

MV-39 (1-25)



Pennsylvania
Department of Transportation

**NOTIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENT/CORRECTION
OF VEHICLE TITLE UPON DEATH OF OWNER**

(The space above is for Department use only)
Bureau of Motor Vehicles • 1101 South Front Street • Harrisburg, PA 17104

Please read ALL information on reverse side before completing form.

A VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

Title Number 49330128875PA	Make of Vehicle Ford	Vehicle Identification Number 1FMCU9J92JUA36071	Registration Plate Number KVD-4471
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B INFORMANT

Last Name (or Full Business Name) Kaminski	First Name Doris	Middle Name J.	PA DL/Photo ID# or Bus. ID# 19 640 285	Date of Birth 06/09/1951
Street Address 3140 Poplar St	City Erie	State PA	Zip 16508	

C CHECK APPLICABLE BLOCK

1. ☒ Ownership is being transferred to or by Surviving Spouse - who is co-owner
2. ☐ Ownership is being transferred to or by a Joint Tenant with Right of Survivorship.
3. ☐ Ownership is being transferred to or by Surviving Spouse - who is not co-owner.
4. ☐ Ownership is being titled in the estate.
5. ☐ Ownership is being transferred to or by all heirs. List all heirs in Section D.
6. ☐ Ownership is being transferred to or by Surviving Spouse or adult child(ren) to whom vehicle is given by decedent's will which is not to be probated.

D HEIRS - List name, signature (Part II only), address, relationship and age of all heirs. (In conjunction with Assignment of Title)

I NAME(S) List heirs signing attached title	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP	AGE

I/We certify that I/we, together with the above person(s) who have executed the assignment block on the title constitute all of the heirs of the decedent and hereby join in the transfer of ownership of the above described vehicle to the person(s) indicated in the assignment block on the title.

II NAME(S) Heirs not signing attached title	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP	AGE
	X			
	X			
	X			
	X			

E VEHICLE OWNER'S SELF-CERTIFICATION - Required if Section D and/or F is completed.

I/We declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the foregoing is true and correct, and that application was made for the above product.

Furthermore, I/we state that I/we have read and signed this application after its completion, and I/we swear or affirm that the statements made herein are true and correct, and that any statement made on or pursuant to this application is subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification), which include criminal prosecution and a term of imprisonment, the maximum of which may be one year [18 Pa.C.S. 4904(b)], or up to two years [18 Pa.C.S. 4904(a)]. In addition to any other penalty, a person convicted under this section shall be sentenced to pay a fine of at least \$1,000 [18 Pa.C.S. 4904(d)].

Signed on the _____ day of _____, _____ at _____, _____ (county or other location, and state), _____ (country).

Printed Name of Surviving Spouse/Adult Heir

Signature of Surviving Spouse/Adult Heir

F AFFIDAVIT OF PAYMENT DEBTS

I hereby state under oath that all debts of the decedent have been paid.

Signature of Surviving Spouse or Adult Heir

G PROOF OF DEATH - (Check One) Original Death Certificate need not be attached if No. 3 below is completed by attending physician or funeral director.

1. ☒ Original Certificate of Death (must be attached)
2. ☐ Original Certificate of Death from Department of Defense (must be attached)

3. ☐ I certify that _____ died on _____
Name of Decedent Date

Printed Name of Attending Physician or Funeral Director

Signature of Attending Physician or Funeral Director

H VEHICLE INSURANCE INFORMATION - If the vehicle is to be registered in the informant's name.			
Insurance Company Name <i>Keystone Mutual Casualty</i>	Policy Number <i>KM-7714302</i>	Policy Effective Date <i>03/01/2026</i>	Policy Expiration Date <i>03/01/2027</i>
I ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CERTIFICATION			
I/we state that I/we have read and signed this form after its completion, and I/we swear or affirm that the statements made herein are TRUE and CORRECT, and that any statement made on or pursuant to this form is subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4903(a)(2) (relating to false swearing), which shall include punishment of a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than two years, or both. In addition, if vehicle is to be registered in the informant's name, I/we acknowledge that I/we may lose my/our operating privilege or vehicle registration for failure to maintain financial responsibility on the currently registered vehicle for the period of registration.			
Informant Signature <i>Doris Kaminski</i>		Telephone Number (<i>814</i>) <i>555-0173</i>	

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A person authorized to complete this form (Informant) would be a Joint Tenant with Right of Survivorship, a surviving spouse, or if there is no spouse, an adult child of the decedent or if there are no such children, a parent, or the executor or administrator of the estate. The informant whose name appears in Section B must always sign in Section I. In addition, if vehicle is to be registered, Section H must also be completed.
- If an executor or administrator has been appointed or if a court order is issued under family exemption or small estate procedure, **THIS FORM IS NOT REQUIRED** unless the vehicle is to be titled in the name of the estate. Otherwise, attach a Short Form Certificate to assigned title. (A Short Form Certificate is issued by the Register of Wills when an executor or administrator is appointed.)
- Informant must sign as name(s) appears and list driver's license number and telephone number in spaces provided.
- If the vehicle is in the name of a company/corporation, the signature of an authorized representative is required; however, the authorized representative is not required to list their driver's license number.
- Telephone number will be used only if there is problem with your application.
- Mail completed application to: Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 1101 S. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17104.
- If this application is processed, and requested title, registration (or both) are not received due to loss in the mail, you may apply for free duplicate title on [Form MV-380, "Application for Duplicate Certificate of Title by Owner,"](#) and free replacement of registration on [Form MV-44, "Application for Duplicate Registration Card or Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Defaced Registration Plate,"](#) within 90 days of the date or original issuance.

INSTRUCTIONS (TITLE MUST BE ATTACHED)

Block 1 or Block 2 (Section C) - Surviving spouse who is co-owner or Joint Tenant with Right of Survivorship

- Complete Sections A, B, C, G, H (if the vehicle will be registered) and I.
- Title must be assigned only if vehicle is being transferred by surviving spouse (or joint tenant) to another person.
** Form MV-4ST is required if title is assigned.
- Title fee is required except when transfer is to a surviving spouse.
- Registration transfer fee is not required if title is to be issued in surviving co-owner's name. Current registration will automatically be placed in the name of surviving owner. Vehicle insurance information (insurance company name, policy number, policy effective date and policy expiration date) is required, if the vehicle will be registered.

Block 3 (Section C) - No Will - Surviving spouse who is not co-owner

- Complete Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and I.
- Surviving spouse and all adult children must assign title [along with surviving co-owner(s), if any]. All heirs must enter their names, address, relationship and age in Section D. When more than two (2) persons must assign title, use Section D (Part II) for additional signatures.
* All signatures in Section D and F must be notarized.
** Form MV-4ST is required.
- Title fee is required except when transfer is to a surviving spouse.
- Registration transfer fee and all other applicable fees are required. Registration plate is transferable only as provided under Section 1314 of the Vehicle Code. Decedent's registration card should be attached. Vehicle insurance information must be listed on Form MV-4ST, Section F.

Block 4 (Section C) - Vehicle to be titled in name of Estate

- Complete Sections A, B, C, G, H (if the vehicle will be registered) and I.
- Registration may be renewed once by the executor or administrator; or without limit by the spouse, parent, or child who was a member of the decedent's household pending court approval of the final account, if any.
- Title fee is required. Assignment of title not required.
- Registration transfer fee is not required. Current registration will automatically be placed in the name of the estate.
- Vehicle insurance information is required, if the vehicle will be registered.

Block 5 (Section C) - No Will - No Surviving Spouse

- Complete Sections A, B, C, D, E, G, and I.
- All heirs, including guardians of minor heirs, must assign title and enter their name, address, relationship and age in Section D. When more than two (2) persons must assign the title use Section D (Part II) for additional signature(s). *All Signatures must be notarized.
** Form MV-4ST is required.
- Title fee is required.
- Applicable registration fees required. If transferring registration in accordance with Section 1314 of the Vehicle Code, decedent's registration card should be attached. Vehicle insurance information must be listed on Form MV-4ST, Section F, if the vehicle will be registered.

Block 6 (Section C)

- Complete Sections A, B, C, G, and I.
- Copy of the decedent's will must be attached.
** Title must be assigned and Form MV-4ST is required.
- Title fee is required except when transfer is to a surviving spouse.
- Registration transfer fee and all other applicable fees are required. Registration plate is transferable only as provided under Section 1314 of the Vehicle Code. Decedent's registration card should be attached. Vehicle insurance information must be listed on Form MV-4ST, Section F.

NOTE: * If all heirs cannot appear before same Notary or attesting officer, attach additional notarized statement(s) listing vehicle information as it appears in Section A, name(s) of person(s) to whom vehicle is being transferred, and signature(s) of heir(s).

** Complete Form MV-1 if vehicle is not currently titled in Pennsylvania.

Visit us at www.pa.gov/dmv or call us at 717-412-5300. TTY callers — please dial 711 to reach us.

How to fill out MV-39 — Notification of Assignment/Correction of Vehicle Title Upon Death of Owner

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One form covering six different family situations, chosen by a tick in Section C. It tells PennDOT who is entitled to sign a dead owner's title, and depending on which box is ticked it either replaces probate entirely or sits alongside a Short Form Certificate from the Register of Wills.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV-39 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/penndot/documents/public/dvspubsforms/bmv/bmv-forms/mv-39.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	Section A, the vehicle	Title number, make, VIN and registration plate number, copied from the certificate and the registration card. Watch out: The title has to be attached to this form. The instruction line says so in capitals across the top of the reverse.
2	YOU	Section B, the informant	Whoever is entitled to complete the form: name, PA driver's licence or photo ID number, date of birth and address. Watch out: The informant named here must always sign in Section I. A form completed by one relative and signed by another is not a form PennDOT will process.
3	YOU	Section C, which of the six	One tick. Co-owner spouse, joint tenant with right of survivorship, spouse who is not a co-owner, titling in the estate, all heirs, or a will that is not being probated. Watch out: Each block lists the sections to complete on the reverse. Block 1 and block 3 look almost identical and require completely different halves of the form.
4	YOU	Section D, the heirs	Part I for heirs signing the title itself; Part II for those signing here instead, with address, relationship and age for each. Watch out: Where a car is titled jointly with right of survivorship the survivor does not assign the certificate at all - the fact sheet says to make no entries on the reverse side of the title.
5	YOU	Sections E and F, the sworn blocks	The self-certification of the surviving spouse or adult heir, and a one-line affidavit that all debts of the decedent have been paid. Watch out: On the no-will routes these signatures must be notarised, and the debts affidavit is what stands in for probate. Do not sign it lightly.
6	YOU	Section G, proof of death	Attach an original death certificate, or have the attending physician or funeral director complete block 3 with the decedent's name, the date of death and their signature. Watch out: The second route is the useful one. A funeral director will usually complete it on the spot, and it saves surrendering an original certificate you need elsewhere.
7	YOU	Sections H and I	Insurance company, policy number and dates if the vehicle is being registered in the informant's name, then the informant's signature and telephone number. Watch out: The certification above the signature is a false-swearing declaration under 18 Pa.C.S. 4903(a)(2), carrying a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or up to two years.

What gets this one rejected

- A photocopied death certificate. Copies are not acceptable - it is an original, or the physician or funeral director completes block 3 of Section G instead.
- Filing it at all where an executor has been appointed. If an executor or administrator has been appointed, or a court order is issued under family exemption or small estate procedure, this form is not required unless the vehicle is to be titled in the name of the estate.
- Signatures that have not been notarised on the routes that demand it. On the no-will routes the form marks it with an asterisk: all signatures in Sections D and F must be notarised.
- Missing an heir. On a transfer by all heirs, everyone in the category has to sign - and where one of them has died, that person's children must sign in their place.
- An informant who is not entitled to be one. The list is a joint tenant with right of survivorship, a surviving spouse, or if there is no spouse an adult child, or if no children a parent, or the executor or administrator.

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

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