not issue more than one temporary registration for a vehicle.

Limited Speed Vehicles
Requirements and Prohibitions
Senate Bill 344
Effective October 1, 2010

This bill limits vehicles with a maximum speed capability of between 25 and 55 mph to be driven on streets, roads and highways where the speed capability of the vehicle exceeds the posted maximum speed limit by at least 5 mph

- Limited speed vehicles will be registered as a class A (passenger) or class M (multipurpose) vehicle.
- The vehicle must have a speed capability of more than 25mph but less than 55 mph.
- An authorized fluorescent green triangular emblem with a red border which stands 14 inches high and, must be permanently affixed to the rear of the vehicle, 3-5 feet from the ground
- A dealer or their representative must:
  - Permanently affix the emblem to each limited speed vehicle they sell
  - Inform each buyer in writing of the driving restrictions that apply
  - Out of State dealers selling a limited speed vehicle to a Maryland resident must comply with the above.
- Limited Speed Vehicle must be selected in the TARIS GUI brand field so that LTDSPD will print on the title.
- A limited speed vehicle certification form (VR-338) must be completed and signed by both the dealer and the purchaser.

Required Minimum Security – Minimum Amounts
House Bill 825
Effective Date January 1, 2011

This bill increases the minimum security on a motor vehicles liability insurance policy

- The new requirements for bodily injury or death from a single individual increase from $20,000 to $30,000 and for more than one individual from $40,000 to $60,000
Electronic Transmission of Title Information by Dealers
Senate Bill 85
Effective Date October 1, 2010

This bill allows a dealer to electronically transmit taxes, fees, titling documents and other data to MVA within 30 days of the date of delivery.

- This bill allows the transmission date to be used for proof of submission to MVA.

War of 1812 Plate
Effective June 14, 2010

This new plate replaces the standard black and white plate for classes A, M, EPO, D, and disability plates and motorcycle disability plates.

- The tag scheme for class A, M, EPO will be the same and plates may be repurchased between classes by paying the registration fee and surcharge for the new class. Disability plates may also be repurchased between classes.
- Tag Schemes:
  - Class A, M, and EPO: 1 numeric, 2 stacked alphas, 4 numeric
  - Class D: 1 alpha, 5 numeric
  - Disabled A, M, EPO: symbol, 5 numeric, 2 stacked alpha
  - Disabled Class D: symbol, 4 numeric, 2 stacked alpha
- Personalized plates for above classes will be issued on the War of 1812 background. All other personalized plates will remain the same.
- Since this is now the standard issue plate for the classes listed above, all rules for original issuance, transfer, repurchase, substitute, and tag return will apply.
- Branch offices may order 1812 plates for shipment of 25 sets in each box, starting May 24, 2010.

Requisition as usual:
- B-1812 (A, EPO and M-1812)
- B512 (Disabled-1812)
- B412 (Motorcycle-1812)
- B612 (Motorcycle Disabled –1812)

- A small stock of regular black and white plates will be maintained in the Tag Room located in Room 104, to be issued in extreme circumstances.
- There is no requirement to re-plate. Customers requesting the War of 1812 plate must complete the Application for Substitute Plates (form VR009) and pay the required $20 substitute plate fee.
- Vehicle owners having the black and white plates may transfer those plates to other vehicles following all existing rules for registration transfer. If the War of 1812 plates is requested at the time of transfer a $20 fee in addition to the $10 transfer fee will be charged.
- Vehicle owners with the black and white plates on their vehicle may renew these plates. If substitute plates are requested at renewal, the War of 1812 plates will be issued for an additional fee.
2009 LEGISLATION

Speed Camera
Senate Bill 277
Effective October 1, 2009

This bill allows for speed cameras to be placed in work zones and school zones statewide. This legislation will increase safety in both work zones and school zones by encouraging drivers to operate their vehicles at safe speeds. Violators will be fined $30.00 for each occurrence.

2008 LEGISLATION

Motorcycles - Definition
House Bill - 221
Effective May 13, 2008

This bill changes the definition of motorcycle.

A “motorcycle” means a motor vehicle that:

♦ Has motive power;
♦ Has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider;
♦ Is designed to travel
  o On not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground; and
  o At speeds exceeding 35 miles per hour; and
♦ Is of a type required to comply with all motor vehicle safety standards applicable to motorcycles under Federal law.

Registration Plates Motorcycles
House Bill - 844
Effective October 1, 2008

This bill allows the alteration of the dimensions of a motorcycle registration plate to be 7 inches wide by 4 inches high.

The size of the motorcycle plate has been changed from 7” X 4 ½” to 7” X 4”.

The MVA will continue issuance of all motorcycle plates currently in stock, unless the customer specifically requests one of the smaller size, until old stock is depleted. “All types” of motorcycle plates are made available, as required by law, in the smaller size. Customer already having the larger motorcycle plates on their vehicles, may request the smaller size at registration renewal time, for no additional charge. However, those customers with the larger plates who wish to receive the smaller plates before their renewal time, need to pay the usual substitute plate fee of $20.00.
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax -
Returning Military Personnel
House Bill – 669
Effective October 1, 2008
This bill allows a Maryland resident who is a member of the military returning to Maryland from, or on active
duty to receive excise tax credit for vehicles titled in Maryland within 1 year of returning to Maryland when
the vehicle was titled in their name in another state where tax has been paid.

♦ Definition of Military for this section includes a member of:
  ◆ The United States Armed Forces,
  ◆ The United States Public Health Service
  ◆ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  ◆ The Coast and Geodetic Survey

♦ The VR-005 must indicate the returning military member or their immediate family
  member is applying for title and registration in Maryland no more than 1 year after
  returning. They may do this by checking the active duty military box and indicating 1
  year or less for the length of residency.

♦ The United States Public Health Service Proof of military status must be provided.
  ◆ Military ID
  ◆ Work ID
  ◆ Letter from employer on letterhead indicating applicant’s start date in
    Maryland.

♦ Active duty Maryland residents and their immediate family members will receive the tax
  credit if titling a vehicle within 1 year of returning to this state.

♦ The TARIS title tax screen requires operators to enter a Y in the MTX Credit field for
  applicants that qualify for the credit. This field will remain blank for Non-qualifying
  applicants.

Gold Star Registration Plates

House Bill - 1425
Effective July 1, 2008
This bill allows eligible family members the ability to display the Military Gold Star Plate on their vehicles.

♦ Gold Star plates are issued to parents, children, spouses or siblings of members of the
  military who were killed in action during wartime service.

♦ Each person who meets the requirements under the Federal Gold Star DD Form 3 is
  eligible to purchase a plate.

♦ Classes eligible to obtain Gold Star Plates are: A, M, EPO, and D.

♦ The plates may only be obtained through Vehicle Programs Glen Burnie MVA
  Headquarters. Allow 4-6 weeks for the initial issuance.
 Procedures to Obtain the Gold Star Plates:
  o Complete Application for Military Related License Plates *(VR-120)* and a copy of *one* of the following
    ▪ **DD-3 approved by the Department of Defense,**
    ▪ **A casualty report,**
    ▪ **An overseas death certificate issued by the military indicating the name and date of death,**
    ▪ **The Applicant can self certify if the Gold Star Pin was issued as a result of a casualty in WWI, WWII or Korean War.**
    ▪ **$25.00 Fee**
  o Mail the application, documentation and fee to:
    MVA
    Specialty Plates Unit rm. 104
    6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E
    Glen Burnie, MD 21062

Once eligibility is verified, the application will be processed and the plates mailed via the US Postal Service.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax
Leased Vehicles- Application of Trade-In Value
*House Bill - 1570*
Effective from Date of Enactment

This bill alters the definition of “total purchase price” for the purposes of the vehicle excise tax and allows a lessee to trade in a non-leased vehicle when entering into a 180+ day lease. The dealer must certify the trade-in.

♦ When individuals and businesses entities trade-in a non-leased vehicle to enter into a lease for a period of more than 180 days, the trade-in allowance may now be deducted from the certified selling price of the leased vehicle

♦ The dealership must submit documentation to substantiate the vehicle’s certified selling price, trade in amount, and total purchase price by completing the revised dealer’s certification area on the Application for Certificate of *Title (formVR-005)*; or the revised Dealer Reassignment (form VR-182). If these forms are not used, the dealer’s bill of sale needs to be provided.

♦ Effectively immediately, when titling a leased vehicle, the customer agent needs to type LEASE in the brand field in TARIS for all 180+ day leased vehicles. This is required for tracking and reporting purposes.

♦ Dealerships will provide MVA with a list of leased vehicles sold between January 1, 2008 and the effective date of this bill that would have been eligible for trade-in allowance to be deducted. The lessees of these vehicles will be notified by MVA of any rebate owed to them.
For additional information regarding a refund, please contact Ms. Neva Rowles, Refund Supervisor, 410-768-7346 or email her at mnrowles@marylandmva.com. The vehicle information will be required.

Certificates of Title – Rebuilt Salvage
House Bill - 1667
Effective Date October 1, 2008

This bill changes the description and conditions under which a salvage certificate is issued. The bill mandates electronic processing of salvage certificates for vehicles not titled in Maryland.

♦ The brands on salvage certificates will change to:
  o **“Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of fair market value, and the vehicle is repairable”** Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand will be branded “REBUILT SALVAGE” when converted to a certificate of title.
  o **Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of the fair market value for this vehicle, and the damage is cosmetic** Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand will be branded “SUSTAINED COSMETIC DAMAGE” when converted to a certificate of title.
  o **Flood Damaged** Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand will be branded “FLOOD DAMAGED” when converted to a certificate of title.
  o **Recovered Stolen** This brand will be used for a vehicle with 75% or less damage when recovered. Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand “will not be branded” when converted to a certificate of title.
    - Please Note: This bill allows an insurance company an option to choose to apply for an “unbranded certificate of title” instead of a salvage certificate, for vehicles recovered with 75% of less damage. To apply for a title, the insurance company will select box number 8 on the Application for Salvage Certificate and attach a completed Application for Certificate of Title. In this case the title fee of $50.00 will have to be paid, but the excise tax is exempt under 13-810(a)(9). In this case only, initial titles produced for recovered stolen vehicles will be issued only in the Salvage Unit of Vehicle programs, Room 104.
      o **Parts only, not rebuildable** (THIS VEHICLE CANNOT BE TITLED)
      o **Abandoned Vehicle** Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand will be branded “REBUILT SALVAGE” when converted to a certificate of title.

♦ Please Note: The bill “removes” the restriction to brand only vehicles 7 years or newer. All model years of vehicles will now be branded. In addition, please be reminded that all brands placed on titles, must carry forward to subsequent titles.

♦ In addition, it is important to remember that we will continue to see those salvage certificates printed prior to October 1, 2008 for quite some time. For salvage certificates branded **Damage is greater than fair market value**, continue to brand titles produced as “REBUILT SALVAGE”. For salvage certificates branded **Equal to or less than fair market value**, do not brand titles subsequently produced.

♦ The fee for a corrected salvage certificate is $20.00
Note: This bill also allows the Administration to collect a $50.00 corrected title fee for requests to change vehicle information on titles. Please remember that any corrections due to MVA errors are to continue to be done as gratis transactions.

A $50.00 corrected title fee will also be charged for titles corrected as a result of an “owner retention”. Insurance companies must now report all owner retentions for vehicles with greater than 75% damage that is repairable, greater than 75% in cosmetic damage, or the vehicle has sustained flood damage, regardless of the year of the vehicle. The 7-year or less model year restriction has been removed. The Insurance Company will submit the titles to the MVA for appropriate branding. These vehicles also need safety inspection within 90 days of the date of the notice from the MVA or the registration will be suspended.

In the case of an owner retention declared not rebuildable, parts only, the Administration will issue a salvage certificate to the owner; and send the owner a notice that the vehicle’s registration has been suspended and the plates must be returned. A $20 corrected salvage title fee will be charged.
**SALVAGE CHART**

This chart has been developed to assist customer agents in the proper branding of titles for vehicles that have been previously salvaged in Maryland or other States. The left column shows brands on salvage certificates that may be presented. The right column has instructions on how to brand (or not brand) the title in each case.

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<tr>
<th>SALVAGE CERTIFICATE BRAND TYPE</th>
<th>TITLE BRANDING IN TARIS</th>
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<tr>
<td>Damage to vehicle is greater than 75% of fair market value for this vehicle, and the vehicle is repairable on salvage certificate issued October 1, 2008 or later. Or for salvage certificates issued before October 1, 2008 branded. Damage is greater than fair market value</td>
<td>Enter 1 in the damage field on the TARIS title. This will cause the title to be branded “REBUILT SALVAGE”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. The brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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<td>Damage is equal to or less than fair market value. Enter salvage certificates issued prior to October 1, 2008.</td>
<td>Enter 2 in the damage field. The title will not be branded. DO NOT ENTER XSALVG IN THE BRAND FIELD. THE TITLE IS NOT TO BE BRANDED.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parts Only / Not rebuildable</td>
<td>Title “Cannot” be issued.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abandoned Vehicle</td>
<td>ENTER 4 in the damage field. The title will be branded “REBUILT SALVAGE”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. The brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Vehicle Has Sustained Flood Damage</td>
<td>Enter 6 in the damage field. The title will be branded “FLOOD DAMAGED”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. The brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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<td>Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of Fair Market Value for this vehicle, and the damage is cosmetic</td>
<td>Enter 7 in the damage field. The title will be branded “SUSTAINED COSMETIC DAMAGE”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. The brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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<td>Recovered Stolen (will be used only when vehicle has been recovered and damage is 75% or less)</td>
<td>Enter 5 in the damage field. Title “will not” be branded.</td>
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<td>Stolen (Only MVA’s database is branded stolen. Salvage certificate will not be issued until vehicle is recovered)</td>
<td>Once recovered, the insurance company may apply for an unbranded title if the insurance company makes a statement that the vehicle has sustained 75% damage or less. An application for certificate of title needs to be completed together with the Application for Salvage Certificate with Box 8 checked. A $50.00 title fee must be collected, but transaction is excise tax exempt under 13-810(a)(9). The Salvage Unit in Room 104 Glen Burnie will issue initial titles produced for recovered theft vehicles.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Out of State Salvage Certificates</td>
<td>Enter XSALVG in the brand field. The brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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Please be reminded that all salvage vehicles are required to be inspected by a Police Officer in this state that is authorized to inspect Salvage vehicles. The Police Officer will inspect VIN’s on the vehicle and make sure the car is roadworthy. An additional Maryland Safety Inspection is needed if registration is required. **Note: If the document presented is an out of state title that indicates rebuilt salvage, xsalvage, flood, etc., The POLK or NADA Title and Registration Textbook is very helpful in determining how each state brands their title and what that brand means. If the Reference Guides state the brand is the Rebuilt Salvage Title, these vehicles have already gone through the rebuilding process in another state and do not need a MD State Police Salvage inspection. We must enter brands (or similar notations) from other state titles when transferring to MD regardless of model year. Enter brand information in the six-digit brand field on the TARIS title screen and carry it through to subsequent titles.**
During the Cash for Clunkers program, Maryland dealers were required to turn in the titles of any vehicle taken in under that program and apply for a salvage certificate. Those salvage certificates were branded “CARS PROGRAM: PARTS ONLY/DO NOT RETITLE. As the brand clearly states, these vehicles are not to be re-titled and may only be used for parts.
FRAUD ALERT

TITLE FRAUD, ODOMETER FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT HURTS ALL OF US.

Protect your business and your customers by obtaining proper identification from all customers. For Maryland customers this would be a Maryland Driver License or Maryland Identification card. MAINTAIN COPIES OF THE IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED.

When receiving titling documents, be cautious of the following “red flags”: Alterations, erasures, holes, discolorations, cuts and tears especially in areas containing critical information. Titles are secured documents with special features that make alterations easily detectable. Report suspicious activity to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Investigations Division at 410-768-7541 for assistance.

http://www.mva.maryland.gov/Resources/Temporary-Plate-Presentation.pdf
COMMUNICATION

**Issue:**
Form 2290 Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) status update

**Background:**

Section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code imposes an annual tax on the use of heavy highway vehicles. This annual tax is reported on Form 2290. Under current law the tax expires after September 30, 2011. The Form 2290 for the taxable period July 1, 2011 has not been published.

Before a State will register a vehicle subject to the section 4481 tax, it must first receive proof of payment of the tax, or an acceptable substitute allowed by IRS regulations. Existing regulations allow the State to register a heavy highway vehicle for which an application for registration is received during the months of July, August or September 2011, using a Form 2290 receipted Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as proof of payment. A State must also register a heavy highway vehicle without proof of payment if the person registering the vehicle presents the original or a photocopy of a bill of sale indicating that the vehicle was purchased by the owner either as a new or used vehicle during the preceding 60 days before the date the State receives the application for registration of the vehicle. If a State receives an application for registration in the month of June 2011, a receipted Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011 must be accepted as proof of payment.

Taxpayers who need a copy of their Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, should call the Form 2290 toll free number at 866-699-4096 if they are calling from the United States. Taxpayers who are calling from Canada or Mexico should call 859-669-5733 (not toll free).

If the State has any questions about accepting Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as proof of payment, for which they receive an application for registration during the months of July, August or September of 2011, please have them contact Mr. Joseph Mazzuca, SBSE Excise Tax Policy Analyst, at 630-493-5008. or by e-mail at joseph.a.mazzuca@irs.gov.

See next page for additional information.
The IRS is delaying issuance of the Form 2290 for the upcoming tax year. Under current Federal law, the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax is set to expire on September 30, 2011.

To alleviate any confusion and possible multiple payments the IRS has granted a three-month extension for the filing of tax returns normally due August 31, 2011 to November 30, 2011. The existing regulation allows the State to accept the Form 2290 Schedule One from the July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 tax period. If the owner no longer has their Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, they may call the Excise Tax division at 1-866-699-4096 to get a copy.

For those acquiring and registering a new or used vehicle during the July-to-November period, the new regulations require a state to register the vehicle, without proof that the highway use tax was paid, if the person registering the vehicle presents a copy of the bill of sale or similar document showing that the owner purchased the vehicle within the previous 150 days.