Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 23.00 Sales on Standard Form "SF97"

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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Definitions:
- **U.S. Government Certificate to Obtain Title to a Vehicle SF97** - The official document required to transfer ownership of a federal or state owned vehicle to another entity or individual
- **Vehicles sold by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)** - A federal agency that will be issued a TVA-97 form (Certificate of Release of a Motor Vehicle)

Requirements:
- **Standard Form 97**
  - An SF97 will be accepted in lieu of a title or a Manufacture's Certificate of Origin
  - A completed Vehicle Application form (DPSMV 1799)
  - A notarized Bill of Sale
  - Odometer Disclosure Statement (DPSMV1606) is required for applicable vehicle types that are **not exempt** from odometer reporting requirements.
  - VEH-5 Application for Free Plate for Public Agency (DPSMV1631)
  - An affidavit of physical inspection is required only when there is an invalid character within the vehicle identification number (VIN) or the VIN fails the edit check. 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 trained and certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.

- **Vehicles sold by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) -** In order to title a vehicle in Louisiana which was sold by the TVA, the following documents must be submitted:
  - A completed vehicle application form (DPSMV 1799)
  - A completed and signed TVA-97 form showing vehicle sold to the applicant
  - Odometer disclosure form which conforms to the Federal Truth-in-Mileage Act
  - 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.
  - Applicable fees and sales tax

Fees

- Title Fee
- Handling Fee
- License Plate Fee
- Lien recordation fee, if applicable
- Sales/Use tax, if applicable