



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 21.00 Acceptable Evidence of Disposal of Vehicle**

**Section:** 3. Safety Responsibility Laws

**Effective Date:** 10/26/1986

**Revised Date:** 07/01/2025

**Authority:**

[R.S. 32:863.2](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

**Requirements:**

- Only documents specified below will be acceptable evidence of disposal of a vehicle for reinstatement purposes.
- All documents must include vehicle information (vehicle identification number (VIN), license plate number (if applicable), year, make, and model).
- If a signed statement shall be provided as documentation, it will be considered null and void if further documentation is submitted that conflicts with the statement.

Type of Disposition	Acceptable Documents (copies are acceptable for reinstatement purposes)
Vehicle Sold	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill of Sale</li><li>• Title assignment (front and back of title with sale information)</li><li>• A <b>signed</b> statement from the owner, that includes the date that the vehicle was sold and the name and mailing address, if available, of the new owner</li></ul>
Vehicle Donated	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Act of Donation</li><li>• Title assignment (front and back of title with sale information)</li><li>• A <b>signed</b> statement from the owner, that includes the date that the vehicle was donated and the name and mailing address, if available, of the new owner</li></ul>
Vehicle Traded In	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dealer invoice showing trade-in</li><li>• A <b>signed</b> statement from the owner, that includes the date that the vehicle was traded in and the name and mailing address, if available, of the dealership</li></ul>
Junked / Salvaged / Dismantled	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receipt from a salvage yard or junk dealer showing a date junked or salvaged with a description of the vehicle</li><li>• A <b>signed</b> statement from the owner, that includes the date that the vehicle was junked/salvaged and the name and mailing address, if available, of the salvage yard or junk dealer</li></ul>
Abandoned Vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A <b>signed</b> statement from the owner, that includes the date that the vehicle was last seen</li></ul>
Proof of Loss (regardless if owner retains vehicle or not)	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A proof of loss document from the insurance company</li><li>• If no insurance company is involved, a statement indicating the date of loss and a full description of the vehicle and it <b>must</b> state why a proof of loss statement cannot be provided by the insurance company.</li></ul>

<b>Repossessed/Voluntarily Surrendered Vehicle</b>	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter from the lienholder, on their letterhead, stating the date the vehicle was repossessed or voluntarily surrendered. The document <b>cannot</b> state that the owner can get the vehicle back, but can be accepted with a supplemental document from the lienholder showing that they have sold or took full possession of the vehicle.</li> <li>• If the lienholder will not provide the applicant with documentation, they can complete a signed statement of fact. The statement must indicate who the applicant spoke to with the lien company and why they will not provide the documents and must be signed by the owner.</li> </ul>
<b>Seized Vehicle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence from a law enforcement agency, court records, etc., indicating the date that the vehicle was seized and a statement that the vehicle has not been returned to owner or if vehicle was returned, the date returned</li> </ul>
<b>Lease Terminated Vehicle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lease termination letter or invoice from the dealership</li> </ul>
<b>Rental Terminated Vehicle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A rental termination letter or invoice from the dealership/rental company</li> </ul>
<b>Rescinded or Canceled Sale Vehicle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence that the sale of the vehicle was rescinded or canceled, such as a statement from the dealer and the date that the sale was rescinded or cancelled</li> </ul>
<b>Property Settlement, Agreement, or Bankruptcy</b>	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certified copy of court documents/minutes indicating disposition of the vehicle as a result of a property settlement, agreement, or bankruptcy. The document must include the date of disposition of the vehicle.</li> <li>• If a property settlement is not available to determine ownership, a <i>Judgment of Divorce</i> and a statement explaining the situation including a renunciation of interest in the vehicle in question will be accepted.</li> </ul>