

# How to fill out MV65 — Power of Attorney

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One page that lets somebody else sign a Montana title in your place - an owner deployed, hospitalised, working out of state, or simply nowhere near the county on the day the buyer turns up. The form carries an odometer block of its own, because federal law limits what a power of attorney can do with mileage, and it carries a notary block, because the manual still requires the principal's signature on a power of attorney to be acknowledged even though the title itself no longer is. The authority it grants is deliberately narrow: it is only valid on the title or on the document for which the authority is granted.

**This sheet is not the form.** Download the blank MV65 from the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, Vehicle Services Bureau at <https://mvdmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/MV65-Power-of-Attorney.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   | <b>The principal - you</b>                      | Your legal name and address, as they appear on the face of the title. <b>Watch out:</b> This is the name your attorney in fact will write before their own on the title. A version of your name that does not match the certificate breaks the format the manual prescribes.                                                                                   |
| 2 | YOU   | <b>The attorney in fact</b>                     | The individual or business you are appointing, with address, email and phone. <b>Watch out:</b> They cannot pass the power on. Appoint the person who will actually be standing at the counter, not the one who will arrange it.                                                                                                                               |
| 3 | YOU   | <b>The grant, and the blank that narrows it</b> | Registration, transfer of title, application for title - or something specific written into the trailing blank. <b>Watch out:</b> Write the narrow purpose in if that is what you mean. A general grant lets the appointee do anything you could do with this vehicle, including things you have not thought of.                                               |
| 4 | YOU   | <b>The odometer block</b>                       | Five or six digits, the reading in whole miles, the date read, and a notation box only if one applies. <b>Watch out:</b> Federal law limits powers of attorney around mileage. On a vehicle newer than ten years, either this must be the secure form or a conforming odometer statement travels with it.                                                      |
| 5 | BUYER | <b>The purchaser's acknowledgement</b>          | The buyer certifies the odometer reading made by the owner is correct, prints their name and dates it - only one signature required. <b>Watch out:</b> The same person cannot act as attorney in fact for the seller and as agent for the purchaser where federal mileage rules apply. If your appointee is also the buyer, this form is the wrong instrument. |

### What gets this one rejected

- A signature that omits the owner's name. The manual and the form agree on the format: the attorney in fact must write the seller's name as well as signing their own, followed by POA.
- One signature covering several owners. The manual: if the attorney in fact is signing for multiple principals, he or she must sign for each person individually.
- A generic power on a vehicle newer than ten years, with no conforming odometer statement. The manual allows either a secure POA form or a generic one accompanied by a conforming odometer statement - not a generic one alone.
- An attorney in fact who signs as both seller and buyer. Federal law bars it: no person exercising a power of attorney shall sign the odometer disclosure statement as both the transferor and the transferee in the same transaction.
- A power exercised after the principal has died. It expires on revocation, on death, or - unless the principal said otherwise - on incapacity. The manual will accept a signature made before the death if a copy of the death certificate verifying the date is submitted.

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

Read off MV65 (1/18) and the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, Vehicle Services Bureau's own pages, current as of 2026-08-24. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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MVD Use Only

## Vehicle Services Bureau

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The power of attorney must be exercised by the person or company named on this form, and is only valid on the title or on the document for which the authority is granted.

If an **individual** holds the power of attorney, that person must write the name of the owner, followed by his/her signature and "POA." Example: Sharon Smith by Jane Doe POA (Sharon Smith is the owner and Jane Doe is the person named as representative on the power of attorney).

If a **business** holds the power of attorney, the representative of that business must write the name of the owner followed by the name of the business, and then his/her signature and "POA." Example: Sharon Smith by Morrison's Garage George Morrison POA.

### The vehicle owner/ applicant must complete this section:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                    |                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 I (print your legal name)<br><i>Delphine R. Kowalchuk</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          | Address, City, State and Zip Code<br><i>612 W Broadway St, Lewistown, MT 59457</i> |                                         |
| Appoint (print the name of the business or individual)<br><i>Rusty L. Kowalchuk</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |                                                                                    |                                         |
| Address<br><i>318 E Janeaux St</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | City<br><i>Lewistown</i> | State<br><i>MT</i>                                                                 | Zip Code<br><i>59457</i>                |
| Email Address<br><i>r.kowalchuk@example.com</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          | Phone Number<br><i>(406) 555-0155</i>                                              |                                         |
| as my attorney in fact with full authority to execute any and all instruments, documents, affidavits, etc. to effect registration, transfer of title, application for title, or <u><i>sign the assignment of title as seller</i></u> in my place and stead on the following motor vehicle/vessel: |                          |                                                                                    |                                         |
| Title Number<br><i>3M1749206</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Year<br><i>2013</i>      | Make<br><i>Toyota</i>                                                              | Model<br><i>4Runner SR5</i>             |
| Vehicle Identification Number<br><i>4R8KUZ5B6DL418206</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          | Color<br><i>Slate Grey</i>                                                         | License Plate Number<br><i>5-27341A</i> |

I state that the (check one) ☐ five or ☒ six digit odometer now reads (no tenths) *148306* miles, date read *08/10/2026* and to the best of my knowledge it 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.**

Under penalty of law (§ 45-7-203, MCA), I certify that the statements made and information contained on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; I am the person named on this form; and, if signing for a business entity or trust, I have full authority to do so.

Owner/Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: *08/10/2026*

### Notary Use Only:

|                                                |           |                            |                   |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| State of                                       | County of | Signed before me on (date) | Notary Stamp/Seal |
| by (clearly print name of person signing form) |           |                            |                   |
| Notary signature                               |           |                            |                   |

**Purchaser (if applicable):** I certify that the odometer reading made above by the vehicle owner/applicant is correct.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Purchaser's signature (this is my legal signature—only one signature is required)<br><i>Wendell A. Hochstetler</i> | Purchaser's printed name<br><i>Wendell A. Hochstetler</i> |
| Date<br><i>08/18/2026</i>                                                                                          | If applicant is a firm or corporation, print full name    |