

# Driver and Vehicle Services Update Bulletin

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## General Information

- **Form MV-753 Reminder**
- **Revised Form MV-6 “Application for Nonrepairable or Salvage Certificate” and Collection of Sales Tax.**
- **Short Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs)**

## Form MV-753 Reminder

As a reminder, Form MV-753, “Authorization for Release of Motor Vehicle/Dealer Record Information,” This form must be maintained in the office of the requester for three years and is subject to PennDOT audit without prior notification. This form should not be sent to PennDOT. The department has no way of recording this information or returning the form to the correct agent and/or messenger when it is received.

## Revised Form MV-6, “Application for Nonrepairable or Salvage Certificate” and reminder of collection of sales tax

Form MV-6, “Application for Nonrepairable or Salvage Certificate,” has been revised. The new revision date is 11-24. The update and the information below are meant to clarify the process.

The following changes were made to the MV-6:

- In Section B a note was added that the odometer disclosure statement should only be completed when the proof of ownership document presented does not include an odometer disclosure statement or when the vehicle is coming in on a court order where no odometer disclosure is present. In all cases where a proof of ownership document is available with the odometer disclosure statement, the odometer must be recorded where applicable.
- In Section C a box was added to record the purchase price.
- In Section C a box was added to record the sales tax that was paid on the purchase price of the vehicle.

Any time ownership of a vehicle is being transferred from one individual or business entity to another; sales tax must be collected, no matter what type of ownership document is being used for the transfer. A vehicle that is branded as salvage, and a salvage certificate issued in lieu of a certificate of title, is a sale of tangible personal property and subject to sales tax in Pennsylvania.

Applicants must complete the purchase price and sales tax paid on the vehicle. When ownership transfer from one individual to another, sales tax must be collected and submitted with the MV-6 application. If the MV-6 application does not have the purchase price and sales tax paid recorded, the application must be rejected.

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[www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov).

## Short Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs)

It has come to PennDOT's attention that there are registration plates being issued to some vehicles that do not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). Often, these vehicles are accompanied with the proper import documentation but are not regarded in Pennsylvania as on-road vehicles and cannot be titled to operate on Pennsylvania roadways. These vehicles may also come from other jurisdictions on valid titles but are still regarded as non-compliant vehicles in Pennsylvania.

Previously, we have indicated to agents that all paperwork for vehicles that have short Vehicle Identification Numbers (a VIN with less than 17-digits) will need to be submitted to PennDOT for review. This process has not changed and should still be followed. **This excludes trailers, special mobile equipment (SME), recreational vehicles, specially constructed vehicles, mobile / manufactured homes, and Pennsylvania issued VIN plates regardless of model year.**

Additionally, if agents have a customer who is attempting to title and register a vehicle of this type, they should be indicating on the MV-1 that the plate will be issued by the department. Agents should not issue a plate to the customer at that time. Any application for Pennsylvania Certificate of Title received by the Department for these vehicles will be forwarded to the appropriate department to be reviewed. The determination will be made whether or not registration can be issued to the vehicle.

When an employee comes across a vehicle with a "G" stop, the work **MUST** be forwarded to PennDOT for processing.