



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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[R.S. 47:303 B \(1\) \(b\)](#)

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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](#)