Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 16.00 Foreign Title Held by Lienholder

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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Definition:
- **Foreign Title** - A title for a financed vehicle that is titled in a state where the lienholder receives and holds the title until the lien is satisfied

Requirements:
- In order to register a vehicle as a foreign title held by the lienholder, the applicant must present one of the following as proof:
  - A non-negotiable copy of the out-of-state title showing a lien. This can be either the owner's copy or a photocopy furnished to him/her by the lienholder.
  - A valid registration certificate indicating owner and lien information.
  - A letter from the Motor Vehicle authority of the state which issued the title confirming the name of the owner, lien information, and description of the vehicle.
  - A copy of the "title application" filed in another state indicating that there is a lien. Copy must be validated by a Motor Vehicle or Revenue employee of that state.
  - **Exclusion**: Mississippi title applications are excluded as these are prepared by a dealer and have not necessarily been filed with the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Department.
- **Note**: In addition to the documents indicated above, the following must be provided prior to a vehicle being registered:
  - A completed Vehicle Application form (DPSMV1799)
  - Proof of current liability insurance, if applicable
  - Applicable fees. Refer to Section 4, Policy 48.00, Out-of-State Transfers and Reciprocity With Other States, for information concerning credit for sales and/or use tax paid in another jurisdiction

Exceptions:
- If the applicant presents an original out-of-state title with a lien, the application must be processed in accordance with Section 4, Policy 48.00, Out-of-State Transfers and Reciprocity Agreements With Other States.
- If no lien is indicated on the out-of-state paperwork, the applicant must present the original out-of-state title in order to register the vehicle.
Fees:
- Title fee
- Applicable sales/use tax

Related Policies:
Section 4, Policy 2.00 Basic Requirements For Obtaining A Certificate Of Title
Section 4, Policy 2.03 Completion Of Vehicle Application
Section 4, Policy 48.00 Out Of State Transfers And Reciprocity With Other States
Section 4, Policy 49.01 Exempt From Sales Tax- Lease/Rental Vehicles