



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES

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Print Form

Application for Transfer-on-Death Beneficiary

Reference: Minnesota Statute Chapter 168A.125.

Instructions

- Owner Information:** Complete the owner information, listing all owners name, address, date of birth and driver license or identification card number.
- Beneficiary Designation:** Complete the beneficiary designation including name, address, date of birth and driver license or identification card number. If the beneficiary is an entity the name and address is required.
- Motor Vehicle Information:** Complete the motor vehicle information.
- Spousal Consent:** If required, complete the spousal consent (Section E) and have the signature notarized.
- Vehicle Owner Acknowledgment:** Read and initial all of the owner acknowledgement statements and sign and have the signature notarized.
- Application for Title:** The Transfer on Death Beneficiary designation is not a title application. You must complete and include the *Application for Motor Vehicle Title*, PS2000 with the Transfer on Death designation.

Important Notes: DVS recommends the vehicle owner should keep a copy of this beneficiary application with other important documents. A motor vehicle title will not be provided to the beneficiary. Ownership of the vehicle will transfer to the beneficiary upon the death of the owner or the last survivor of joint ownership with rights to survivorship, subject to the rights of secured creditors. To remove a beneficiary, you must apply for a new title. Please be aware that Driver and Vehicle Services cannot provide legal or estate planning advice; please see a licensed attorney.

A. Owner Information

Owner 1: Last, First, Middle

Achterberg, Rosalind W

STREET ADDRESS

905 Birchmont Dr NE

Date of Birth:

11/09/1954

DL/ID Number:

A - 412 - 770 - 318 - 906

CITY

Bemidji

STATE

MN

ZIP CODE

56601

Owner 2 (If applicable): Last, First, Middle

Date of Birth:

DL/ID Number:

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Owner 3 (If applicable): Last, First, Middle

Date of Birth:

DL/ID Number:

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

B. Designation of Transfer on Death Beneficiary (When the beneficiary is a person)

Beneficiary Information: Last, First, Middle

Achterberg, Corbin L

STREET ADDRESS

3318 Rice Lake Rd

Date of Birth:

02/17/1988

DL/ID Number:

A - 551 - 204 - 887 - 130

CITY

Duluth

STATE

MN

ZIP CODE

55811

C. Designation of Transfer on Death Beneficiary (When the beneficiary is an entity)

Beneficiary Information: Entity name

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

D. Motor Vehicle Information

Vehicle Year & Make:

2022 Subaru

Model:

Outback

Vehicle Identification Number:

4 S 4 B T A N C 4 N 3 2 1 6 8 4 7

Plate Number:

HDX 706

State License Plate Issued From:

Minnesota

E. Spousal Consent

Per *Minnesota Statute 168A.125*, if the owner of the motor vehicle is married at the time of the designation, then designation of a beneficiary other than the owner's spouse requires the spouse's written consent.

I, _____ spouse of, _____, offer my unconditional consent to have _____, listed as Transfer-on-Death beneficiary of the above mentioned motor vehicle.

Signature of Spouse _____

Date: _____

Notary Information

(Required with spousal signature)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____, day of _____, _____.
My Commission expires / /

Notary Public Signature _____

(Seal)

F. Vehicle Owner Acknowledgement

By initialling each statement and signing below before a notary I acknowledge:

RWA There is no ownership interest in the motor vehicle until death of the owner or last survivor of joint ownership. (MS§ . 168A.125 Subd. 3)

RWA Ownership of the vehicle upon death is subject to the rights of all secured parties (MS§ . 168A.125 Subd. 4 and 5) and any surviving spouse (MS§ . 524.2-403).

RWA If no beneficiary or beneficiaries survive me, the vehicle must be included in the probate of the deceased owner(s). (MS§ . 168A.125 Subd. 4)

RWA Transfer of a motor vehicle to a Transfer-on-Death Beneficiary is not a testamentary transfer. (MS§ . 168A.125 Subd. 4)

RWA That the State or a County agency with a claim or lien authorized by section 246.53, 256B.15, 261.04, or 270C.63 is a creditor for the purposes of Transfer-on-Death and that a claim authorized by the section 256B.15 against the estate of an owner voids any Transfer-on-Death conveyance. (MS§ 168A.125 subd. 5b).

RWA The acquisition of a motor vehicle by Transfer-on-Death is exempt from the payment of motor vehicle sales tax. (MS§ . 279B.01 subd. 16 (c)(1))

Signature of Owner _____

Date: _____

06/26/2026

Notary Information

(Required)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____, day of _____, _____.
My Commission expires / /

Notary Public Signature _____

(Seal)

How to fill out PS2004 — Application for Transfer-on-Death Beneficiary

Minnesota · written against PS2004 (Rev 09/2017), issued under Minnesota Statutes 168A.125

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The form that stops any of the estate paperwork ever being needed. An owner names a beneficiary now, the letters TOD appear next to that name on the title, and the vehicle passes on death without probate and without sales tax. It is signed before a notary, it is not itself a title application, and it has one clause worth understanding before it is signed: while the owner is alive the beneficiary has no ownership interest of any kind and no say in a sale.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank PS2004 from the Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services at https://assets.dps.mn.gov/files/dvs/MV_TransferOnDeath.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	Section A, owner information	Every owner on the title: name, date of birth, driver's licence or identification card number and address. Watch out: All of them. A designation made by one of two joint owners is a designation the other one has not made, and the vehicle only reaches the beneficiary on the death of the last survivor.
2	YOU	Section B, the beneficiary	Name, date of birth, licence or identification number and address of the person who should receive the vehicle. Watch out: A date of birth and a credential number matter more here than they look. This name has to be matched to a real person years later, possibly by somebody who never met them.
3	YOU	Section C, or not	The entity block, for a beneficiary that is an organisation rather than a person. Watch out: One or the other. Filling in both leaves DVS to decide which you meant, and it will not.
4	YOU	Section D, the vehicle	Year and make, model, vehicle identification number, plate number and the state the plate was issued from. Watch out: One designation per vehicle. A household with three cars in one name needs three of these forms and three title transactions.
5	OTHER	Section E, spousal consent	Where the owner is married and the beneficiary is not the spouse: the spouse's unconditional consent, signed and notarised. Watch out: The notary block here is separate from the one at the foot and is marked required with spousal signature. Two signatures, two notarisations.
6	YOU	Initial all six acknowledgements	Six statements in section F, each initialled individually, each carrying its own statutory citation. Watch out: Read the fifth one. A state or county claim under the medical assistance statutes voids the conveyance entirely, which is the circumstance in which people who relied on this form discover it did not work.
7	YOU	Sign before a notary	The owner's signature at the foot of section F, with the notary block completed beneath it. Watch out: The initials and the signature are notarised together. A form signed at the kitchen table and notarised afterwards is not what the block above it certifies.
8	YOU	Attach a title application	Instruction 6: the designation is not a title application, and a PS2000 goes with it. Watch out: The whole point is to get TOD printed next to a name on a new certificate, and a new certificate needs an application. Sending this on its own achieves nothing at all.

What gets this one rejected

- Sending it on its own. It is not a title application and DVS says so in its own instructions - it travels with a PS2000.
- A married owner naming somebody other than their spouse without section E. The statute requires the spouse's written consent, and the consent needs its own notarisation.
- Statements left uninitialled. Section F says by initialling each statement and signing below before a notary I acknowledge - all six, individually.
- A beneficiary expecting to be able to do something now. There is no ownership interest in the motor vehicle until death of the owner, and the owner can sell the car tomorrow without asking.
- Assuming the designation can be crossed out later. To remove a beneficiary you apply for a new title, which is a transaction rather than an amendment.
- Relying on it where the estate owes the state money. A claim authorized by section 256B.15 against the estate of an owner voids any transfer-on-death conveyance, and that is one of the six statements being initialled.

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