

Transfer Ownership – Inherited Oregon-titled Vehicle



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 Transfer 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. The Oregon title will show survivorship if it was requested, see the example below.

DMV cannot provide legal advice.

Instructions to Transfer Title for Your Situation:

[Title Has Survivorship](#)

[Title Does Not Have Survivorship or All New Owners - Estate NOT probated](#)

[Title Does Not Have Survivorship or All New Owners - Estate being probated](#)

[Title Does Not Have Survivorship or All New Owners - Estate probated but now closed](#)



If this section shows Y/N or Y/Y, the title has survivorship.

If it shows N/N or N/Y, the title does not have survivorship between the registered owners.

Title Has
Survivorship

Provide the following to DMV when at least one owner is staying on the title:

- A completed [Application for Title and Registration](#);
 - You can save time by [submitting this application online](#), if you plan to go to a DMV office within 30 days.
- The Oregon title, if available
- Proof of death for each deceased owner (death certificate, funeral notice or obituary);
- If all owners are changing, an [odometer disclosure](#), if required;
- Original releases or bills of sale from all previous owners, except for any deceased owner;
- Original lien releases from any previous security interest holders; and
- The appropriate title [fee](#).

Submit the documents and payment to [DMV](#). If you also want registration, go to page 3.

Title Does Not
Have
Survivorship
Estate NOT
Probated

Provide the following to DMV:

- A completed [Application for Title and Registration](#);
 - You can save time by [submitting this application online](#), if you plan to go to a DMV office within 30 days.
- The Oregon title, if available
- Notarized [Inheritance Affidavit\(s\)](#) completed by all heirs (all heirs do not have to be on the same form);
- If all owners are changing, an [odometer disclosure](#), if required;
- Original releases or bills of sale from any previous owners, other than the deceased owner(s);
- Original lien releases from any previous security interest holders; and
- The appropriate title [fee](#).

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Title Does Not
Have
Survivorship
Estate Being
Probated

Provide the following to DMV:

- A completed [Application for Title and Registration](#);
 - You can save time by [submitting this application online](#), if you plan to go to a DMV office within 30 days.
- The Oregon title, if available
- A copy of the court-issued Letters Testamentary, Letters of Administration, or other document appointing the personal representative of the estate;
- If all owners are changing, an [odometer disclosure](#), if required;
- An original release or bill of sale from the personal representative of the estate;
 - If there are multiple personal representatives, a release is required from each personal representative.
- Original releases or bills of sale from any previous owners, other than the deceased owner(s);
- Original lien releases from any previous security interest holders; and
- The appropriate title [fee](#).

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**Title Does Not
Have
Survivorship
Estate
Probated But
Now Closed**

Provide the following to DMV:

- A completed [Application for Title and Registration](#);
 - You can save time by [submitting this application online](#), if you plan to go to a DMV office within 30 days.
- The Oregon title, if available
- A copy of the court-issued Decree of Final Distribution;
 - The decree must show who was awarded the vehicle.
- If all owners are changing, an [odometer disclosure](#), if required;
- Original releases or bills of sale from any previous owners, other than the deceased owner(s);
 - If you were not awarded the vehicle in the Decree of Final Distribution, you must provide a release from whomever was awarded the vehicle.
- Original lien releases from any previous security interest holders; and
- The appropriate title [fee](#).

Submit the documents and payment to [DMV](#). If you also want registration, see the Registration section below.

**Registration
(Plates)**

Along with all of the requirements listed in the section above for your situation, you must also provide the following to DMV:

- If the vehicle does not already have plates, proof of compliance, or exemption from the [Low Emissions Vehicle](#) (LEV) requirement;
- A Certificate of Compliance for passing an [emissions test at DEQ](#) if your vehicle is required to be tested and you live in a [DEQ area](#);
- Your [plate choice](#), if the vehicle does not have plates or if you want a different plate; and
- The appropriate registration fee, based on your plate choice.

Submit the documents and payment to [DMV](#).

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.