

How To Transfer a Vehicle from Deceased Member of Immediate Family

This is just an overview of the options available. In all cases, consult your local probate court and/or call the CT DMV to make an appointment.

I. If title is held in joint ownership with right of survivorship

Joint ownership is characterized by the right of survivorship. When a Certificate of Title is in two names and one owner dies, the surviving owner would acquire the interest of the deceased owner. Joint ownership is identified by use of the conjunction **OR**. Both owners are required to sign the original Application for Registration and Title (form H-13B). However, only one signature is required to change ownership of this vehicle.

Example of Joint ownership: John Jones or Mary Jones.

Common ownership is characterized by the lack of the right of survivorship. Upon the death of one of two owners of a motor vehicle, the Probate Court will appoint a fiduciary (Administrator or Executor) to convey the deceased owner's interest. A copy of the probate document will be required and should be attached to the Certificate of Title. In those cases where the estate of the decedent falls within certain monetary limits, the court may authorize the transfer of the deceased owner's interest by letter. In this instance, a copy of the letter should be attached to the Certificate of Title. Common ownership is identified by use of the conjunction **AND**. Both owners are required to sign the original Application for Registration and Title (form H-13B), as well as all future transactions for this vehicle, unless probate documents are shown as mentioned above.

Example of Common ownership: John Jones and Mary Jones

II. Deceased person completed a Beneficiary Designation form

Per CT General Statute Section 14-16(b) an owner may designate a beneficiary, in writing, to assume ownership of the vehicle within 60 days of his or her death.

The beneficiary can apply for the issuance of a certificate of title and a certificate of registration in the beneficiary's name. Such application shall be accompanied by: (1) The original certificate of registration in which the beneficiary is designated pursuant to this subsection; (2) a death certificate for the deceased owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the commissioner may require; (4) the transfer fee required by subsection (c) of this section; and (5) any applicable fees for registration, title and number plates as required under this chapter and chapter 247.

A copy of the appropriate form is attached.

III. Conveyance of vehicle ownership to immediate family member

When an immediate family member dies, their vehicle may be passed to an immediate family member by the executor or administrator of the estate. This happens by updating the vehicle's title and/or registration to be in the purchaser's name.

An appointment with the CT DMV is necessary to complete the process. If the vehicle is registered in the State of Connecticut, the seller needs to assign the Certificate of Title to the purchaser or complete a Supplemental Assignment of Ownership. If there are two executors of the estate, both executors are required to reassign ownership to the purchaser.

You will need to bring to the appointment a copy of the vehicle's most recent registration certificate and a certified version of the original probate document naming the administrator or executor of the estate.

If the estate of the decedent falls within certain monetary limits, the probate court may authorize the transfer of the decedent's vehicle by issuing a transfer of personal property Form PC-264 or PC-264S).

Source: CT DMV website, https://portal.ct.gov/dmv/vehicle-services/transfer-vehicle-ownership?language=en_US, accessed 8/4/2025

ATTACH THIS DOCUMENT TO THE REGISTRATION FOR THE VEHICLE INDICATED BELOW.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE

Change of address must be reported to the DMV within 48 hours. You may visit DMV's website at ct.gov/dmv to obtain form #B-58 for an official change of address form. Enter new address below, but do not return this certificate. Continue to keep it in the vehicle.

NEW ADDRESS (Number and Street)

(City or Town)

(State)

(Zip Code)

**IF YOU WISH TO USE THIS FORM AS A BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION,
YOU MUST COMPLETE THE OWNER, VEHICLE, AND BENEFICIARY INFORMATION ON THIS FORM.**

OWNER INFORMATION

NAME OF OWNER(S)

ADDRESS (Number and Street)

(City or Town)

(State)

(Zip Code)

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VEHICLE YEAR

VEHICLE MAKE

VEHICLE MODEL

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)

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BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE - (If Vehicle Is Owned by One (1) Person)

If the owner is an individual (not a firm or corporation), and if there is no specified co-owner, then the owner may designate a BENEFICIARY below who shall assume ownership of the motor vehicle described in this certificate upon the death of the owner of record. The owner must complete the area below naming each BENEFICIARY. (CGS-14-16(b))

NAME OF BENEFICIARY (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

OPERATOR LICENSE NUMBER
(If NOT CT, specify state issuing license)

DATE OF BIRTH (If known)

ADDRESS (Number and Street)

(City or Town)

(State)

(Zip Code)

I hereby designate the above individual person as my BENEFICIARY with respect to this motor vehicle specified on the front of this certificate, who shall assume ownership of this motor vehicle after my death upon proper application to the DMV no later than (60) days from the date of my death.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER (As appearing on front of this certificate)

DATE SIGNED

X

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (NOTE: Beneficiary can NOT sign as a witness)

PRINTED NAME OF WITNESS (NOTE: Beneficiary can NOT be the witness)

DATE SIGNED

X

NOTICE TO BENEFICIARY: NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF THE OWNER, named above shall submit the following items to the DMV: (1) this certificate of registration, properly completed above and naming the individual as beneficiary, (2) a certificate of death of the owner as listed on this certificate of registration, (3) proof of identity of the beneficiary, (4) the current certificate of title for this vehicle, (5) a properly completed application for registration and title together with the appropriate fees.