

The form the buyer completes to put the car in their own name, and the seller is named on it in Section C. Eight transaction ticks share the sheet - new registration, transfer registration, duplicate registration or update, plate change, renewal, surviving spouse, tax and title, and add title - and each prints the sections it needs. Its last two pages are the DMV's own document checklist, with a Private Party Sale column that is the shortest honest answer to what the buyer has to bring.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank TR-1 from the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.ri.gov/media/1116/download?f=ri-tr1.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	BUYER	Pick the transaction and write the plate number under it	NEW REGISTRATION for a car going on the road with new plates, TRANSFER REGISTRATION to move an existing Rhode Island registration onto it, TAX & TITLE for a car that is not being registered at all. Watch out: Each tick prints the sections it needs beside it, and they differ. TAX & TITLE asks for A, B, C, E, F and H and skips the insurance block, because a car that is not being driven does not need a policy.
2	BUYER	Name of person submitting documents	The top-left corner block: printed name, signature, licence number and state. Watch out: It is a separate block from Section A. If somebody else is handing the papers in, their name goes here and the registrant's goes below - and anyone signing on the registrant's behalf needs the notarised Limited Power of Attorney.
3	BUYER	Section A, the new owner	Name, phone, licence number, date of birth, the residence address where the vehicle is kept or garaged, tax town, email, and a mailing address if it differs. Watch out: The two ticks above this block decide whether the DMV updates the voter registration address at the same time. They are not decorative and one of them has to be chosen.
4	YOU	Section C, the seller	Your printed name, your address, and the date of sale. The dealer licence box beside the date is not yours. Watch out: Write it exactly as your registration or certificate prints it. This is the block that ties the buyer's application to the record the DMV already holds for the car.
5	BUYER	Section D, insurance	Company, policy number and effective dates, in the buyer's own name. Watch out: Rhode Island's Motor Vehicle Repairs Act requires cover for the whole life of the registration and the DMV verifies it afterwards. A policy that starts the day after registration is a gap on the first day.
6	BUYER	Section E, every field	Year, identification number, make, model, body type, gross vehicle weight, colour, cylinders, current mileage, seat belts and fuel type. Watch out: The gross vehicle weight rating is on the VIN plate on the driver's door jamb and the registration fee is calculated from it. On a car of this age the label can be unreadable, which is worth checking before the buyer is at the counter.
7	BUYER	Section F, the no-lien tick	Two lienholder blocks, and above them a tick that says there is no lien. Watch out: On a cash sale the tick is the entry. Leaving all of Section F blank reads as unanswered rather than as no loan.
8	BUYER	Section H, sign in front of the counter	The declaration, the disclosure consent question, and the registrant's signature and date. Watch out: If a second owner is named and cannot attend, their signature has to be notarised before the packet arrives - and a Rhode Island notary's stamp has to be inked, not just embossed.

What gets this one rejected

- An owner who is neither present nor notarised. The form prints it above the signature: OWNER'S SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTARIZED IF NOT PRESENT DURING TRANSACTION, and the DMV's checklist repeats it - all registrants must be present, or the signatures must be notarized.
- An embossed notary seal with no ink. The instruction on the form is that the notary stamp must be ink and not only embossed.
- A blank in Section E. The heading says all fields are mandatory, and gross vehicle weight is the one people leave out because they do not know where to find it.
- Pencil, or ink that is not blue or black. The instruction runs across the top of the sheet: PLEASE USE BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY.
- A registration in the name of somebody under sixteen, which the law prohibits outright, or a sixteen or seventeen year old with no GU-1338 certificate of insurance on record at the Cranston DMV.
- A vehicle from another state with no VIN check. A check from a local municipal police department is required for all vehicles previously registered or titled in another state.
- Section C left blank on a private-party purchase. There is no other place on the form where the person the car came from is recorded.

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 Phone: 401-462-4368 www.dmv.ri.gov
PLEASE USE BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND TITLE CERTIFICATE (TR-1)

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS TO DMV

PRINTED NAME: Amadeu G. Botelho
SIGNATURE: _____

LICENSE #: 4471309 LICENSE STATE: RI

TRANSACTION TYPE (PLEASE SELECT ONE)

☒ **NEW REGISTRATION** ☐ **TRANSFER REGISTRATION**
PLATE #: new issue (complete sections A,B*,C,D,E,F,G*,H) PLATE #: _____ (complete sections A,B*,C,D,E,F,H)
☐ **DUPLICATE REG/UPDATE INFO** ☐ **PLATE CHANGE**
PLATE #: _____ (complete sections A,B*,D,E,H) PLATE #: _____ (complete sections A,B*,D,E,H)
☐ **RENEWAL** ☐ **SURVIVING SPOUSE**
PLATE #: _____ (complete sections A,B*,D,E,H) PLATE #: _____ (complete sections A,D,E,F,H)
☐ **TAX & TITLE** ☐ **ADD TITLE**
(complete sections A,B*,C,E,F,H) (complete sections A,E,F,G*,H)

A. REGISTRANT – BUYER, LEASING COMPANY OR NEW OWNER

☒ **Please update address in computer system**
We will use your residence address listed on this form to update your voter registration.
☐ **DO NOT UPDATE my voter registration address**

LAST NAME (OR COMPANY NAME): Botelho PHONE #: (401) 555-0148
FIRST NAME: Amadeu MIDDLE INITIAL: G SUFFIX: _____
LICENSE #: 4471309 DATE OF BIRTH: 11/04/88
STREET ADDRESS: RESIDENCE (WHERE VEHICLE IS KEPT OR GARAGED) APT./FLOOR: _____
39 Seapowet Court
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: East Providence, RI 02914
TAX TOWN: East Providence EMAIL ADDRESS: a.botelho@example.com
STREET ADDRESS: MAILING (IF ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT THAN RESIDENCE) APT./FLOOR: _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____

SECOND OWNER INFORMATION, IF APPLICABLE

LAST NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____
FIRST NAME: _____ LICENSE #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

B*. LESSEE'S INFORMATION (IF VEHICLE IS LEASED)

LAST NAME (OR COMPANY NAME): _____ PHONE: _____
FIRST NAME: _____ MIDDLE INITIAL: _____ SUFFIX: _____
LICENSE #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____ APT./FLOOR: _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____
TAX TOWN: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

C. SELLER'S INFORMATION

SELLER'S NAME: Lucienne R. Sirois
STREET ADDRESS: 214 Tillinghast Row APT./FLOOR: _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: Pawtucket, RI 02861
DATE OF SALE: 08/14/2026 RI DEALER'S LICENSE #: _____

D. INSURANCE INFORMATION

LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY NAME: Narragansett Mutual Casualty
POLICY #: RIA-4470921 EFFECTIVE DATES (FROM and TO): 05/01/26 - 05/01/27

E. VEHICLE INFORMATION (ALL FIELDS ARE MANDATORY)

YEAR: 2000 VIN (VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION #): YV1SW61R1Y2487193
MAKE: Volvo MODEL: V70 BODY TYPE: Wagon GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT: 4,850
COLOR: Sage Green # OF CYLINDERS: 5 CURRENT MILEAGE: 168432
NUMBER OF SEAT BELTS IN VEHICLE: 5 FUEL TYPE (CHECK ONLY ONE): ☒ GAS ☐ HYBRID ☐ ELECTRIC ☐ DIESEL ☐ CNG/LPG
DOES VEHICLE HAVE A PICKUP BED? ☐ YES ☒ NO CAMPER AND TRAILERS ONLY LENGTH: _____ CARRYING CAP.: _____
MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS/SCOOTERS ONLY PEDALS? ☐ YES ☒ NO ENGINE SIZE/CC: _____ MAX SPEED/MPH: _____

F. LIEN INFORMATION (COMPLETE IF THERE'S A VEHICLE LOAN)

☒ ***PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX IF THERE IS NO LIEN***
(1) LIENHOLDER NAME: _____ DATE OF LIEN: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____
(2) LIENHOLDER NAME: _____ DATE OF LIEN: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____

G*. COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRUCK (26,000 lbs or more)

Is overweight permit required? ☐ YES ☒ NO
TRUCKS: NUMBER OF AXLES _____ TRACTORS: NUMBER OF AXLES _____
TRUCKS: DISTANCE FROM FRONT TO REAR AXLES: _____
(CENTER OF STEERING AXLE TO CENTER OF EXTREME REAR AXLE)
US DOT NUMBER _____ IS THE VEHICLE PART OF A FLEET? ☐ YES ☒ NO

H. SIGNATURE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO REGISTER THE ABOVE DESCRIBED VEHICLE AND AS PART OF MY APPLICATION DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I AM THE OWNER OR THE LESSEE, THAT NO OTHER LIENS EXIST AGAINST THE VEHICLE EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I ALSO CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND WILL FOLLOW THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE INSURANCE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

I HEREBY CERTIFY KNOWLEDGE OF APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS AND LAWS AND DECLARE THAT ALL OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS.

EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, THE DMV WILL NOT DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT.

DO YOU CONSENT TO SUCH DISCLOSURE? ☐ YES ☒ NO

OWNER'S SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTARIZED IF NOT PRESENT DURING TRANSACTION
NOTARY STAMP MUST BE INK AND NOT ONLY EMBOSSED

OWNER'S SIGNATURE: Amadeu Botelho DATE: 08/14/2026

SECOND OWNER'S SIGNATURE: _____

IF CORPORATION, GIVE TITLE OR POSITION: _____

IF MINOR, SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC NAME: _____ DATE: _____

COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE (MANDATORY): _____

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PLATE _____ TYPE _____ TAX _____
PLATE DESIGN _____ TOTAL _____
TRANSACTION # _____ ☐ CHECK ☐ CASH ☐ CC