



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Application for Transfer on Death

TOD-1
Est. 07/2025

Applications are accepted at SCDMV branch offices or can be mailed to: SCDMV, 10311 Wilson Blvd., Building C, Blythewood, SC, 29016-0038.

Pursuant to §62-6-401.

Transfer on Death (TOD) Overview

- Only owner(s) of titled personal property can add or remove a beneficiary to a title
- The owner(s) must be an individual, not a business
- All owners of the vehicle must be in agreeance when adding the TOD designation on a title
- Must submit a \$15 title fee, certificate of title, and a TOD-1 form to the DMV
- A new South Carolina certificate of title will be issued with the beneficiary's name and the "Transfer on Death" designation

Lienholders

- If there is a lienholder on the title, the lienholder must provide the certificate of title along with a signed, written request to have the designation added to the title
- Electronic lienholders are only required to submit a signed, written request to have the designation added
- Individuals listed as lienholders may provide a signed letter with a copy of their license or witness signature to have the designation added

Ownership restrictions

- A beneficiary cannot be added when the titled personal property's ownership is designated as an "and" relationship
- The beneficiary does not have interest or control over the vehicle until the transfer occurs

Transferring Ownership to the Beneficiary

- You must submit the title, \$15 title fee, and certified death certificate of the vehicle owner(s)
 - If more than one owner is on the title, the beneficiary cannot become the vehicle owner until all owners are deceased
 - If two or more beneficiaries survive, the titled personal property must be titled in an "and" relationship
1. Customers must complete Section A. Only complete Sections B and C if there is more than one beneficiary and vehicle owner.
 2. Customers must also submit a completed [Form 400 Title and/or Registration Application](#).

Note: Complete the second page if there are additional beneficiaries.

SECTION A — To be completed by Vehicle Owner

Beneficiary's Name <i>Nathalie R. Ravenel</i>		Date of Birth <i>07/19/1991</i>	
☒ Add Beneficiary ☐ Remove Beneficiary			
Residence Address <i>214 Meeting House Rd</i>		City <i>Summerville</i>	State <i>SC</i>
		Zip Code <i>29483</i>	
Mailing Address (if different from above)		City	State
			Zip Code
Customer # or Driver's License # <i>316480275</i>		Phone Number <i>(843) 555-0119</i>	
Year <i>2017</i>	Make <i>Honda</i>	Vehicle Identification Number <i>5FNYF6H52HB412907</i>	Model <i>Pilot</i>
Neither divorce nor annulment will automatically revoke the TOD designation on this governing instrument pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §62-2-507. Customer(s) must submit a TOD-1 to remove the TOD designation.			
I hereby certify that the information given in the application for a Transfer on Death is true and correct. I understand that under applicable state and federal law, incorrect or false information given may result in civil liability and civil or criminal penalties.			
Signature of Vehicle Owner <i>Delphine R. Ravenel</i>		Signature of Vehicle Owner	

SECTION B — Vehicle Co-Owners

(Print full name and sign.)

Vehicle Owner #2 Full Name	Signature
Vehicle Owner #3 Full Name	Signature
Vehicle Owner #4 Full Name	Signature
Vehicle Owner #5 Full Name	Signature



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SECTION C - Beneficiaries

(Provide details for all beneficiaries)

No.			
1	☐ Add Beneficiary ☐ Remove Beneficiary		
	Full Name		Customer # or DL#
	Email Address	Phone Number	Date of Birth
	Residence Address		
	Mailing Address		
2	☐ Add Beneficiary ☐ Remove Beneficiary		
	Full Name		Customer # or DL#
	Email Address	Phone Number	Date of Birth
	Residence Address		
	Mailing Address		
3	☐ Add Beneficiary ☐ Remove Beneficiary		
	Full Name		Customer # or DL#
	Email Address	Phone Number	Date of Birth
	Residence Address		
	Mailing Address		
4	☐ Add Beneficiary ☐ Remove Beneficiary		
	Full Name		Customer # or DL#
	Email Address	Phone Number	Date of Birth
	Residence Address		
	Mailing Address		
5	☐ Add Beneficiary ☐ Remove Beneficiary		
	Full Name		Customer # or DL#
	Email Address	Phone Number	Date of Birth
	Residence Address		
	Mailing Address		

How to fill out TOD-1 — Application for Transfer on Death

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The step South Carolina would rather you took while everyone is alive. Naming a beneficiary on the certificate now means the car moves on a death certificate later instead of through the Probate Court - and the SCDMV is blunt about the alternative, saying that in general it does not interpret or accept wills for titles.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank TOD-1 from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.sc.gov/sites/scdmv/files/media/Forms/TOD-1-Application-for-Transfer-on-Death.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	Check the conjunction on the certificate first	Whether the title reads AND or OR between two owner names, or names only one owner. Watch out: An AND title cannot carry a beneficiary at all. That has to be changed before this form is any use, and changing it is itself a title transaction.
2	YOU	Beneficiary's name and date of birth	The person who will take the vehicle, with their address, customer or licence number and phone. Watch out: Spell the name the way their identification does, because the certificate is about to be reissued carrying it and a mismatch surfaces at the worst possible moment.
3	YOU	Add beneficiary or remove beneficiary	One of two tick boxes. The same form does both jobs. Watch out: Removing is the box people forget exists. A divorce does not undo a TOD designation in South Carolina, and the form says so on its own face.
4	YOU	The vehicle	Year, make, vehicle identification number and model. Watch out: One vehicle per form. A second car with the same beneficiary needs its own TOD-1, its own certificate and its own \$15.
5	YOU	Sign the certification	Printed name and signature of the vehicle owner, under the declaration about civil liability and criminal penalties. Watch out: No notary and no witness. Where there are co-owners, they print and sign in Section B and every one of them has to.
6	YOU	Send it with three other things	A completed Form 400, the certificate of title or the lienholder's written request, and the \$15 title fee. Watch out: A lienholder holding your certificate has to release it for this. An electronic lienholder does not send a certificate at all - only the signed request.

What gets this one rejected

- Filed on a title that reads AND. The restriction is printed on the form: a beneficiary cannot be added where ownership is designated as an AND relationship.
- Filed by a business. The owner must be an individual, and a company or a trust cannot name a beneficiary this way.
- One owner's signature where the certificate names two. All owners must be in agreeance, and Section B exists to collect the rest of them.
- Sent without the certificate. The overview names three things - the fee, the title and this form - and a certificate held by a lienholder has to come from the lienholder with a written request.
- Sent without a Form 400. The instruction at the foot of the overview is that customers must also submit a completed Form 400.
- Relied on after a divorce. The form warns that neither divorce nor annulment revokes the designation and that a second TOD-1 is needed to remove it.

☒ 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 TOD-1 (07/2025) and the South Carolina Department 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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