

How to fill out TRLI — Request for Information - Title / Registration / ID / Driver License

Rhode Island · written against TRLI (Rev 10/2022), issued under RI DMV Research/Title Office; 18 U.S.C. § 2721

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The Research Office's lookup form, and the only route to the document that settles Rhode Island's oldest argument. Its two ticks split at the 2001 model year: a Title Inquiry at \$53.50 per VIN for vehicles 2001 and newer, and a Registration/ID/License Inquiry at \$13.50 for RI non-titled vehicles 2000 and older. Down at the foot of the sheet is the box that matters to a seller of an old car - Title Law Letter required, yes or no.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank TRLI from the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.ri.gov/media/276/download?f=ri-trli.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	Tick one inquiry, and read the fee beside it	Title Inquiry at \$53.50 for a vehicle of model year 2001 or newer, or Registration/ID/License Inquiry at \$13.50 for a Rhode Island non-titled vehicle of 2000 or older. Watch out: The model year on the tick is the whole test. A 2001 is a title inquiry; a 2000 is a registration inquiry, and getting it wrong is a forty-dollar mistake before anybody looks anything up.
2	YOU	Date the request	One box under the ticks. Watch out: Date it the day you post it. The Research Office works to a queue and the date is what places you in it.
3	YOU	Who is asking	Name, phone number and a full address for the agency, business or individual making the request. Watch out: An individual is a perfectly good answer here. The block is drafted for insurers and businesses, which is why it says agency first.
4	YOU	The reason, and it is mandatory	Two rules explaining why the information is wanted. Watch out: Say what you actually need - confirming that no Rhode Island title record exists before selling the vehicle is a complete answer. Federal law limits what the DMV may release, so a blank reason stops the request rather than speeding it.
5	YOU	The vehicle row	Plate number, year, make and vehicle identification number, on the \$13.50 registration line. Watch out: Fill in every box you can. On a car this old the plate may have changed hands between vehicles over the years, and the identification number is what the Research Office searches on.
6	YOU	Owner information	One rule for who the vehicle is registered to. Watch out: Write it as the registration prints it. If your name has changed since the car was registered, put the registered version here and be ready to show why they differ.
7	YOU	Tick Title Law Letter required	Yes or no, near the foot of the sheet. Watch out: Yes is the answer if the point of the request is to prove there is no certificate. Leaving it unticked gets you a lookup and not the letter, and the fee has already gone.
8	YOU	Sign the submission block	Signature, printed name, and licence number with state or photo identification number. Watch out: It is at the very bottom of the sheet under a thin heading and it is the block people miss. An unsigned request is not processed.

What gets this one rejected

- Both inquiry ticks marked. The instruction above them is CHOOSE ONE, and the two carry different fees.
- A Title Inquiry requested for a vehicle of model year 2000 or older - the tick's own note limits it to vehicles 2001 and newer.
- A blank reason for request. The form marks it mandatory, and the DMV releases personal information only with the consent of the person it belongs to.
- A buyer requesting information on a non-titled vehicle without a bill of sale - the note under that tick says new buyers must send a copy of the bill of sale.
- Treating a Title Inquiry as proof of ownership. Printed inside the tick: inquiry cannot be used in lieu of title.
- An unsigned submission block at the foot, or one with no identification number beside the printed name.

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

Read off TRLI (Rev 10/2022) and the Rhode Island Division 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.

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Official Use Only	
Transaction #	
Amount	\$
Check _____ CC _____ MO _____ Cash _____	

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TITLE / REGISTRATION / ID / DRIVER LICENSE

***CHOOSE ONE**

1 ☐ Title Inquiry - \$ 53.50 per VIN <i>* For vehicles 2001 & newer</i> <i>Inquiry cannot be used in lieu of title</i>	2 ☒ Registration/ID/License Inquiry - \$13.50 per request <i>*For RI non-titled vehicles (2000 & older)</i> <i>(New Buyers must send copy of bill of sale)</i>
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3 DATE OF REQUEST: 07/24/2026

Name of Agency, Business or Individual requesting information

4 NAME: Lucienne R. Sirois PHONE NUMBER: (401) 555-0173

ADDRESS: 214 Tillinghast Row Pawtucket RI 02861

NUMBER & STREET CITY/TOWN STATE ZIP CODE

Reason for request (mandatory)

5 Confirming that no Rhode Island certificate of title was ever
issued for this vehicle, before selling it to a private buyer.

ID/Driver's License Information \$13.50

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License Number	Driver's name	Driver's Address

Registration Vehicle Information \$13.50

☐ Insurance Information

<u>ZC-486</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Volvo</u>	<u>YV1SW61R1Y2487193</u>
Plate #	Year	Make	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN#)

Owner information: Lucienne R. Sirois, 214 Tillinghast Row, Pawtucket RI 02861

6 Title Law Letter required ☒ YES ☐ NO

Name of Person Submitting Documents		
Signature:	Printed Name	License# & State/Photo ID #
	<u>Lucienne R. Sirois</u>	<u>RI 6104725</u>