

How to fill out VR-470 — Restricted Power of Attorney

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One page that lets somebody else sign a Maryland title in your place. It is restricted in two senses: it covers only the vehicle described on it, and it covers only the kind of document ticked at the top - titling, registration, correction or disability products. The odometer reading goes on the form itself, which is the detail that makes it work as an authority to sign a certificate rather than just an errand note.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VR-470 from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration at <https://mva.maryland.gov/media/167?f=VR-470.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	Type of Document	Tick Titling for a sale. Registration, Correction, Disability Products and Other are the alternatives. Watch out: Tick only what is actually needed. A power of attorney that covers everything is a power of attorney nobody should be asked to sign, and the MVA does not require it.
2	YOU	Owner's Full Legal Name and address	Left-hand column: name, street address, city, state and ZIP, with the same set on the right for a co-owner. Watch out: Legal name means the name on the face of the certificate. This form is authorising somebody to sign as you, so the two have to be the same person on paper.
3	YOU	Power of Attorney Granted to - Full Legal Name	The person who will be signing, with a business name box beside it where the representative is acting for a company. Watch out: Name one person, not a household. The MVA will be comparing this against the signature on the certificate.
4	YOU	Representative and Capacity	Two boxes describing who they are to you - son, brother-in-law, office manager - and in what capacity they are acting. Watch out: Say something specific. Capacity is what an agent looks at when deciding whether the authority is plausible, and blank is the least plausible answer available.
5	YOU	Vehicle Make, Model Year, VIN, Title Number	Four boxes across the vehicle row, from the face of the certificate. Watch out: This row is the restriction. The authority extends to this vehicle and no other, which is exactly what you want if the form goes astray.
6	YOU	Vehicle Mileage	A box marked miles, no tenths, with the two exception ticks to its right. Watch out: Write it yourself, on the day you sign. Handing over a form with the mileage blank turns your representative into the person making a federal certification about a car they may not have seen.
7	YOU	Owner's Signature and Date	The signature block, with a co-owner pair beside it. Watch out: No notary is needed here either, which surprises people who have signed a general power of attorney before. What is needed is the photocopied licence the form asks for at the top.
8	BUYER	Representative Signature and Capacity	The last row, signed by the person accepting the authority, with their capacity and the date. Watch out: They sign to accept it, and they are certifying under the same paragraph you are. An unsigned representative line leaves an authority nobody has taken up.

What gets this one rejected

- No copy of the owner's driver's licence attached, which the form asks for in its third line.
- The vehicle boxes left empty. This is a restricted authority and the restriction is the vehicle, so a form without a VIN grants nothing.
- No type of document ticked, which leaves the scope of the authority undefined.
- An odometer reading omitted. The whole reason the mileage sits on this form is so the attorney-in-fact can complete the certificate without you present.
- A representative who has signed but not stated their capacity, which has its own box beside the signature.
- One owner signing where the certificate names two. Both grant the authority or neither does.

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

Read off VR-470 (12-25) and the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration'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



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This form is to be used to authorize a representative, other than the vehicle owner(s), to complete, execute, and obtain MVA documents and forms on their behalf.

A copy of all vehicle owners' driver's license(s) must be attached to this form.

1	Type of Document:		☒ Titling	☐ Registration	☐ Correction
			☐ Disability Products	☐ Other: _____	
Vehicle Owner(s)					
2	Owner's Full Legal Name			Co-Owner's Full Legal Name	
	Rosalind T. Purnell				
Owner's Street Address			Co-Owner's Street Address		
812 Snow Hill Rd					
City		State	Zip Code	City	
Salisbury		MD	21804		
Power of Attorney Granted to:					
3	Full Legal Name			Business Name	
	Harlan B. Ostrander				
4	Representative			Capacity	
	Brother-in-law			Attorney-in-fact	
Street Address					
46 Braddock St					
City		State	Zip Code		
Frostburg		MD	21532		
Vehicle Information					
5	Vehicle Make	Model Year	Vehicle Identification Number	Title Number	
	Mazda	2021	JM3KFBCM0M0357418	41027365	
6	Odometer Disclosure Statement		☐ The mileage is in excess of its mechanical limits		
	Vehicle Mileage: 61208 miles (no tenths)		☐ The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. WARNING: ODOMETER DISCREPANCY		
I/We, being the owner(s) of the motor vehicle described above, by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint the person named above true and lawful attorney-in-fact to sign in my/our name, place, and stead any Certificate of Title, or other supporting papers, covering said motor vehicle, in whatever manner necessary to register and/or transfer ownership of said motor vehicle; and I/We do hereby grant unto said attorney-in-fact full authority and power to do and perform any and all other acts necessary or incidents to the execution of the powers herein expressly granted, as the grantor might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution. I/We further certify and affirm that all information presented in this form is true and correct, that any documents I/We have presented are genuine, and that the information included in all supporting documentation is true and accurate. I/We make this certification and affirmation under penalty of perjury and I/We understand that knowingly making a false statement or representation on this form is a criminal violation.					
7	Owner's Signature		Date	Co-Owner's Signature	Date
	Rosalind Purnell		08/12/2026		
8	Representative Signature		Capacity	Date	
	Harlan Ostrander		Attorney-in-fact	08/12/2026	

For more information, please call: **410-768-7000** (to speak with a customer agent).
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