

How to fill out MV-456 — Certification of Disposition of Vehicle on Behalf of Absentee Owner

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New York Penal Law section 210.45

One page, for one situation: the registered owner is away in the military service of the United States and has given somebody permission to sell the car. It is a certification by the person doing the selling, and it is narrow - the form names military service on its face and nothing else.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV-456 from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.ny.gov/forms/mv456.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	I certify that I am the _____ of _____	Your relationship to the absent owner, then their name in full. Watch out: Write the relationship plainly - sister, father, spouse. A vague answer on the first line of a certification is not a good start to a document a clerk is deciding whether to accept.
2	YOU	Plate number and expiry	The New York plate the vehicle is registered under, and the date the registration expires. Watch out: Check the expiry against the registration document rather than from memory. An expired registration is a different conversation, and this form does not renew anything.
3	YOU	Vehicle identification or serial number	Year, make, type and the identification number. Watch out: Copy it from the certificate the owner holds, not from the car. If you cannot find the certificate, that is the problem to solve before this form is worth completing.
4	YOU	Transfer to	The purchaser's name and full mailing address. Watch out: The buyer does not sign this form. They are named on it, which means the accuracy of their address is your responsibility rather than something they will check.
5	YOU	Print name in full, then sign	Your name printed, and your signature on the line beneath it. Watch out: Print it in full, then sign underneath. The two are not the same box and a form with only one of them completed is half a certification.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it for an owner who is simply out of the country or in hospital. The certification says military service and there is no box to say otherwise.
- Sending it instead of the ownership document. The note at the foot is explicit - a title or a transferable registration is still needed to transfer ownership.
- Signing it as the buyer. The person certifying is the one disposing of the vehicle on the owner's behalf, and the purchaser is named rather than a signatory.
- Treating the printed warning as decoration. False statements are punishable under section 210.45 of the Penal Law, which is stated in capitals across the foot of the page.

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

Read off MV-456 (11/15) and the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a [sellmycarhub.com](#) form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.



**Department of
Motor Vehicles**

**CERTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF
VEHICLE ON BEHALF OF ABSENTEE OWNER**

1 I certify that I am the sister of Ellis W. Havemeyer,
(Relation to Owner) (Name of Owner)

who is the owner of the vehicle registered under New York State license plate number GRB-2288. 2

The registration for this vehicle expires on 09 / 30 / 2027. The owner is in the military service of the United States of America, and has given me permission to sell this vehicle:

Year	Make	Type	Vehicle Identification or Serial Number
2013	Toyota	4-Door	2T1BU4EE1DC917405

This certification is made to transfer the vehicle described above to:

Name of Purchaser			
<u>Hollis M. Grieve</u>			
Mailing Address of Purchaser	City	State	Zip Code
<u>12 Chenango St</u>	<u>Binghamton</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>13901</u>

5 ROSALIND T. HAVEMEYER

(Print Name in Full)

X

(Signature-Sign Name in Full)

NOTE: A title (for 1973 and newer model-year vehicles) or a transferable registration (for 1972 and older model-year vehicles) is needed to transfer ownership of this vehicle.

**IMPORTANT: FALSE STATEMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE
UNDER SECTION 210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW**

