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.


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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OS/SS-130 (R5/13)
APPLICATION FOR DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION
SPECIAL SERVICES
P.O. BOX 017
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08666-0017
(609) 292-6500 EXT. 5074

INSTRUCTIONS- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. This form is to be completed by the titled owner(s). Please type or print clearly.
2. A $60.00 check or money order (Do Not Send Cash) and a copy of the current or expired registration certificate or insurance identification card must accompany the application. Mail this information to the Trenton Central Office or bring in person to any motor vehicle agency along with Proof of Identity (Copy of Driver's License).

1. NAME OF TITLED OWNER
   OWNER'S NEW JERSEY DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER (IF BUSINESS-CORPCODE) ________________
   DATE OF BIRTH ________________ EYE COLOR ________________ SEX ________________
   ADDRESS
   NO. AND STREET ________________ CITY ________________ STATE ________________ ZIP CODE ________________
   PHONE: (HOME) ________________ (CELL) ________________ (WORK) ________________ WHERE DO YOU WANT THE TITLE MAILED (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE ADDRESS)? ________________

IF CO-OWNER:
1a. NAME OF CO-OWNER
   NEW JERSEY DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER ________________
   DATE OF BIRTH ________________ EYE COLOR ________________ SEX ________________
   ADDRESS ________________

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE

2. LICENSE PLATE NO. ________________ MAKE ________________ YEAR ________________ BODY TYPE ________________ MODEL ________________
   WEIGHT CLASS ________________ COMPLETE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. ________________

3. ARE THERE ANY ENCUMBRANCES OR LIENS AGAINST THE VEHICLE AT THIS PRESENT TIME? YES ___ NO ___
   IF "YES", GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF LIENHOLDER ________________

NOTE: If the original certificate was issued subject to lien and lienholder has not submitted evidence of satisfaction, a duplicate certificate of ownership will not be issued until proof of payment is received from the lienholder.
*If banks have merged it must be stated on Lien Release.
*Lienholders must supply a copy of contract or lease agreement and (if applicable) power of attorney.

R.S. 39:10-12... "A person who falsely states, in any application to the Chief Administrator for a duplicate certificate of ownership, that a certificate of ownership, or title papers, are lost, shall be subject to a fine of not less than two hundred dollars ($200.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days or both."

This application is submitted to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission because the whereabouts of the title paper for the motor vehicle described herein- owned by the undersigned is unknown and certification is hereby made that it is lost.

It is further certified that the

   YEAR ________________ MAKE ________________ VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. ________________

was physically examined by me and the identification number is as entered hereon. I certify that I have compared this number with the numbers shown on the evidence of ownership and on my application for a duplicate New Jersey Certificate of Ownership and they agree. I further certify that I have read and understand this application and that all statements are correct.

   DATE ________________ SIGNATURE OF TITLED OWNER ________________ DATE ________________ SIGNATURE OF CO-OWNER ________________

   (IF PARTNERSHIP, SO INDICATE, IF CORPORATION, GIVE TITLE OF OFFICER)

   *Need POWER OF ATTORNEY if in a company name.

IF NOT FILLED IN ENTIRELY AND ACCOMPANIED BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR $60.00 (DO NOT SEND CASH) THIS APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.

OS/SS-52 (R8/15)
NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

Advertise in a newspaper with general circulation in the County where the owner resides (or where the owner last resided in New Jersey, if the owner has moved out of state) for a space of two weeks, at least once a week, making three insertions in all. The notice should briefly state that you have applied to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission for a Duplicate Certificate of ownership and if anyone desires to be heard in opposition of your application, he may do so by contacting the Chief Administrator within 10 days of the newspaper advertisement. Advertisement must include the year, make and full/correct vehicle identification number. The newspaper will provide a certification that you have complied with these requirements.

SAMPLE PUBLICATION

Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10 - 12, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, for duplicate certificate of ownership for ___________________________, ___________________________, ___________________________. Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Title Unit, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey, 08666.
BUYER'S DECLARATION - EMERGENCY APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE TITLE

Buyer’s Information:

___________________________________  ______________________________
First Name                                       Last Name
__________________________________________________________________________________________
Address        City   State    Zip Code

I purchased a vehicle on _______________   from   __________________ but never received the (check all that apply):

☐-Title  ☐-Plates  ☐-Registration

I acknowledge, that in making this Declaration, I am inducing the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (“NJMVC”) to issue a vehicle title for the above-described vehicle purchased from the seller listed above and that although the NJMVC may issue the same as a convenience under the circumstances, by doing so, the NJMVC makes no assurances against future claims against this vehicle, and I therefore agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of New Jersey, the NJMVC, their officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, expense, attorneys’ fees, or injury or damages arising out of any such claim.

I further acknowledge that this Declaration is being made for the purpose of applying for an un-issued vehicle title, registration and/or plates as described above, and that any knowing or willful misrepresentation or false statement submitted in connection with this Declaration may subject me to criminal punishment, including fines and/or imprisonment.

_________________________________  ___________________________________
Signature                   Print Name

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