

How to fill out MVT-27 — Consent of Lien Holder

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The form for a financed vehicle whose owner has died. The debt does not die with them, so the lender does not release anything - it consents to a new certificate being issued to whoever inherits the vehicle, and asks to be named as first lienholder on that new certificate. The Bureau's own death-of-an-owner instructions point at it four separate times, once for a surviving spouse, once for a joint owner, once for a common owner and once where the lien must otherwise be released outright.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVT-27 from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles at https://www.maine.gov/sos/sites/maine.gov.sos/files/inline-files/MVT-27%20Consent%20of%20Lien%20holder_0.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	OTHER	Identify the vehicle	The three boxes along the top edge take the year, the make and the identification number. Watch out: There is no title number box on this form, so the identification number is the only handle the Bureau has. Copy it from the certificate.
2	OTHER	Name the deceased owner	Written into the printed sentence, ahead of the words now deceased. Watch out: Use the name exactly as the face of the certificate prints it, not the name on the death certificate if the two differ. This form is matched against the title record.
3	OTHER	Name who the new title goes to	The survivor or survivors, in the second half of the same sentence. Watch out: This has to be the same person the accompanying affidavit names. Two documents naming two spellings of one person is a fortnight's delay.
4	OTHER	Tick which relationship applies	Surviving spouse, new common owners, original surviving common owner, or Other with an explanation. Watch out: Read the front of the certificate before ticking. Whether it says joint ownership decides between two of these boxes and the difference is not cosmetic.
5	LENDER	The place and date	Where it was subscribed and the day, month and year. Watch out: The year is printed as a 2 followed by three blanks, so only the last three digits are written in. It catches people out every time.
6	LENDER	Lien holder's name and signature	The institution's name, then the signature of an authorized representative. Watch out: The certification above the signature is that the lender still has a valid security interest and wants to be first lienholder on the new certificate. If neither is true, the lender should be releasing instead.

What gets this one rejected

- Filed where the lender actually wants to be paid off rather than carried over. That is a release and a different form entirely.
- None of the four relationship boxes ticked, which leaves the Bureau unable to tell why this person is entitled to the vehicle.
- Other ticked with the explanation line left blank.
- A consent naming a person the accompanying affidavit does not name.
- A signature from a branch employee with no authority to bind the institution, which is why the lane is labelled authorized representative rather than signature.

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

Read off MVT-27 (Rev 1-2013) and the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-24. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs. sellmycarhub.com



CONSENT OF LIEN HOLDER

State of Maine
Secretary of State
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Title Section

Year	Make	Vehicle Identification Number
2016	Honda	5J6RW2H86GA714208

The UNDERSIGNED, as holder of a lien against the vehicle described above which was owned by

Lucien R. Sawtelle

now deceased, does hereby give consent to the

Secretary of State to issue a new title for this vehicle to Odile M. Sawtelle

who is / are:

☒ The surviving spouse of the deceased

☐ The new common owners

☐ The original surviving common owner

☐ Other

The UNDERSIGNED certifies that I / we still have a valid security interest in the vehicle and desire to be named as first lien holder on the new Title Certificate when issued.

Subscribed by me under penalties of false statement at

Skowhegan, Maine

this fourteenth day of April 2026.

Kennebec Headwaters Credit Union

Lien holder's Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

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