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BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

For Vehicle Title Transfer Upon Death

Instructions

- If the current title is electronic, this form may be submitted alone when transferring ownership.
- If the current title is paper, this form must be stapled to it and surrendered together when transferring ownership.

Void if altered or erased.

I am the sole owner of the motor vehicle described as follows:

(The Beneficiary Designation is only applicable if vehicle is owned by one person)

Vehicle Identification Number	Year	Make	Title Number
5TFAZ5CN9GX041873	2016	TOYT	A00713946

I designate that this vehicle be transferred upon my death, to:

Beneficiary Full Legal Name (first, middle, last, suffix)	Date of Birth (optional)	Legal Status *
Priscilla A. Teague	02/08/2003	OR

This document is provided pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 28-2055(B) for the purpose of designating a beneficiary as named above.

I release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division from any and all liability which may arise by reason of any contest to the validity of the beneficiary designation(s) herein.

Owner Name (first, middle, last, suffix)	Owner Signature	Date
Rosalind M. Teague	Rosalind Teague	05/06/2026

*Legal Status

If you name two or more individuals as beneficiaries on this form, then the Legal Status box determines which signatures will be required for the named beneficiaries to transfer ownership of the vehicle, license plates and/or fees, to apply for a refund, or to record loan information in the future. Please indicate one of the following options in the box above:

OR Ownership is joint tenancy, with an expressed intent that either of the owners has full authority to transfer ownership, license plates and/or fees, or to record loan information. Names will appear on the title as in this example: JOHN DOE **OR** JOE ROSS
Signature of **either party** will be accepted. Both signatures are not required.

AND Ownership is tenancy in common. Names will appear on the title as in this example: JOHN DOE **AND** JOE ROSS
Signatures of **all parties**, if owned by more than one individual will be required. In the event of the death of an owner, the interest of the deceased owner must be handled by probate action, or by completing a Non-Probate Affidavit.

AND/OR Ownership is joint tenancy with right of survivorship. Names will be on the title as in this example: JOHN DOE **AND/OR** JOE ROSS
Signatures of **all parties**, if owned by more than one individual will be required, **if all are living**. Upon proof of death, the survivor may sign alone.

How to fill out 96-0561 — Beneficiary Designation

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The form that makes the affidavit above unnecessary. A sole owner names who the vehicle goes to on their death, MVD records it against the title, and the beneficiary transfers the car later without probate and without an estate affidavit. It costs nothing to file and it is the single most useful piece of paperwork on this page - filed years before anybody needs it.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 96-0561 from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://apps.azdot.gov/files/mvd/mvd-forms-lib/96-0561.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	Vehicle Identification Number, Year, Make	The vehicle the designation attaches to. Watch out: It has to be a vehicle you own alone. A car in two names cannot carry a beneficiary designation, whatever the second name's relationship to you.
2	YOU	Title Number	The Arizona title number, from the certificate or from AZ MVD Now. Watch out: This is how MVD attaches the designation to the right record. A wrong number here means a designation nobody can find.
3	YOU	Beneficiary Full Legal Name	The person who is to receive the vehicle, in full. Watch out: Full legal name, as it appears on their driver licence. They will be proving they are that person at a counter, possibly years from now.
4	YOU	Date of Birth	Marked optional on the form. Watch out: Fill it in anyway. It is the cheapest way to distinguish your beneficiary from everybody else in Arizona with the same name.
5	YOU	Legal Status	Or, And or And/Or, where more than one beneficiary is named. Watch out: Only relevant with two or more names. With one beneficiary the column can be left alone.
6	YOU	The further beneficiary rows	Three more rows for additional beneficiaries. Watch out: Naming several is allowed, and each extra name is another signature the survivors may need. Decide the legal status with that in mind.
7	YOU	Owner Name, Signature and Date	The sole owner signs and dates it. Watch out: No witness, no notary, no fee. If the title is on paper, staple the form to it and hand both in together when the time comes.

What gets this one rejected

- A jointly owned vehicle. The form is only applicable if the vehicle is owned by one person, and it says so beside the first line.
- Any alteration. Void if altered or erased is printed in the instruction panel, not buried in the small print.
- Two or more beneficiaries with no legal status. The box decides whose signatures will be required later, and without it the designation is incomplete.
- A paper title left at home. Where the title is on paper, this form has to be stapled to it and surrendered together.
- A beneficiary named by nickname. The field asks for a full legal name, because the person named is the person who will have to prove identity years later.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.