

Part VII Motor Vehicles and Titles

Subpart 5 Certificate of Title

Chapter 01 Title Applications

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- 101 For a used vehicle that has not been previously titled and was manufactured or assembled before 1970, an application for a certificate of title must include the following supporting documentation:
1. Current bill of sale; and
 2. Previous bill of sale or two (2) tag and tax receipts of the previous owner.
- 102 For a vehicle that is at least thirty (30) years old and lacking proper documentation, an application for a certificate of title may be accompanied by an Affidavit of Ownership.
- 103 When a motor vehicle enters this state from a title state and application is made for a Mississippi certificate of title, the original out-of-state title or transferable duplicate (replacement) title, properly assigned, must be provided. An affidavit of lost title that is used in some states, will not be accepted in lieu of the above.
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- 106 When submitting an application for certificate of title for a new motor vehicle, a manufacturer's certificate of origin, which warrants title assignment to the vendee, is sufficient to serve as a bill of sale.
- 107 A security interest is perfected when the owner signs a security agreement describing the vehicle, and an application for a certificate of title signed by the owner is presented to a designated agent. Upon submission of said application to the Department, any lien date will be recorded as shown thereon.

- 108 When a substitution of collateral document is executed by the lienholder for the purpose of titling the subject vehicle, this document may accompany a properly completed application for title and the required supporting documents under the title procedures. The lien date must reflect the date of the original security agreement.
- 109 The certificate of title application is required to be signed by the buyer of the vehicle and the designated agent. The applicant (buyer) will be provided a duplicate copy of the application for a certificate of title. This copy will serve as a permit for the operation of the motor vehicle described in the application until the Department either issues the certificate of title or refuses to issue the certificate of title.
- 110 Any lienholder with a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) must electronically transmit the satisfaction and release and discharge of a lien on a motor vehicle to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of satisfaction of the lien. Any lienholder that knowingly and willfully fails comply with this section shall be subject to a penalty of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per violation and shall be liable for any attorney's fees, legal fees, and/or other fees and costs incurred in any action necessary to discharge and/or release a lien or otherwise affecting a lien for which the lienholder failed to transmit the required information.
- 111 If a lien on a motor vehicle is older than eight (8) years from the date the lien was placed on the motor vehicle, the lien shall be recorded by the Department in the automated statewide motor vehicle registration system as having been satisfied and released and discharged, unless annually recertified by the lienholder by utilizing the Department's Motor Vehicles e-Services system.
- 112 (Reserved)

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