

How to fill out MV2025 — Transfer on Death Application

Delaware · written against MV2025 (12/16/2024), issued under 21 Del. C. s. 2304, printed on the form itself, under which a motor vehicle may be titled in transfer-on-death form

The form that keeps a Delaware car out of an estate, filed while the owner is alive. It names up to three beneficiaries who take the vehicle on the owner's death, and it must accompany the title when the transfer-on-death designation is added - which is why the Division puts a warning on the form itself about lenders holding the certificate.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV2025 from the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles at https://www.dmv.de.gov/forms/other_forms/pdfs/ve_frm_mv2025.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	Registration number and VIN	The top row: the plate number the car is registered on, and its vehicle identification number. Watch out: Delaware calls it registration here and tag elsewhere on the same set of forms. It is the same number.
2	YOU	Current expiration, year, make, model	The second row of the vehicle block, all four boxes. Watch out: The expiry date comes off the registration card, not off the sticker on the plate - they can differ by a few days.
3	YOU	Vehicle owner and licence number	Your name and Delaware licence number, on the first of the two owner rows. Watch out: Exactly as the front of the certificate carries it. This is a document about who owns the car, and the Division reads it against its own record.
4	YOU	The second vehicle owner row	The co-owner's name and licence number, where the title names two. Watch out: On a title joined by AND, both owners are giving the car away and both have to be here and to sign below.
5	YOU	Printed name, signature, date - owner one	Under the heading ALL VEHICLE OWNERS(S) MUST SIGN. Print, sign, date. Watch out: The certification above it is that the person named below is the beneficiary to whom the vehicle shall be transferred upon your death. Read it before you sign it.
6	YOU	Printed name, signature, date - owner two	The second row of the same block. Watch out: Left empty on a sole-owner car, which is why it is greyed on the sample. Filled in, it is not optional.
7	OTHER	TOD beneficiary and licence number	The first beneficiary block: their full name and Delaware licence number. Watch out: A beneficiary without a licence number slows this down. If they do not drive, the Division will want another identifier - ask before you file.
8	OTHER	Their address, city, state and ZIP	Four boxes across two rows in the same block. Watch out: Where the Division will write when the time comes. Worth revisiting if they move.
9	OTHER	Relationship	One box at the end of the address row - daughter, son, spouse, and so on. Watch out: Not decoration. It is one of the ten things the Division asks for in each beneficiary block.
10	OTHER	TOD signature, date and phone	The beneficiary signs and dates their own block and adds a phone number. Watch out: The beneficiary has to sign. A designation naming somebody who has not signed it is an incomplete form, and there are three blocks like this one.
11	OTHER	The second and third beneficiary blocks	Identical to the first, for two more beneficiaries. Watch out: Leave them empty rather than writing none. Delaware prints three because it accepts up to three, not because it expects three.

What gets this one rejected

- Sending it without the certificate. The instruction sits under the title of the form: this form must accompany the title when adding TOD.
- Forgetting the lender has the title. Printed in the same sentence: if a lienholder has the title you must request the title from the lienholder - which is the MV35 errand, and it takes weeks.
- One owner signing where two are named. All vehicle owners must sign, in capitals, above two full rows of printed name, signature and date.
- A beneficiary who does not sign. Each of the three beneficiary blocks carries a TOD signature line and a date of its own.
- Leaving the relationship blank. It is one of the ten items in every beneficiary block, and the Division asks for it in each one.
- Filing it after the owner has died. A transfer-on-death designation is made by a living owner. Afterwards the car moves under 21 Del. C. s. 2506, by operation of law, and that is a different route entirely.

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



State of Delaware
Department of Transportation
Division of Motor Vehicles



TRANSFER ON DEATH APPLICATION

This form must accompany the title when adding TOD.
If a lienholder has the title you must request the title from the lienholder.

1 REGISTRATION #: **PC 2946** VIN: **2HKRM4H5XFH614293**

2 CURRENT EXPIRATION: **04/22/2027** YEAR: **2015** MAKE: **Honda** MODEL: **CR-V**

3 VEHICLE OWNER: **Merrick A. Dunavant** LICENSE #: **4183072**

4 VEHICLE OWNER: _____ LICENSE #: _____

I (WE) hereby certify that the below applicant(s) is the beneficiary (TOD) to whom my (our) motor vehicle shall be transferred upon my (our) death(s).

ALL VEHICLE OWNERS(S) MUST SIGN:

5 PRINTED: **Merrick A. Dunavant** SIGNATURE: **Merrick Dunavant** DATE: **07/30/2026**

6 PRINTED: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

BENEFICIARY/BENEFICIARIES (TOD):

TOD BENEFICIARY: **Verena D. Dunavant** LICENSE #: **5580214**

8 ADDRESS: **118 Chestnut Ridge Road** CITY: **Milton**

STATE: **DE** ZIP CODE: **19968** RELATIONSHIP: **Daughter**

10 TOD SIGNATURE: **Verena Dunavant** DATE: **07/30/2026** PHONE: **(302) 555-0177**

11 TOD BENEFICIARY: _____ LICENSE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

TOD SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

TOD BENEFICIARY: _____ LICENSE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

TOD SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____ PHONE: _____