



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 121.00 Alternate Procedures to Transfer Vehicles

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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Purpose: Provides for the issuance of a certificate of title to every person in "good faith possession" of a trailer, light-trailer, boat trailer, farm trailer, travel trailer, and manufactured home which has not been previously titled or licensed in another state, and for which no record exists with the department.

Exceptions:

- A title will not be generated at the original application, however all applicable fees and sales/use tax shall be collected.
- A plate and sticker may be issued at the time of registration.
- A title may be issued after one year from the date of registration provided no one claims ownership during this time.

Requirements:

- Applicant must make title application at the end of the one year waiting period by completing form DPSMV1799.
- \$8.00 handling fee is due to generate the title.
- Hold Harmless affidavit ([DPSMV1976](#)).
- A sworn affidavit from the applicant indicating the date of acquisition and purchase price of the trailer. This affidavit must contain a complete description of the trailer (year, make, model, body style, and vehicle identification number).
- If the applicant cannot provide documentation proving ownership of the trailer, either a bill of sale or receipt, the individual applicant must obtain two sworn affidavits from individuals who have personal knowledge of the manner in which the individual applicant acquired ownership of the trailer in question. This affidavit must contain a complete description of the trailer (year, make, model, body style, and vehicle identification number).
- An affidavit of physical inspection. The physical inspection must be performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officer who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.
- An NCIC check issued by a Louisiana P.O.S.T. certified law enforcement officer or motor vehicle officer.