

## Transfer Ownership – Deceased Owner



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).

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.

### ATTENTION:

- You cannot go to a DMV office to title your vehicle. You must mail your title transaction and fees to DMV. The address is at the end of these instructions.
- Please keep images or copies of the documents you mail to us.
- It may take **10 weeks** for you to receive a title and **5 weeks** to receive plates or stickers.
- You should not be cited for expired plates or trip permits at this time.

You may [apply for a trip permit online](#) if you are unable to get the requirements 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 your title shows Y/N or Y/Y in this area, **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](#);
- The original 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](#).
  - **Passenger vehicle?** Use our online [fee calculator](#)!

Mailing and registration information is on page 3.

Title Does Not  
Have  
Survivorship  
Estate NOT  
Probated

Provide the following to DMV:

- A completed [Application for Title and Registration](#);
- The original 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](#);
- The original 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](#);
- The original 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](#).
  - **Passenger vehicle?** Use our online [fee calculator](#)!

Mailing and registration information is below.

**Registration  
(Plates)**

**Along with all of the requirements listed in the section 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 required ([newer vehicles](#) are exempt); and
- The appropriate registration fee, based on your [plate choice](#) or plate type you are renewing.
  - **Passenger vehicle?** Use our online [fee calculator](#)!

If you are already listed on the Oregon title, you can [renew your registration](#) or [replace your plates](#) online, then mail in the title documents separately.

*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.*

If you have all requirements and fees, mail your transaction to:

DMV Services  
1905 Lana Ave NE  
Salem, OR 97314