

How to fill out MVT-3 — Request for Withdrawal

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For the sale that came apart after the paperwork went in. A title application is already sitting in Augusta, the buyer has changed their mind or the money never arrived, and this is the form that pulls the application back out. Its first tick box says exactly that: sale not finalised. It is short, and it carries one warning worth reading before anybody signs it - the fee does not come back.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVT-3 from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/sites/maine.gov.sos/files/inline-files/MVT-3%20Withdrawal.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	BUYER	Check the vehicle is not registered yet	The note at the head of the form is a condition on using it at all. Watch out: If the buyer has already registered the car, the application cannot be withdrawn and the vehicle has to be transferred back properly instead.
2	BUYER	The application details	The Bureau's reference number, who submitted the application, and the submission date. Watch out: The reference number is on the receipt from wherever the application was lodged. Without it the Bureau is searching by name.
3	BUYER	Owner as listed on the application	The name that went in, which on a sale is the buyer rather than the seller. Watch out: This is the box that confuses people. The application was in the buyer's name, so the withdrawal is too.
4	BUYER	The vehicle	The year and make, then the vehicle identification number in full. Watch out: No model box and no title number box - the reference number and the identification number together are how the application is found.
5	BUYER	Tick a reason	Sale not finalised, being registered in another state, or Other with a specified reason. Watch out: Sale not finalised covers a collapsed private sale, a bounced payment and a change of mind. It does not need elaborating.
6	BUYER	Say where the documents go	Owner, dealer, lienholder or other, with a name and address if it is somebody new. Watch out: For a collapsed sale this is the box a seller cares about most. The certificate goes wherever this points and getting it wrong means chasing your own title.
7	BUYER	Sign the right lanes	Owner, plus dealer if the application originated with one, plus lender if the vehicle is financed. Watch out: Above them sits the notice that the fee is forfeited. Signing acknowledges that, and nobody gets it back afterwards by asking.

What gets this one rejected

- Filed on a vehicle already registered to the applicant, which the note at the head of the form rules out flatly.
- One owner signing where the application named two.
- No reason box ticked, or Other ticked with the specify line empty.
- No destination chosen for the documents, which leaves the Bureau holding a title application and a pile of supporting paperwork with nowhere to send it.
- A dealer-originated application with the dealer signature lane empty.
- A financed vehicle with no lender signature, since the lender has an interest in an application it expected to produce a lien.

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

Read off MVT-3 (Rev 09/21) 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.

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL

(Use this form to request the withdrawal of an application for Certificate of Title)



SECRETARY OF STATE
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
DIVISION OF TITLE SERVICES

Date 09/30/2026

NOTE: If the vehicle is currently registered to the applicant listed below, the Application for Title cannot be withdrawn.

CTA # CTA 6710482	Application submitted to Bureau of Motor Vehicles by: <i>Belfast Town Office</i>		Date Submitted <i>09/11/2026</i>
Owner's Name as Listed on Application Merrill P. Wentworth	Year 2010	Make Honda	Vehicle Identification Number 2HGFA1F5XAH327519

The undersigned request the withdrawal of an application for Certificate of Title as follows:

This request is made for the following reason:

Check one

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Sale not finalized.
Vehicle being registered in another state.
Other _____

(specify reason)

The undersigned authorize the Secretary of State to mail or deliver the documents submitted in support of this application to: (check one and indicate name and address if necessary.)

☒ OWNER ☐ DEALER ☐ LIENHOLDER ☐ OTHER

(specify name and address if other than shown on application)

***** The undersigned understands that fees submitted in payment of an application for Certificate of Title is ***** forfeited when application is withdrawn. (Rules promulgated by the Secretary of State May 7, 1979)

Subscribed by me under penalties of false statement.

X

Owner(s) sign here, (as listed on application). If multiple ownership, all owners must sign. An authorized representative may sign for a company owner.

X

Dealer sign here (authorized representative), if application originated with dealer.

X

Lender sign here, (authorized representative), if vehicle is financed.

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