

How to fill out REG 5 — Affidavit for Transfer Without Probate, California Titled Vehicle or Vessel Only

California · written against REG 5 (Rev 12/2024), issued under California Vehicle Code 5910 and 9916; Probate Code 6401, 6402, 13050, 13051, 13100 and 13109 to 13113

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Moves a car out of a deceased person's name without opening probate, where the estate is small enough to qualify. It is a sworn statement, not an application - you are certifying facts about the estate, and the liability that comes with getting them wrong is spelled out on the form.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank REG 5 from the California Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/file/affidavit-for-transfer-without-probate-california-titled-vehicle-or-vessels-only/> — 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	Section 1, vehicle	VIN or hull number and plate or CF number in the comb boxes, then year and make. Watch out: One character per printed box. This form goes to a clerk who will compare it against the title record.
2	YOU	Name of decedent	The owner who died, named exactly as the title records them. Watch out: A copy of the death certificate goes with the form - section 1 says required in its own heading.
3	YOU	Date and place of death	The date, then the city and state. Watch out: At least 40 days must have passed since the death before this can be filed. The wait is written into the certification you are signing.
4	YOU	Print true full name	The person entitled to the vehicle, with a telephone number or email address. Watch out: You are certifying there is no probate proceeding, that unsecured creditors are paid or discharged, and that the estate is under the ceiling - \$166,250 for a death before 1 April 2022, \$184,500 on or after.
5	YOU	Signature and date signed	Sign on the rule and date it. Watch out: Section 2 points at Probate Code 13109 to 13113, which is the part that lets creditors and heirs come after whoever took the vehicle. This is a sworn affidavit with a tail on it.
6	YOU	The second and third rows	More rows for more heirs. Left empty where there is only one. Watch out: The form notes that only one date and signature is needed - but everyone entitled to the car should be on it, because a missing heir is what unwinds these later.

What gets this one rejected

- Filing before 40 days have passed. The wait is written into the certification.
- An estate over the ceiling for the applicable date of death, or one where probate has been opened. Either takes the car out of this form's reach and into the probate court's.
- A vehicle that is not California titled. The form's own subtitle limits it to a California titled vehicle or vessel.
- Filing without a copy of the death certificate. Section 1 says required, in brackets, in the heading.
- Counting only the car when working out the estate value. The test is the decedent's real and personal property in California, excluding what Probate Code 13050 lets you exclude.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.

Read off REG 5 (Rev 12/2024) and the California Department of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs. sellmycarhub.com



AFFIDAVIT FOR TRANSFER WITHOUT PROBATE CALIFORNIA TITLED VEHICLE OR VESSEL ONLY

(California Vehicle Code (CVC) §§5910, 9916, California Probate Code (CPROB) §§6401, 6402, 13050, 13051, 13100, 13109 - 13113)

SECTION 1 — TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT INFORMATION (Copy of Death Certificate Required)

VEHICLE OR HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER															VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OR VESSEL CF NUMBER									
4 S 4 B R B C C 1 D 3 2 4 1 7 8 5															7 B X K 4 9 2									
YEAR OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL															MAKE OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL BUILDER									
2013															Subaru									

The undersigned states that:

2 Sunil R. Raman, the owner of the above described vehicle or vessel died on
 3 March 2, 2026, in Berkeley, California,
 NAME OF DECEDENT DATE PLACE OF DEATH (CITY, STATE)

and said decedent left no other property necessitating probate and no probate proceeding is now being or has been conducted in this state for the decedent's estate, that there are no unsecured creditors of the decedent or, if there are, the unsecured creditors of the decedent have been paid in full or their claims have been otherwise discharged, that at least 40 days have elapsed since the death of the decedent, and that excluding the property described in CPROB §13050, and any property included in a petition filed under CPROB §13051, the current gross fair market value of the decedent's real and personal property in this state does not exceed:

- One hundred sixty-six thousand, two hundred fifty dollars (\$166,250) if the decedent died before April 1, 2022.
- One hundred eighty-four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$184,500) if the decedent died on or after April 1, 2022.

No other person has the right to the decedent's vehicle or vessel that is superior to that of the undersigned, and the undersigned is entitled to the vehicle or vessel as one of the following:

- Sole person or all of the persons who succeeded to the property of the decedent under CPROB §§6401 and 6402 where the decedent left no will, or as the beneficiary or beneficiaries who succeeded to the vehicle or vessel under the decedent's will. (CVC §§5910, 9916)
- Trustee, acting on behalf of a trust established by the decedent. (CPROB §13051)
- Conservator or guardian of the estate of the sole person or persons who succeeded to the property of the decedent. (CPROB §13051)

SECTION 2 — IMPORTANT INFORMATION (Please read)

The person(s) who secure(s) transfer of this vehicle or vessel pursuant to CVC §5910 or §9916, is subject to the provisions of CPROB §§13109 through 13113, inclusive, to the same extent as a person(s) to whom transfer of property is made under CPROB Chapter 3 (commencing with §13100) of Part 1 of Division 8.

SECTION 3 — SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION (Only one date and signature needed)

I/we certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

4 PRINT TRUE FULL NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS	
<u>Priya N. Raman</u>		<u>(510) 555-0148</u>	
SIGNATURE		DATE SIGNED	
<u>X Priya Raman</u>		<u>08/19/2026</u>	
PRINT TRUE FULL NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS	
SIGNATURE		DATE SIGNED	
<u>X</u>			
PRINT TRUE FULL NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS	
SIGNATURE		DATE SIGNED	
<u>X</u>			

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