



# Beneficiary Designation for Vehicle or Vessel Title Instructions

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## Instructions:

**Note:** *A designation cannot be added or updated when adding a security interest and/or removing a security interest.  
A designation cannot be added to a manufactured home.*

### **A beneficiary(s) designation may be added or updated during a title transaction in the following situations:**

1. Applying for a Montana title (initial application, title transfer, or replacement title).
  - The applicant(s) will enter the beneficiary(s) on form MV13 and apply for a Montana title.
2. Adding or changing current beneficiary(s) on file.
  - The Montana owner(s) will enter the new beneficiary(s) on form MV13 and apply for a Montana title on form MV7.
3. Revoking current beneficiary(s) on file.
  - The Montana owner(s) will leave the beneficiary section on form MV13 blank and apply for a Montana title on form MV7.

### **Once a beneficiary designation is added to the vehicle record, it is valid until:**

1. A transfer of ownership is processed prior to the owner or last surviving owner's death.
2. A new beneficiary designation form is filed to change or revoke the designation.

### **Upon the death of all owners on the current vehicle title, the beneficiary (if multiple beneficiaries, all must apply) may:**

1. Request a title in their name by providing:
  - Certified copy of death certificates for all owners listed on the current Montana title.
  - Application for Certificate of Title for a Motor Vehicle (MV1) in the beneficiary(s) name – all beneficiaries must be shown on the new title issued; all beneficiaries must sign the MV1.
  - Beneficiaries' government issued identification (ID) (if multiple beneficiaries, all must provide ID).

The paperwork can be submitted to Vehicle Services Bureau, the beneficiaries local County Treasurer's office, or a Motor Vehicle Division's (MVD) Authorized Agent. Title fees will apply.

2. Request title and registration in their name by providing:
  - Certified copy of death certificates for all owners listed on the current Montana title.
  - Application for Certificate of Title for a Motor Vehicle (MV1) in the beneficiary(s) name – all beneficiaries must be shown on the new title issued; all beneficiaries must sign the MV1.
  - Beneficiaries' government issued identification (if multiple beneficiaries, all must provide ID).

The paperwork can be submitted to their local County Treasurer's office, or a MVD Authorized Agent. All applicable title and registration fees will apply.

3. Transfer the vehicle/vessel to a purchaser by providing:
  - Certified copy of death certificates for all owners listed on the current Montana title.
  - Bill of Sale (MV24) selling the vehicle to the purchaser – all beneficiaries must sign.
  - Application for Certificate of Title for a Motor Vehicle (MV1) in the purchaser's name.
  - Purchaser's government issued identification (if multiple purchasers, all must provide ID).

The paperwork can be submitted to their local County Treasurer's office, or a MVD Authorized Agent. All applicable title and registration fees will apply.



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An applicant may arrange for transfer, upon death of the last surviving owner, by completing this Beneficiary Designation Form. The Designation will be placed on the applicant's vehicle/vessel record within the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) system. A designation cannot be added to a manufactured home.

The applicant must choose **one** of the following:

- Designate beneficiary(s) as shown below when applying for a Montana title.
- Add a new beneficiary to the current beneficiary on record. Titles may have up to two beneficiaries on file.
- Change current beneficiary(s) on record to the beneficiary(s) shown below. The name on file will be replaced.
- Revoke current beneficiary(s) on record (leave beneficiary section blank).

### Applicant Information

Full Legal Name of Owner (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)				
Physical Address (required)		City	State	Zip
DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID	Email Address		Phone Number	
Full Legal Name of Joint Owner (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)				
Physical Address (required)		City	State	Zip
DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID	Email Address		Phone Number	

### Vehicle Information

Year	Make	Model
VIN		

### Beneficiary Information

Full Legal Name of Beneficiary (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)				
Physical Address (required)		City	State	Zip
DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID	Email Address		Phone Number	
Full Legal Name of Beneficiary (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)				
Physical Address (required)		City	State	Zip
DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID	Email Address		Phone Number	

**Certification:** (signed under penalty of unsworn falsification as provided in § 45-7-203, MCA)

- Interest in the above listed vehicle will transfer to the designated beneficiary(s) upon the last surviving owner's death
- The beneficiary(s) does not have any interest in this motor vehicle during my life.
- This designation does not limit the interest or rights of a lienholder whose lien was attached to the vehicle/vessel prior to the death of the owner or last surviving joint owner.
- A Will does not revoke or supersede this designation regardless of when the Will is made.

Signature of Owner	Printed Name of Owner	Date
Signature of Additional Owner (if applicable)	Printed Name of Additional Owner	Date