



# New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

Trenton, New Jersey 08666-0017

## Duplicate Title Requirements for No Proof of Ownership

The purpose of this procedure is to obtain a duplicate certificate of ownership for your vehicle when no proof of ownership is available. The following documents are required:

1. Original certification of newspaper publication (see OS/SS-135B for instructions & sample publication). Note: If you have moved out of New Jersey, you must publish the newspaper advertisement in the New Jersey County where you previously resided.
2. Original certified mail receipt requested of similar notice (publication) served on the local Police Department in the municipality in which you reside.
3. Original notarized statements from three disinterested parties stating that they have seen this vehicle in your possession. Statements must include the year, make and full/correct vehicle identification number of the vehicle.
4. A completed Application for duplicate Certificate of Ownership OS/SS-UTA.
5. A check or money order in the amount of \$60.00 made payable to NJMVC.
6. Two color photographs front and back, for the vehicle which a duplicate title is requested. Photographs cannot cut off any portion of the vehicle.
7. Enclose any other documents you have regarding this vehicle. Including a pencil tracing or photograph of the vehicle identification number.
8. Original, Buyer's Declaration Emergency Application for Vehicle Title. This form must fully complete and notarized. See enclosed form OS/SS-150 (R12/07).

Mail all required documents to:

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
Special Titles Section/Duplicate Titles  
PO Box 017  
Trenton, NJ 08666-0017

**NOTE:** The commission policy is to mail the Certificate of Ownership to the owner or lienholder of record. If you are an Owner/Lienholder/Leasing Company requesting that the Certificate of Ownership be mailed elsewhere, please include a self-addressed envelope and a brief explanation.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact our office at (609) 292-6500 extension 5074.

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### Information – Further Instructions on Second Page

Use this form to apply for a New Jersey Title. The applicant (the person signing this application) must be the owner, lienholder, or an authorized representative of the owner/lienholder. Submit this completed application and all supporting documents in person to your local New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Agency. All applicants or representatives must submit supporting documents, such as **proof of ownership or authorization**, and must provide **proper identification** when submitting this application.

- **Original Documents:** These are required when a release of lien is requested or when a Power of Attorney is used.
- **Originals or Certified Copies:** These are required for court documents, such as divorce decrees and court orders.
- **Photocopies, Faxes, or Scans:** These are acceptable for photo identification (ID)

### Step 1 – Title Transaction Type

Initial NJ Title (New Owner)  
  Duplicate Title  
  Replacement/Corrected Title  
  Vessel Title  
  Add Lien  
  Remove Lien

### Step 2 – Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

### Vessel Information

Hull Identification Number (HIN)

NJ License Plate Number

Year

Make

Fuel Type

Year

Make

Model

Length (in feet)

Hull Material

Color

Weight

Body Type

No. of Axles

Propulsion Type

Correction Needed on Vehicle Title (if applicable)

Correction Needed on Vessel Title (if applicable)

Odometer Information

Check Only if One of These Applies

Odometer Reading (at time of purchase): \_\_\_\_\_

(N) – Not actual mileage

(M) – Mileage has exceeded mechanical limitations

### Step 3 – Vehicle/Vessel Owner Information

Owner Full Name or Entity Name

Telephone Number

Driver License or MVC Business Entity Identification Number

Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Co-Owner First Name (if applicable)

Co-Owner Last Name (if applicable)

Co-Owner Driver License Number (if applicable)

### Step 4 – Lienholder Information (Complete ONLY if Adding or Removing a Lien on Vehicle/Vessel)

Lienholder Name

Driver License or MVC Business Entity Identification Number

Telephone Number

Lienholder Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

### Step 5 – Representative Information (Complete ONLY if Representative is NOT the Current Owner or Lienholder)

First Name

Last Name

Telephone Number

Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

### Step 6 – Duplicate Titles (Check All That Apply and Attach Required Documents/Proof of Ownership or Lienholder)

#### For an Individual

- Valid Photo Identification
- NJ Registration or Insurance Card (Current or Expired)
- Lien Release Letter (if applicable)

#### For a Business Entity

- Valid Photo Identification
- NJ Registration or Insurance Card (Current or Expired)
- Power of Attorney and/or Letter of Authorization from Entity (Both Must Be Notarized and Original)

#### For a Lienholder

- Valid Photo Identification
- Loan Contract or Lease Agreement
- Lien Release Letter (if applicable)
- Power of Attorney and/or Letter of Authorization from Entity (Both Must Be Notarized and Original)

### Step 7 – Recipient Information (For Mail In Applications ONLY – Initial Titles Excluded)

Method of Return – **YOU MUST INCLUDE A PREPAID RETURN AIR BILL WITH YOUR APPLICATION WHEN US MAIL IS NOT SELECTED\***

Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

US Mail

Federal Express

UPS

Other

### Step 8 – Certification and Signature(s)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the above statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to civil, criminal, and administrative penalties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative, Owner, or Lienholder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Co-Owner (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Motor Vehicle Commission Use Only:

Clerk Initials:

NMVTIS Checked:

Transaction Number:

Check Number and Amount:

Tracking Number:

## Step 1 – Title Transaction Type

**Initial Title:** Applications must include this form and a completed out-of-state title. **In-state title transfers only require the submission of the previous NJ title.** Photo Identification is required when completing this transaction and must be processed in person only at an MVC agency.

**Duplicate Title:** Duplicate titles are issued if the current New Jersey title has been lost or stolen.

**Replacement/Corrected Titles:** Replacement titles are issued when a New Jersey title is being surrendered in order to obtain a new title due to the surrendered title being damaged or filled out incorrectly. Corrected titles are issued when a New Jersey title is being surrendered in order to obtain a new title with corrected information. Correction examples may include, but are not limited to: VIN correction, mileage branding, vehicle color, and hull material. Replacement title transactions are also often used when trying to remove a lien from a title. To do so, the original title must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the lienholder. If applying on behalf of a business entity, you must be an authorized representative.

Additionally, you must provide one of the following, showing proof that the lien has been satisfied:

- A signed and dated lien release letter from the lienholder that includes the company name, address, and phone number, as well as the year, make, model, and VIN number of the vehicle.
- A motor vehicle dealer wire transfer statement with a transaction number.
- A paid loan statement or agreement with the matching VIN number.

**Vessel Title:** Vessels are boats or watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water. Applications should be used to establish ownership. Vessels shorter than 12 feet are not titled and are only required to be registered.

**Add/Remove Lien:** Check this box in addition to another selected title type if you are adding or removing a lienholder to your title.

**The New Jersey title fee is \$60. It is an additional \$25 to add a lien. If mailing an application, fees must be paid in the form of a personal check, cashier's check, or money order payable to NJMVC. Do not mail cash. Credit cards or cash will only be accepted in-person at an MVC Agency.**

## Step 2 – Vehicle/Vessel Information

The information provided must match your signed and executed title document or the current New Jersey record.

### For Vehicles:

- Body type options – 2-Door, 4-Door, Pick-up Truck, Truck, Van, Wagon (SUV), Motorcycle, Trailer, Convertible, or Tractor.
- Federal Law requires that you state the mileage upon transfer of ownership. Failure to complete this statement, or providing false information, may result in fines and/or imprisonment. When writing in the odometer reading, you are certifying that the number reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following is checked:
  - (N) – Not actual mileage
  - (M) – Mileage has exceeded mechanical limitations
- Correction examples may include, but are not limited to: VIN correction, mileage branding, vehicle color, hull material, odometer reading.

### For Vessels:

- Fuel type options – Gasoline, Diesel, or Other.
- Propulsion type options – Outboard, Inboard, I/O, Electric, Non-powered, or Other.

## Step 3 – Vehicle/Vessel Owner Information

The information provided must match your signed and executed title document or the current New Jersey record.

## Step 4 – Lienholder Information

**The New Jersey title fee is \$60. It is an additional \$25 to add a lien.** To complete this transaction, the original title must accompany this application. If the current owner(s) of the vehicle or vessel has a lien (loan or financing) of any kind on the vehicle or vessel, **even if it has been paid off**, the MVC's records will still show the lien. The current owner(s) must fill out and apply to have the lien removed and/or obtain a new title, without the lien, from the MVC after payoff. An **original, signed** lien release on the lienholder's letterhead is required to remove a lien.

## Step 5 – Representative Information

Complete this section only if you are applying for a title on behalf of the current owner or lienholder. In order to conduct a transaction, the representative must obtain an original, signed, Letter of Authorization. **Representatives processing work on behalf of the current owner or lienholder may not sign any documentation. If signatures are required, the representative must obtain an original, signed, and notarized Power of Attorney.**

## Step 6 – Duplicate Titles

**Individual(s) Applying:** If a vehicle is in the name of an individual, the owner must sign this application and provide proof of ownership and their **government issued photo ID**. Proof of ownership includes: vehicle registration, insurance card or declaration page, bill of sale, an NJMVC certified record, or proof of final loan payment. If the vehicle is in the name of more than one individual, **each owner must sign this application, and each owner must provide a copy of their government issued photo ID**. If processing this transaction on behalf of the individual(s), an original, signed, Letter of Authorization is required.

**Business Entity Applying:** If the vehicle is in the name of an entity, a representative must sign the application. The representative must provide notarized letter of signature authority on company letterhead, and a copy of the representative's valid photo ID.

**Lienholder Applying:** If the vehicle has a recorded lien, the lienholder (or representative of the lienholder) may apply for a New Jersey title and sign the application. If the lienholder is an individual, they must include a copy of their valid photo ID. If the lienholder is an entity, they must include a notarized letter of signature authority on company letterhead, connecting the signing representative to the entity (copies are acceptable), and a copy of the representative's photo ID.

**Using Power(s) of Attorney:** If a Power of Attorney (POA) is used, the above requirements apply for **both** the individual or the entity granting the POA **and** the individual or the entity being granted POA. For an individual, whether granting or being granted POA, a copy of photo ID is required. For an entity, whether granting or being granted POA, **both** a copy of the representative's photo ID **and** a notarized letter of signature authority on company letterhead, connecting the signing representative to the entity, are required.

## Step 7 – Mail in Applications (Not for Initial Title Applications)

Mail this application, fee, copy of ID(s), and supporting documentation to:

**New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
225 East State Street  
MOS Special Services, PO Box 150  
Trenton, NJ 08666-0017**

- Mailed applications may take up to **10 weeks** to process, plus mailing time.
- Original documentation submitted with the application will be returned to the person/entity receiving the title.

## Step 8 – Certification and Signature(s)

Original signature(s) are required on this application in **blue or black ink ONLY**.