

How somebody signs a Rhode Island registration document on your behalf when you cannot be at the counter. It is deliberately narrow: it expires when the transaction is processed or thirty days from signature, whichever comes first, and its own instructions rule it out for the one job people most want it for - a title assignment on a vehicle subject to federal odometer disclosure.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank POA from the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.ri.gov/media/2706/download?f=ri-limited-poa.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	Owner 1, exactly as the record has you	First, middle and last name, licence number and issuing state, then the full address. Watch out: The heading over the block says complete all applicable fields legibly. A middle name that appears on the licence appears here too.
2	YOU	Owner 2, if the car is jointly held	The same block again underneath. Watch out: Both owners appoint the attorney and both signatures get notarised. One owner cannot grant a power over the other's interest.
3	YOU	Name the grantee	First, middle and last name with a licence number and state, under a heading that says legal name required. Watch out: Legal name means the one on their licence. A nickname on this rule and a different name on the attached photo identification is a refusal at the counter.
4	YOU	The vehicle, and the comb	Year, make, model, cylinders, then the identification number into seventeen separate cells, plus title number, mileage and state issued. Watch out: One character per cell, starting in the first box. If the car has never been titled in Rhode Island there is no title number to write - leave it and be ready to explain it.
5	YOU	Insurance	Company name, policy number and effective dates to and from. Watch out: Rhode Island ties registration to financial security, so this block is checked rather than skimmed. Dates that have lapsed make the power useless for a registration transaction.
6	YOU	Sign in front of the notary	Owner's signature and date, and the second owner's if there is one. Watch out: Do not sign at home. The band above the rules requires notarisation and the stamp has to be ink - a Rhode Island notary who only embosses will have to do it again.
7	YOU	Attach both photo identifications	A copy for each grantor and one for the grantee. Watch out: This is in the instructions rather than in a box, which is exactly why it is the item that gets forgotten. Without it the form is incomplete before it leaves the house.
8	OTHER	Use it inside thirty days	The power expires when the transaction is processed or thirty days from signature, whichever comes first. Watch out: Sign it when the transaction is ready to go, not when the car goes on the market. A power signed in June is worthless in August.

What gets this one rejected

- An un-notarised signature. It is printed in capitals across the signature band: OWNER(S) SIGNATURE(S) MUST BE NOTARIZED.
- A notary who embosses only. The same line finishes NOTARY STAMP MUST BE INK AND NOT ONLY EMBOSSSED.
- Any section left out. The instructions open with the rule that all sections of this Limited Power of Attorney (POA) Form must be completed to be valid.
- A form partly handwritten and partly filled in by somebody else later - all sections must be handwritten or typed, and a copy of photo IDs for grantor(s) and grantee is required with it.
- A photocopy or a fax. The foot of the sheet says signatures must be originals and photocopies or fax copies are not acceptable.
- A crossing-out anywhere. Alterations and erasures void this form.
- Using it to assign a title on a vehicle subject to federal odometer disclosure. The instruction block says the secure Power of Attorney to Disclose Mileage, Form MVT-10, must be used instead - and the MVT-10 is issued only to licensed Rhode Island dealerships.

☒ Amber is what you write

☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes

The completed example follows overleaf.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
 600 New London Avenue
 Cranston, RI 02920-3024
 www.dmv.ri.gov

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR RHODE ISLAND VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Instructions

All sections of this Limited Power of Attorney (POA) Form must be completed to be valid. All sections must be handwritten or typed. Copy of photo IDs for Grantor(s) and Grantee required. **NOTE: This POA cannot be used in a dealer transaction to complete a title assignment on a motor vehicle subject to federal odometer disclosure.** In compliance with federal law, the secure *Power of Attorney to Disclose Mileage* (Form MVT-10) must be used when use of a power of attorney is permitted by the applicable regulations for a vehicle subject to federal odometer disclosure.

Vehicle Owner(s) Complete all applicable fields legibly.

Owner 1 First Name <i>Lucienne R. Sirois</i>	Middle	Last	Driver License Number <i>6104725</i>	State Issued <i>RI</i>
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Owner 1 Street Address <i>214 Tillinghast Row Pawtucket RI 02861</i>	City	State	Zip Code
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Owner 2 First Name	Middle	Last	Driver License Number	State Issued
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Owner 2 Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Limited Power of Attorney Granted to: Legal name required.

First Name <i>Fenwick A. Deslauriers</i>	Middle	Last	Driver License Number <i>5528816</i>	State Issued <i>RI</i>
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Dealership Name and Address (if applicable)

Vehicle Information

Year	Make	Model	Cyl.	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Title Number	Mileage	State Issued
<i>2000</i>	<i>Volvo</i>	<i>V70</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Y V 1 S W 6 1 R 1 Y 2 4 8 7 1 9 3</i>	<i>26T0041839</i>	<i>168432</i>	<i>RI</i>

Liability Insurance Information

Company Name <i>Narragansett Mutual</i>	Policy Number <i>RIA-4470921</i>	Effective Dates (TO and FROM) <i>05/01/26 - 05/01/27</i>
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Certification and Signature Complete applicable fields.

I/We, being the owner(s) of the motor vehicle described above hereby appoint the person herein named as my/our Power of Attorney to sign in my/our stead and to execute any application or other written document that is required to be filed with the RI DMV in connection with the registration of the vehicle described above; and I/we do hereby grant unto said designated Power of Attorney full authority to perform all acts necessary to execute the powers expressly granted herein. I/We further certify under penalty of perjury that to the best of my/our knowledge, all information presented in this form, including any supporting documents, are true and correct, and that any documents I/we have presented are genuine.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall expire when the vehicle's registration and/or title is processed at the RI DMV, by an authorized business partner or thirty (30) days from my/our signature, whichever comes first.

OWNER(S) SIGNATURE(S) MUST BE NOTARIZED – NOTARY STAMP MUST BE INK AND NOT ONLY EMBOSSED

OWNER'S SIGNATURE	DATE	SECOND OWNER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE	DATE	NOTARY PUBLIC PRINTED NAME	DATE
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COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE (MANDATORY)

OFFICIAL SEAL HERE

SIGNATURES MUST BE ORIGINALS. PHOTOCOPIES/FAX COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
ALTERATIONS/ERASURES WILL VOID THIS FORM.

POA (01/2024)