How to fill out MVT-53 — Release of Lien Notification

Maine · written against MVT-53 (Rev 9-2021), issued under 29-A M.R.S. section 705

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Not a form you will ever sign, and worth two minutes anyway, because it explains something that puzzles Maine sellers: you paid off the loan, no release ever arrived, and the clear title turned up in the post regardless. This is why. A lending institution can discharge a batch of liens on one sheet by writing to the Secretary of State under section 705, listing each customer, title number, vehicle identification number and release date on its own row. Your loan is one line in somebody else's table.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVT-53 from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles at **https://www.maine.gov/sos/sites/maine.gov.sos/files/inline-files/MVT-53%20Release%20of%20Lien%20Notification.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	LENDER	**The date and the institution**	The date of the notification, then the lending institution's name and address. **Watch out:** A branch name here rather than the institution's is the version that comes back, because the Bureau matches the notifier against the lienholder printed on each certificate.
2	LENDER	**Customer name**	First column of the table, one row per released loan. **Watch out:** It is the borrower's name, which is not always the same as every name printed on the certificate. Where a Maine title names two owners, only one of them may be on the loan.
3	LENDER	**Title number**	Second column, off the face of the certificate. **Watch out:** This is the key to the whole row. A wrong digit here releases nothing and nobody finds out until a sale falls over.
4	LENDER	**Vehicle identification number**	Third column, seventeen characters for anything modern. **Watch out:** It is the cross-check against the title number. Where the two disagree the Bureau stops rather than guessing which is right.
5	LENDER	**Release date**	Fourth column, the day that particular security interest ended. **Watch out:** Each row carries its own date. A single date typed across a whole batch is a sign the sheet was filled in from a spreadsheet rather than from the loan records.
6	LENDER	**The cover letter**	A separate letter, which the form demands in printed capitals. **Watch out:** There is nowhere on the sheet to write it, which is why it is forgotten. The notification is returned without one.
7	LENDER	**Name, position, signature, phone**	Four lanes at the foot for the authorised individual. **Watch out:** The telephone number is the working part. It is how Augusta resolves a row it cannot match, and a blank there turns a query into a returned form.

What gets this one rejected

- Sent without the cover letter the form itself demands in capitals.
- A row with a customer name and no title number. The title number is what the Bureau matches against.
- An owner posting it. This is an institution's notification of its own releases and an individual has no standing to file one.
- A release date left empty on a row, which turns a discharge into a claim with no effective date.
- A signature with no position or telephone number, when the whole point of the block is that the Bureau can ring back about any row on the page.

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

RELEASE OF LIEN NOTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO 29A MRSA § 705

SECRETARY OF STATE
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
DIVISION OF TITLE SERVICES

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1 Date 08/03/2026

Name of Lending Institution Kennebec Headwaters Credit Union

Address 210 Water St, Skowhegan, ME 04976

	Customer Name	Title No.	Vehicle Identification No.	Release Date	
2	Roscoe A. Nutting	39514027	1FMCU9DG8BKB60215	05/29/2026	
3	Marielle A. Ouellette	40218736	5TFTX4GN8EX041752	06/22/2026	4
	Solange B. Gagnon	41880365	1FMCU9DG8BKC17490	07/06/2026	5

THIS FORM **MUST** BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COVER LETTER.

6 Isidore N. Verrill — Collateral Officer

Name of Authorized Individual **Position**

Isidore Verrill — (207) 555-0173 7

Signature of Authorized Individual **Phone #**

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