

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

**For Owners in Common Other Than Spouses**

**\*There are two or more names listed on the title as owners and the title does not state joint ownership.**

In the case of common ownership, if one of the common owners dies, the surviving common owner(s) and the deceased's estate own equal shares of the vehicle.

**What you will need if there is a court appointed Personal Representative:**

- ☐ A Vehicle Title
  - If you cannot locate the title to the vehicle, you will need to file a Duplicate Title Application ([MVT-8](#)) in the deceased's name.
  - The fee is waived for a Duplicate Title Application in this case.
- ☐ Application for Certificate of Title (MVT-2)
  - 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.
  - There is a fee of \$33
  - If rush service is preferred, a \$10 rush fee will apply.
- ☐ An [MVT-22](#) completed by the Personal Representative of the deceased.
  - This document must be notarized.
  - A Copy of the Probate Court appointment must be attached.
  - If the vehicle was financed, the lien holder must release the lien or provide consent to title the vehicle in the survivor's name alone ([MVT-27](#)).

***\*If a surviving common owner sells the vehicle, the common owner should provide the buyer with:***

- ***The title transferred to the buyer.***
- ***A release of any lien.***
- ***Form MVT-22 completed by the surviving common owner and personal representative. Must be notarized.***
- ***Bill of sale.***

**What you will need if there is NO court appointed Personal Representative:**

- ☐ A Vehicle Title
  - If you cannot locate the title to the vehicle, you will need to file a Duplicate Title Application ([MVT-8](#)) in the deceased's name.
  - The fee is waived for a Duplicate Title Application in this case.
- ☐ Application for Certificate of Title (MVT-2)
  - 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.
  - There is a fee of \$33
  - If rush service is preferred, a \$10 rush fee will apply.
- ☐ An [MVT-22](#) completed by common owner and all immediate heirs of the deceased.
  - This document must be notarized.
  - The survivor must submit a letter from Probate Court stating there is no will of the deceased's being probated.
  - A transfer to the common owner from all immediate heirs of the deceased
  - If the vehicle was financed, the lien holder must release the lien or provide consent to title the vehicle in the survivor's name alone ([MVT-27](#)).

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- ***The title transferred to the buyer.***
- ***A release of any lien.***
- ***Form MVT-22 completed by the surviving common owner and all surviving heirs.***
- ***Bill of sale.***
- ***Statement of No Will be probated from Probate Court.***