

STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

For Joint Owners (Title states “joint ownership”)

Under the terms of "joint" ownership, when a joint owner dies the surviving owner(s) retains complete ownership of the vehicle. A surviving joint owner may title the vehicle in their name by submitting a title application in the survivor's name.

What you will need:

- A Vehicle Title
 - If you cannot locate the title to the vehicle, you will need to file a Duplicate Title Application ([MVT - 8](#)).
 - The fee is waived for a Duplicate Title Application in this case.
- Application for Certificate of Title
 - An application for a Maine certificate of title can be obtained by visiting any of our motor vehicle branch or town office locations or by contacting the Title Unit in Augusta.
 - If you were a joint owner with a person other than your spouse, a \$33 fee will apply.
 - This fee will also apply if you are adding an additional name to the title.
 - If rush service is preferred, a \$10 rush fee will apply.
- A copy of the deceased's death certificate

****If a surviving joint owner sells the vehicle, the survivor should provide the buyer with:***

- ***The title transferred to the buyer***
- ***A release of any lien***
- ***A copy of the deceased's death certificate or form MVT-22 completed by the survivor.***
- ***Bill of Sale.***