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Acceptable Proof of Ownership

Vehicle ownership documents issued by vehicle manufacturers and titling jurisdictions that provide specific vehicle information and used as the legal document to transfer ownership of the vehicle are known as “proof of ownership” documents. As a reminder, the following are the only **acceptable proof of ownership documents**:

- Manufacturer Certificate/Statement of Origin (MCO or MSO)
- Certificate of Title
- Certificate of Salvage
- Court Order
- Transferable Registration Card

It has come to PennDOT’s attention that agents have been accepting documents that are not one of the above acceptable proofs of ownership documents for titling a vehicle in Pennsylvania.

A bill of sale is not an acceptable proof of ownership document to obtain a certificate of title in Pennsylvania. A notarized bill of sale in conjunction with a transferable registration card is acceptable, if the titling jurisdiction does not issue proof of ownership documents for the vehicle being transferred (most times these are trailers under a certain weight).

PennDOT has been seeing a lot of New York Form MV-907A being used as a proof of ownership document which is not acceptable. As of October 1, 1993, PennDOT stopped accepting the New York State Form MV-907A, “Salvage Certificate,” for processing with applications for Pennsylvania Certificates of Title or Salvage. This form has the following language on it and should notify the agent that this document is not acceptable:

“OTHER JURISDICTIONS: Do not accept this certificate as proof of ownership for registration or titling purposes”

PennDOT will not accept certificate of salvage documents from other states (i.e., Florida, Michigan, etc.) that indicate the vehicle was sold for “parts only” or as “un-rebuildable” with applications for Pennsylvania Certificates of Title or Salvage. The parts from these vehicles may only be used to rebuild or reconstruct other vehicles. The vehicle cannot be put on the highway for use as a complete vehicle.

PennDOT procedures will not allow an out-of-state dealer reassignment form to be used with a certificate of salvage for processing in Pennsylvania. The last person or business assigned on the reverse side of the certificate of salvage must apply in that state for a certificate of salvage or title in their name prior to transferring ownership.

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