

How to fill out MV1 — Certificate of Title for a Motor Vehicle Application

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Montana · written against MV1 (6/26), issued under MCA 61-3-216, application for a certificate of title on a form /forms/montana/mv1-certificate-of-title-application/ prescribed by the department

The buyer's form, and the reason a Montana seller should recognise it is that two of its sections are about you. Section 4 is an odometer statement of sale naming the seller; section 3 is where a new lender goes on the record. A buyer normally applies on the title itself, in the application section on the back, and files this instead when the title has no application space, when the transfer is running on the electronic record because the title is missing, or when the paperwork needs to say something the back of a certificate cannot. It is also the form the manual names for a personal representative selling a decedent's car without a replacement title, and for a beneficiary claiming one under an MV13.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV1 from the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, Vehicle Services Bureau at <https://mvdmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/MV1-Certificate-of-Title-for-MV-Application-07.26F.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	Section 1: who is taking ownership	Legal name and identification number for the applicant and any co-applicant, with mailing and residential addresses and their counties. Watch out: The residential county is not decoration. It decides which county treasurer handles the transaction and which local option tax applies to the registration.
2	BUYER	Residential address, and the residency rule behind it	A Montana address, because only a Montana resident can receive a Montana title. Watch out: The exceptions are narrow: an out-of-state owner with an interest in Montana real property, a non-resident co-owner where one owner is a Montana individual who can prove residency, or a non-resident business complying with MCA 61-3-201.
3	BUYER	Section 2: the vehicle	The VIN, year, make, model, colour, fuel type and style, plus the manufacturer's suggested retail price when new. Watch out: The retail price when new is what the county option tax on a light vehicle is worked from. A guess here becomes a bill later.
4	BUYER	Section 3: the security interest question	No if the car is being bought outright; yes opens the lender block and adds \$8.24 for each interest filed. Watch out: There is space for exactly one lender. A second security interest needs its own MV81B alongside this form.
5	DEALER	Section 4 belongs to a dealer	An odometer statement of sale signed by a dealer's agent, with a dealer licence number. Watch out: In a private sale nobody fills this in. The seller's mileage goes in the title's own odometer certification, or on an MV90A when the document has no room for it.
6	BUYER	Section 5: the buyer signs	Printed name, legal signature and date, certifying awareness of the odometer certification and that the identification number was supplied. Watch out: Only one applicant signature is required even when the title will carry two names - but the person signing must actually be one of the applicants in section 1.

What gets this one rejected

- A seller's signature in section 5. That block certifies the signer is one of the applicants named in section 1, and the applicants are the buyers - your signature belongs on the title assignment and, where used, in section 4's seller block.
- A residential address in another state. Only a Montana resident can receive a Montana title and registration, with narrow exceptions for property owners, co-owners with a resident, and non-resident businesses complying with MCA 61-3-201.
- A section 3 answered yes with no fee. The \$8.24 filing fee accompanies each security interest, and a second lien needs its own MV81B because there is room for one here.
- A dealer licence number invented to make section 4 look complete. That signature line belongs to a dealer's agent; a private sale leaves it alone and puts the mileage where it belongs.
- A missing county. Both the mailing and residential address rows ask for one, and the county decides which treasurer's office the registration and the local option tax belong to.

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

Read off MV1 (6/26) and the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, Vehicle Services Bureau's own pages, current as of 2026-08-24. sellmycarhub.com Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.



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Application MV1

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Fees: Includes 3% administration fee per MCA, 61-3-111. Additional fees and taxes will be due upon registration.
 \$12.36 for light vehicles, trucks and buses weighing less than one ton.
 \$10.30 for all other vehicles.

1. Applicant Information

Applicant's Legal Name (first, middle, last)		DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID*		Jurisdiction
Wendell A. Hochstetler		0603914772		MT
Co-Applicant's Legal Name (first, middle, last)		DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID*		Jurisdiction
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
1470 Valley Dr	Miles City	MT	59301	Custer
Residential Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
1470 Valley Dr	Miles City	MT	59301	Custer
Phone Number		Phone Type		
(406) 555-0172		☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Business		
Email Address		Electronic Notice		Is Vehicle Leased?
w.hochstetler@example.com		☒ Opt In ☐ Opt Out		☐ Yes ☒ No
Lessor's Legal Name		Lessor DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID*		
Lessor's Mailing Address		City	State	Zip

2. Vehicle Information

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price When New \$	Year	Make	Model
	2013	Toyota	4Runner SR5
VIN	Color	Fuel Type	Style
4R8KUZ5B6DL418206	Slate Grey	Gasoline	Sport Utility
☐ Specially Constructed Vehicle ☐ Street Rod		Motor Home Class	
☐ Custom Vehicle ☐ Kit Vehicle		☐ A ☐ B ☐ C	
Trucks Over One Ton	Trailer / Travel Trailer / Camper / Motor Home		
Manufacturer's Rated Capacity	Declared Weight Length		

3. Is There a Security Interest or Lien Against This Vehicle?

☒ No – go to Section 4 ☐ Yes – complete this section and submit a filing fee of \$8.24 for each security interest or lien.			
Name of Security Party or Lienholder		DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID/ELT*	
Mailing Address of Secured Party or Lienholder		City	State Zip

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4. Odometer Statement of Sale

Under penalty of law (MCA, 45-7-203), I certify that:

The vehicle described above was sold: ☐ new ☐ used to the applicant named in Section 1. on: _____
 _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Seller's Printed Name

Seller's Address

The (check one) ☐ five-or ☐ six-digit odometer now reads (no tenths) miles: _____

Date odometer was read: (mm/dd/yyyy)

To the best of my knowledge, the odometer reflects the actual mileage **unless one of the following statements is checked:**

DO NOT CHECK UNLESS APPLICABLE

- ☐ The odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage **in excess of its mechanical limits.**
- ☐ The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. **Warning – odometer discrepancy.**

If signing for a business entity or trust, I have full authority to do so.

Signature of Dealer's Agent (this is my legal signature)

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Dealer's License #

5. Applicant's Acknowledgement

Under penalty of law (MCA, 45-7-203), I certify that:

- I am one of the applicants named in Section 1.
- I am aware of the odometer certification made in Section 4.
- I have provided the appropriate identification number to the Department.
- The statements made and information contained in this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I am the person named on this form; and signing for a business entity or trust, I have full authority to do so.

Wendell A. Hochstetler

Applicant's Printed Name

If Applicant is a Business, Full Business Name

Wendell A. Hochstetler

Applicant's Signature (this is my legal signature)

08/20/2026

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

***DL:** Driver License # | **FEIN:** Federal Employer Identification # | **Tribal ID:** Tribal Identification # | **Corp ID:** Corporate Identification #
ELT: Electronic Lien and Title