



Information about your title

Electronic Lien and Title system

Michigan uses an Electronic Lien and Title system. This means if you have a lien on your vehicle, you won't receive a paper title. There's nothing else you need to do. The Secretary of State will maintain the electronic version of your title until your lender releases the lien. When you pay off the loan, verify your mailing address with your lender. Your lender will release the lien electronically and a paper title will be automatically mailed to you.

If you do not have a lien on your vehicle, a paper title will be mailed to the address you provided. If you don't receive your new title in 60 days, call 888-767-6424.

Sales and use tax

Final determination of the correct tax liability will be made by the Michigan Department of Treasury. You may be required to document your tax return or prove you are entitled to the exemption claimed. If you cannot support your claim, minimum penalties can be imposed including criminal prosecution or assessing up to 175% of the tax due.

Exemption for transfer between relatives: An exemption from use tax is allowed when the new owner is the spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, child, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent-in-law, legal ward, or legally appointed guardian of the previous owner. Documentation proving the relationship may be requested by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Your title or this application for title must be presented to purchase or transfer plates.

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Application for Michigan Vehicle Title TR-11L

Vehicle information

Transaction type: _____ Plate: _____ Expiration: _____
 1 Year: 2017 Make: Jeep Model: Cherokee Body style: Station wagon
 2 VIN: 1C4PJMDB6HD614702 Title brand: _____ Base MSRP: _____
 Empty weight in pounds: 3,900 Odometer: 88417 Odometer brand: _____

Owner information

Driver's license number or FEIN: O 425 663 208 941
 4 Names as they will appear on title: Desmond Adeyemi Okafor
 Address: 1140 Textile Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
 Mailing address: Same as above
 Full rights to survivor: _____

Lienholder information

5 First secured party: None Filing date: _____
 Address: _____ Lien code ID: _____
 Second secured party: _____ Filing date: _____
 Address: _____ Lien code ID: _____

Fees

Registration fee: _____ Recreation Passport fee: _____ Registration transfer fee: _____
 6 Title fee: 15.00 Title late fee: _____ Expeditious fee: _____ Tax: _____ Total: _____

Use tax return

Purchase price or retail value, whichever is greater: 13,400.00 6% tax: \$ 0.00
 Credit for tax paid to reciprocal state, proof attached: _____ Tax being paid: \$ 0.00
 Tax exemption reason: _____ I certify the tax exemption is valid. Initials: _____

Owner certifications

I certify I own this vehicle and to the best of my knowledge all information on this application is valid and correct.

New owner or applicant signature(s): _____
 8 Seller name: Marguerite T. Boisvert Purchase date: 08/12/2026

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Applicant identification

Owner: ☐ Other: ☐ Name: _____ ID presented: _____

Legal document

Type of document: _____ County: _____ State: _____
 Court: _____ File or docket number: _____

Personally identifiable information collected on this form is limited to what's needed to complete your transaction. For other ways your information may be used, visit [Michigan.gov/SOS/policies](https://www.michigan.gov/SOS/policies).

How to fill out TR-11L — Application for Michigan Vehicle Title

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The application that puts a Michigan title into somebody's name. A private buyer usually never sees it - the branch builds the transaction from the assigned certificate - but it is the form behind an instant title, a mail-in application and any transfer where the owner signs away from the counter, and its first page answers the question Michigan sellers ask most: where the paper title went.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank TR-11L from the Michigan Department of State at <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/27lawensn/tr11L.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	Year, make, model, body style	Four boxes across the vehicle row, copied from the certificate rather than from the car. Watch out: Body style is Michigan's word, not the manufacturer's. A Cherokee is a Station wagon on a Michigan title, and so is a minivan.
2	BUYER	VIN	The vehicle identification number, in one wide box beneath the year and make. Watch out: Read it off the title you were handed, then check it against the car. The department matches this against its own record before anything is issued.
3	YOU	Odometer	The reading, in whole miles, with a separate odometer brand box beside it. Watch out: It has to agree with what you wrote on the title. Two documents in the same transaction disagreeing about the mileage stops the whole thing at the counter.
4	BUYER	Names as they will appear on title	The buyer's full legal name, exactly as it should be printed on the certificate that gets posted out. Watch out: This is what the department engraves, not what the buyer usually goes by. A nickname here means a correction fee later.
5	BUYER	First secured party	The lender's name, with a filing date and lien code ID in the boxes to the right. Watch out: A lender named here means no paper title at all - the department holds it electronically until the loan is released. On a cash sale the line reads None.
6	BUYER	Title fee	One box in the fee row, with a title late fee box two along from it. Watch out: The late fee box is not decoration. Michigan adds one when a transfer is filed after its deadline, and the amount is set by statute rather than by the branch.
7	BUYER	Purchase price or retail value, whichever is greater	The tax line. Whatever goes in here drives the 6% tax box beside it, which the form works out for itself. Watch out: Whichever is greater is doing real work in that sentence. A price well under the retail value invites the department to tax the retail value instead.
8	YOU	Seller name and purchase date	The last two boxes above the office-use line: who the vehicle came from, and when. Watch out: The purchase date is the one the deadline runs from. Post-dating it to buy the buyer a few days is a false statement on an application signed under Public Act 300.

What gets this one rejected

- Filling it in for a vehicle whose title is electronic. The form's own first paragraph says the department maintains the electronic version until the lender releases the lien, and nothing transfers before that.
- Guessing at a body style. Michigan titles an SUV as a Station wagon; a description the department does not use has to be corrected before the record will accept it.
- Leaving the seller name and purchase date empty. They sit under the owner certifications for a reason - the department is recording who the vehicle came from and when.
- Claiming a tax exemption without being able to prove it. The form warns that if you cannot support your claim, minimum penalties can be imposed including criminal prosecution or assessing up to 175% of the tax due.
- Expecting a certificate by return of post. The form gives the department sixty days and prints the number to ring if it has not arrived: 888-767-6424.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

Read off TR-11L (Rev 5/26) and the Michigan Department of State'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