



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**TRANSFER ON DEATH BENEFICIARY
DESIGNATION / REMOVAL AFFIDAVIT**

Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) section 2131.13

This form is used to add and/or remove a transfer on death beneficiary. Please only check one box for the action you are taking.

1 ☒ DESIGNATION ☐ REMOVAL

An individual with sole ownership or two persons who have established joint ownership with right of survivorship of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor, all-purpose vehicle, off-highway motorcycle may make an application for a Certificate of Title to designate/remove one or more beneficiaries of the property.

2 I / We, Marlene R. Kovach being the sole owner or the joint owners with right of survivorship of the
(PRINTED NAME)
vehicle, watercraft, outboard motor, all-purpose vehicle, or off-highway motorcycle described in this form, do designate/remove the following beneficiaries for this property:

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BENEFICIARY FULL LEGAL NAME	SSN	DATE OF BIRTH
<u>Vivian R. Kovach</u>	<u>***-**-7714</u>	<u>02/19/1994</u>

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VIN / HIN / MIN		YEAR
<u>JF2SKAEC5KH512340</u>		<u>2019</u>
MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE
<u>Subaru</u>	<u>Forester</u>	
Is this a Replica Motor Vehicle? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, provide:		
MAKE	MODEL	YEAR

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APPLICANT(S) / OWNER(S) SIGNATURE	DATE
<u>X</u> <u>Marlene R. Kovach</u>	<u>09/03/2026</u>

Notary:

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 3 day of September, 20 26 in Mahoning County,

State of Ohio
(Notary Seal)

6 X Priscilla A. Tunstall My commission expires 09/12/2029
Signature of Notary Public or other Authorized Officer by law

NOTE: A motor vehicle dealer licensed in accordance with 4517 of the R.C., who is the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle, is not required to have this document notarized under section 4505.063 of the R.C.

How to fill out BMV 3811 — Transfer on Death Beneficiary Designation / Removal Affidavit

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Not a form for selling a car - a form for making sure the next one never has to go through an estate. A sole owner, or two people holding with right of survivorship, may designate one or more beneficiaries on the title, so the vehicle passes on death without probate and without an affidavit. The same form removes a designation, and the two actions share one page with a single instruction: check only one box for the action you are taking.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank BMV 3811 from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles at <https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/publicsafety.ohio.gov/bmv3811.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	Designation or Removal	Two boxes across the top of the page, and one tick between them. Watch out: Removal is how a designation is undone, and it needs the same notarised form and the same trip to the counter. Nothing about a transfer on death is informal.
2	YOU	Who is designating	The printed name of the sole owner, or of the joint owners with right of survivorship. Watch out: The form is explicit about who may do this. Two people holding a title without right of survivorship cannot use it - their vehicle goes through an estate instead.
3	YOU	The beneficiaries	Up to three rows: full legal name, Social Security number and date of birth for each. Watch out: Full legal name, not the name they go by. A beneficiary the clerk cannot match to an identification document is a designation that fails at exactly the moment nobody can ask you about it.
4	YOU	The property	VIN, HIN or MIN, year, make, model and body type. Watch out: Three kinds of identifying number, because the same form covers watercraft and outboard motors as well as motor vehicles, all-purpose vehicles and off-highway motorcycles.
5	YOU	Signature and date	The applicant or owners sign and date, above the acknowledgement block. Watch out: Every owner named on the title signs, exactly as on any other Ohio title document.
6	YOU	The notary block	The last block on the page, and the reason the designation is worth anything: the notary's dated acknowledgement, seal, signature and expiry. Watch out: Then it goes to a county clerk of courts title office, which issues a replacement title with the transfer on death recorded on it. The designation lives on the title record, not in a drawer.

What gets this one rejected

- Both boxes ticked. The instruction at the head of the form is to check only one box for the action being taken, and designation and removal are opposites.
- A beneficiary designated by somebody who is not a sole owner or a joint owner with right of survivorship. The form says who may make the application, and joint ownership without survivorship is not on the list.
- A designation left as a piece of paper. It has to be submitted to a county Clerk of Courts title office, which issues a replacement title carrying the transfer on death on the record.
- Assuming it changes anything while the owner is alive. The BMV's own note is that where a surviving owner exists, that owner has rights to the vehicle before the beneficiary does.
- Skipping the notarisation. The BMV describes the requirement as a signed and notarized affidavit, and the form carries its own acknowledgement block.

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

Read off BMV 3811 (12/25) and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles'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