

How to fill out 78-301 — Summary of Court Order

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The cover sheet for a title that a judge, rather than a seller, has ordered into being - a divorce decree awarding the car, a judgment, an estate's order. The form itself decides nothing: it is a summary of the attached court order and supporting documents, a quick reference for the Department of Revenue - Motor Vehicle Services, so the examiner can act on the order without hunting through it.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 78-301 from the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services at <https://www.dor.ms.gov/sites/default/files/tax-forms/motor-vehicle/78301178%2520Summary%2520of%2520Court%2520Order.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	The vehicle, from the order	Year, make, model and VIN as the court order describes the vehicle. Watch out: If the decree's VIN is wrong, stop - the summary cannot fix an order, and the correction happens at the courthouse, not the Department.
2	YOU	The existing-title question	Check yes or no, and supply the Mississippi title number if one exists. Watch out: For a car your ex-spouse still holds the certificate to, yes is the answer even though you cannot produce the paper - the number, not the paper, is what the examiner needs.
3	YOU	New or used, and the filed date	Used, for any vehicle that has lived a life; the date the order was filed at the courthouse. Watch out: That filing date becomes the purchase date on your record - note it, because your registration clocks read from it.
4	YOU	Owner name and Mississippi address	The awardee's name exactly as the order gives it, and a Mississippi address for the new certificate. Watch out: Match the decree to the letter; a maiden name restored by the same decree belongs here only if that is how the order names the awardee.
5	YOU	Attach, file, pay like any title	Staple the summary to a certified copy of the order and take the package to the designated agent's counter. Watch out: Certified copy, not a photocopy of one - courts sell them for a few dollars, and examiners can tell the difference by touch.

What gets this one rejected

- The summary without the order. The form is a summary of the attached court order - unattached, it summarises nothing and titles nothing.
- An order that does not actually award the vehicle. The examiner reads the decree; a property settlement that never mentions the truck cannot be summarised into mentioning it.
- A name that differs from the decree. The owner line must carry the name as the court wrote it - the certificate will be issued to the order's awardee, not to a nickname.
- Guessing at the existing title number. The check-one question exists because the answer routes the file - if a Mississippi title exists, find its number through the record rather than leaving the examiner to reconcile two files.
- Expecting it to skip the counter. The new owner still applies through a designated agent with fees and taxes as applicable - the order replaces the seller's assignment, not the titling process.

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

Read off 78-301 (09/17) and the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services'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

Form 78-301-17-8-1-000 Rev(09/17)

Mississippi

Summary of Court Order

The below information is a summary of the attached court order and supporting documents and will serve as a quick reference for the Department of Revenue - Motor Vehicle Services:

1 Year: 2014

Make: Toyota

Model: Camry

2 Serial Number/V.I.N 4T1BF1FK0EU832746

3 Is there an existing Mississippi title: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Check One)

If yes, please provide Mississippi title number: 17359206

To be titled as new or used: Used

Date Court Order filled(will be used as purchase date): 06/04/2026

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5 Owner name: Marvella A. Duckworth

Mississippi address: 9 Peachtree Cv

Kosciusko MS 39090
(City) (State) (ZIP)

6 Marvella A. Duckworth
Printed name of person completing this form

08/18/2026
Date

Signature of person completing this form