



## Inheriting a Vehicle (Survivorship)

Survivorship means there is co-ownership of the vehicle. For example, if the title is in your name and another person's name, with survivorship, and the other person is now deceased, you have sole ownership of the vehicle and can apply for a new title using the Title With Survivorship instructions. Other states may call it "joint ownership" or "joint tenancy."

The process to transfer your title will depend on whether survivorship is listed on the title and whether the estate is probated or not. If the vehicle is not titled in Oregon, you may want to contact the state the vehicle is titled in to verify inheritance requirements since Oregon DMV will make sure that state's inheritance requirements are met.

**DMV cannot provide legal advice.**

### How to Apply:

[Title With Survivorship](#)

[Title Without Survivorship \(Estate NOT probated\)](#)

[Title Without Survivorship \(Estate being probated\)](#)

[Title Without Survivorship \(Estate probated but now closed\)](#)

### Title With Survivorship:

- Fill out an [Application for Title and Registration](#) (Form 735-226);
  - Include an [odometer reading](#).
  - [Help](#) with the application.
- Provide the original Oregon title, if available;
- Provide proof of death for each deceased owner;
  - A copy of the death certificate, a funeral notice, or an obituary notice.
  - If all owners are deceased, [contact DMV](#) for more information.
- Provide original releases from any previous owners, other than the deceased owner;
  - This is usually provided as an original bill of sale. A [Bill of Sale](#) (Form 735-501) may be used.
- Provide original lien releases from any previous security interest holders;
  - This is usually provided as an original signed letter or a [Lien Release](#) (Form 735-524).
- Calculate all applicable title, registration and plate [fees](#); and
  - If you want to apply for registration at the same time as your title see the [Registration section](#).
- Submit your completed application, supporting materials, and payment to DMV.

## Title Without Survivorship:

### Estate is NOT being probated:

- Fill out an [Application for Title and Registration](#) (Form 735-226);
  - Include an [odometer reading](#).
  - [Help](#) with the application.
- Provide the original Oregon title, if available;
- Provide original, notarized, [Inheritance Affidavit\(s\)](#) completed by all heirs;
- Provide original releases from any previous owners, other than the deceased owner;
  - This is usually provided as an original bill of sale. A [Bill of Sale](#) (Form 735-501) may be used.
- Provide original lien releases from any previous security interest holders;
  - This is usually provided as an original signed letter or a [Lien Release](#) (Form 735-524).
- Calculate all applicable title, registration and plate [fees](#); and
  - If you want to apply for registration at the same time as your title see the [Registration section](#).
- Submit your completed application, supporting materials, and payment to DMV.

## Title Without Survivorship:

### Estate is being probated:

- Fill out an [Application for Title and Registration](#) (Form 735-226);
  - Include an [odometer reading](#).
  - [Help](#) with the application.
- Provide the original Oregon title, if available;
- Provide a **copy** of the court-issued Letters Testamentary, Letters of Administration, or document appointing the personal representative of the estate;
- Provide an original release from the personal representative of the estate;
  - If the court appoints multiple personal representatives, a release is required from each personal representative appointed.
  - This is usually provided on the back of the title or as an original bill of sale. A [Bill of Sale](#) (Form 735-501) may be used.
- Provide original releases from any previous owners, other than the deceased owner;
  - This is usually provided as an original bill of sale. A [Bill of Sale](#) (Form 735-501) may be used.
- Provide original lien releases from any previous security interest holders;
  - This is usually provided as an original signed letter or a [Lien Release](#) (Form 735-524).
- Calculate all applicable title, registration and plate [fees](#); and
  - If you want to apply for registration at the same time as your title see the [Registration section](#).
- Submit your completed application, supporting materials, and payment to DMV.

## Title Without Survivorship:

### Estate was probated but is now closed:

- Fill out an [Application for Title and Registration](#) (Form 735-226);
  - Include an [odometer reading](#).
  - [Help](#) with the application.
- Provide the original Oregon title, if available;
- Provide a copy of the court-issued Decree of Final Distribution;
  - The decree must show who was awarded the vehicle.
- Provide original releases from any previous owners, other than the deceased owner;
  - If you were not awarded the vehicle in the Decree of Final Distribution, you must provide a release from the person who was awarded the vehicle.
  - This is usually provided as an original bill of sale. A [Bill of Sale](#) (Form 735-501) may be used.
- Provide original lien releases from any previous security interest holders;
  - This is usually provided as an original signed letter or a [Lien Release](#) (Form 735-524).
- Calculate all applicable title, registration and plate [fees](#); and
  - If you want to apply for registration at the same time as your title see the [Registration section](#).
- Submit your completed application, supporting materials, and payment to DMV.

## Registration:

- Prove compliance with, or exemption from, the [Low Emissions Vehicle](#) (LEV) requirement, if applicable;
- Provide a Certificate of Compliance for passing an [emissions test at DEQ](#) if you live in the Portland Metro Area or the Rogue Valley (Medford area) and are required to do so; and
- [Choose your plates](#).
  - You may keep the Oregon plates on the vehicle, for most plate types.
  - You may **transfer** valid Oregon plates to your vehicle.
  - For a specialty plate, write the name of the plate in the "Remarks" section of your application.

### *If you apply for registration, you are certifying:*

- *You currently have, and will maintain, motor vehicle [insurance required](#) by Oregon law for as long as you register the vehicle; and*
- *Your [home](#) is in Oregon; or*
- *You are eligible, or required, to register under Oregon law.*