



Pennsylvania  
Department of Transportation

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AFTER DEFAULT BY OWNER

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**NOTE:** When default occurs, the following three options are available for obtaining a certificate of title. Form MV-1 must be properly completed and accompany this application in all cases.

**CHECK APPROPRIATE BLOCK below indicating which option you are proceeding under:**

- ☐ 1. Judgment and execution      ☐ 2. Non-judicial sale or repossession and retention (U.C.C)      ☐ 3. Court Order

Title Number	Vehicle Identification Number	Applicant Name/Co-Applicant Name (If applicable)
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**FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW FOR THE APPROPRIATE BLOCK CHECKED ABOVE AND THE APPLICANT LISTED ON FORM MV-1 MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION BELOW.**

**OPTION 1 - JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION - An individual or business that is not licensed with the Department of Banking, must follow this Option.** The individual may or may not be listed as a lienholder on the Pennsylvania Certificate of Title. This option will allow the individual to be re-paid for any remaining debt. If the vehicle owner has defaulted on a loan from a private individual, then Option 3 may be used for the lienholder to take ownership of the vehicle.

The purchaser at the sheriff's or constable's sale may obtain certificate of title upon presentation of all the following items:

- Certified copy of the judgment and writ of execution, or the court order of sale.
- Bill of sale from the sheriff, constable or other duly authorized executing officer showing the date of sale, name of purchaser, make and VIN of vehicle.
- Documentation that any existing lien is satisfied.

### OPTION 2 - NON-JUDICIAL SALE OR REPOSSESSION & RETENTION (Uniform Commercial Code)

Certificate of title will be issued in the name of the purchaser at the sale (who may be the lienholder) upon receipt of the following:

- The certificate of title when a lien is recorded on the title OR the original or an acceptable copy of the filed financing statement.
- The original or an acceptable copy of the agreement which is the basis of the right to repossess.
- The original or an acceptable copy of the notice of intention to sell, mailed to the debtor.
  - (i) If a public sale, the notice must set forth the time and place of the sale.
  - (ii) If a private sale, the notice must set forth the time after which the sale is to be made.
- Bill of sale showing the date of sale, name of purchaser, make and VIN of vehicle, if the purchaser is not the lienholder.

**OPTION 3 - COURT ORDER - This option is used by a lienholder, who is not recorded on the certificate of title or who is not licensed by the Department of Banking, when the lienholder wishes to obtain ownership of the vehicle.**  
**NOTE: A sample court order is printed on the back.**

Certificate of title will be issued upon receipt of the following items:

- A certified copy of an order of a Court of Common Pleas listing the make and VIN of the vehicle and naming the person to whom the court awarded ownership of the vehicle and proof that notice of the Court of Common Pleas proceeding was given to the prior owner and any other person who had an interest in the vehicle.
- If the original certificate of title is available, it must be attached to your application and court order. If the title is not available, documentation must be included explaining why the title is not attached.

**NOTE:** In questionable cases, the Department may require the applicant for certificate of title to execute an indemnification agreement, or other forms as necessary.

I/We hereby make application for a certificate of title and certify under penalty of law that I/we have complied with the appropriate instructions listed on this application and have acted in accordance with the law.

Applicant Signature

Date

Co-Applicant Signature

Date

# SAMPLE COURT ORDER

**BY THE COURT:**

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