

How to fill out DMV-5-TR — Affidavit of Transfer of Ownership Without Consideration

West Virginia · written against DMV-5-TR (Rev 09/2021), issued under W. Va. Code 17A-3-4 and 11-15-3c

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The sworn sentence that makes a gift a gift in West Virginia. One printed declaration - I do hereby transfer to the named person a described vehicle for no consideration, monetary or otherwise - with both parties certifying that the transfer does not involve any exchange of goods, service or money in return for the vehicle. Parents, children and spouses are excused from filing it; every other relationship that hands a car over free needs this sheet sworn, or the recipient is taxed on the full book value as though the word gift had never been said.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank DMV-5-TR from the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles at <https://webapps.transportation.wv.gov/TWS/WVDOTDocumentStorageMigration/PDF/Transportation/DMV/DMVFormSearch/DMV-5-TR-wf.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	The declaration line	Your name, the recipient's name, and the vehicle's year, model, VIN and title number written into the printed sentence. Watch out: The sentence is the affidavit. Everything below it identifies and swears; this line is what is actually being certified.
2	YOU	Certification of current ownership	Name, address, license or ID number, phone, then sign and date - in front of the notary. Watch out: The license number asked for here is also the one the Division will match against the title record. Use the credential, not memory.
3	BUYER	Certification of new ownership	The recipient completes the mirror block with their own details and signature. Watch out: Recipients still pay the title fee and file the DMV-1-TR - this affidavit rides with that application, it does not replace it.
4	OTHER	The notary block - one or two	Together, one block serves both signatures. Apart, each party swears before their own notary in their own block. Watch out: If the two of you swear separately, the vehicle line must already be complete and identical on the sheet each notary sees - two half-finished copies cannot be stapled into one affidavit.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it where money, work or barter actually moved. The declaration certifies no exchange of goods, service or money - a lawnmower traded in part payment makes the whole affidavit false.
- A price on the title beside a gift affidavit. The titles page rejects applications containing a designated purchase price on the title sheet paired with a conflicting gift affidavit.
- Skipping it for a sibling, grandparent or in-law. The exemption the Division recognises runs strictly between parent and child, child and parent, or spouse and spouse - nothing wider.
- A correction squeezed onto the sheet. Its own foot says any changes, alterations, or erasures will void this affidavit - a slip means printing a fresh one.
- Treating a lien as part of the gift silently. A gifted vehicle carrying a lien is not exempt: the tax is calculated on the recorded lien amount, and pretending otherwise is the false statement the foot warns about.

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

Read off DMV-5-TR (Rev 09/2021) and the West Virginia 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. sellmycarhub.com

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Division of Motor Vehicles

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1-800-642-9066
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1 I, Rosalie M. Burdette, do hereby transfer to Tyree J. Slack a
NAME OF CURRENT VEHICLE OWNER NAME OF NEW VEHICLE OWNER

2 0 0 7 Chevrolet Cobalt LS 1 G 1 A L 1 5 F 2 7 7 2 5 4 9 1 6
YEAR MODEL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

4 1 9 0 8 7 3 3 0 for no consideration, monetary or otherwise. I declare under penalty of false swearing that the statement made above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and the transfer does not involve any exchange of goods, service or money in return for the vehicle.

Certification of CURRENT Ownership

2 Rosalie M. Burdette
NAME OF CURRENT OWNER(S)

214 Sycamore Hollow Rd
ADDRESS

St. Albans, WV 25177

F204817 (304) 555-0142
LICENSE/ID NUMBER PHONE NUMBER

(X)
SIGNATURE OF CURRENT OWNER(S) DATE

Certification of NEW Ownership

Tyree J. Slack
NAME OF NEW OWNER(S)

89 Ridenour St
ADDRESS

Nitro, WV 25143

S518226 (304) 555-0164
LICENSE/ID NUMBER PHONE NUMBER

(X)
SIGNATURE OF NEW OWNER(S) DATE

CURRENT OWNER'S Certification by Notary Public

ONLY ONE NOTARY CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED IF BOTH CURRENT AND NEW OWNERS ARE AVAILABLE AND PRESENT AT THE SAME TIME FOR NOTARY CERTIFICATION.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(X)
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires on: _____

NEW OWNER'S Certification by Notary Public

THIS NOTARY SECTION IS TO BE USED ONLY IF THE CURRENT AND NEW OWNERS CANNOT SIGN UNDER WITNESS OF THE SAME NOTARY AT THE SAME LOCATION AND TIME.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(X)
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires on: _____

NOTARY STAMP

ANY CHANGES, ALTERATIONS, OR ERASURES WILL VOID THIS AFFIDAVIT

ANY APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP WHICH PROVIDES INCORRECT, FALSE OR FRAUDULENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONSIDERATION EXCHANGED, SUBJECTS THE APPLICANT TO THE REVOCATION, SUSPENSION AND/OR CANCELLATION OF ANY AND ALL DRIVER'S LICENSES, REGISTRATION PLATES, CARDS, AND PERMITS ISSUED TO THE APPLICANT.