



# Transferring vehicle ownership of a deceased family member

## Introduction (read all instructions carefully)

The TR-40 contains three forms (TR-40a, TR-40b, and TR-40c) that are used to complete the transfer of vehicles from a deceased individual to the surviving spouse, the closest next-of-kin, or to a third party. *The TR-40 is for vehicles that are not subject to a probated estate.*

## Required forms

### **TR-40a: Certification from the Heir to a Vehicle**

- The TR-40a form is used to certify that the surviving spouse of the deceased vehicle owner or the closest next-of-kin (if there is no spouse) has claim to the vehicle as the rightful heir. *If more than one heir is eligible to inherit the vehicle (joint inheritance), each qualifying heir must submit a TR-40a. All TR-40a forms must be verified at a Secretary of State office.*

### **TR-40b: Certification of No Interest**

- The TR-40b form is used when multiple heirs have a legal right to the deceased owner's vehicle, but not all of the heirs want the vehicle. In this case, each qualified heir must submit a TR-40b to surrender their legal right to the vehicle. When there are multiple qualified heirs, there will be multiple TR-40b forms. All TR-40b forms necessary for a vehicle transfer must be submitted with a corresponding TR-40a that has been verified at a Secretary of State office.

### **TR-40c: Certification of Ownership Transfer**

- The TR-40c form is used when the vehicle is being transferred into the name of an individual other than the closest next-of-kin. The TR-40c is completed by one qualified heir and lists the new vehicle owner. There may be multiple TR-40c forms if there will be multiple new owners. All TR-40c forms necessary for a vehicle transfer must be submitted with a corresponding TR-40a that has been verified at a Secretary of State office.

## You will also need to present the:

1. **Current vehicle title** (this is the preferred proof of ownership).
  - a. **If the vehicle title is lost:** Present a document listing the year, make, and VIN/HIN/serial number of the vehicle (other documents may be required).
  - b. **If the vehicle does not require a title:** Submit the vehicle registration or other proof of ownership listing the vehicle's year, make, and VIN/HIN/serial number.
2. **Death certificate** of the vehicle owner(s) as shown on the Proof of Ownership.
3. **Signed lien termination statement** (lien must be released prior to title transfer.)
4. **Odometer disclosure statement.** Vehicles subject to odometer disclosure must have the odometer statement completed on the title. If the title cannot be located, a [BDVR-108 Odometer Mileage Statement](#) must be completed instead.

\*\*Please note: Personally identifiable information collected on these forms is limited to what's needed to complete your transaction. For other ways your information may be used, visit [Michigan.gov/SOS/policies](https://Michigan.gov/SOS/policies).





## TR-40b: Certification of No Interest

**Note:** This form is not valid unless submitted together with a completed TR-40a form that has been verified by a Secretary of State office and associated with the same vehicle.

### Information about the vehicle to be transferred

Vehicle year

Vehicle make

Body style

Title number

VIN/HIN

I certify that I have no ownership interest in the vehicle described above. I further certify that the information on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Printed name of heir

Signature of heir

Date

**Please note:** The above ownership interest certification is for Michigan Department of State vehicle titling purposes. While it is not intended to, it could impact ownership interest as it relates to estate resolution. You may wish to consult an attorney if you have any questions.



## TR-40c: Certification of Ownership Transfer

**Note:** This form is not valid unless submitted together with a completed TR-40a form that has been verified by a Secretary of State office and associated with the same vehicle.

### Information about the vehicle to be transferred

Vehicle year Vehicle make

Body style Title number

VIN/HIN

### New owner's information (more than one owner may be listed)

First and last names

Street address

City

State

ZIP code

I, as the surviving spouse, or if no surviving spouse, the closest next-of-kin, certify the vehicle described above is sold or transferred to the person or persons named above and further certify that the title is free of all previous liens.

Printed name of heir

Signature of heir

Date