

810-5-75-.55 Application for Certificate of Title - Certification of Physical Inspection of a Motor Vehicle on Application for Certificate of Title. Reference: Sections 32-8-1 through 32-8-87, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

(1) The application for certificate of title, Form MVT 5-1, is a multi-purpose form required for various transactions. A new application is necessary for each transaction which requires that a new title be issued. A new title with a new number revokes any previous title.

(2) A physical inspection of a motor vehicle and verification of the vehicle identification number and the descriptive data shown on the application is required only for first certificates of title, including certificates of title for the following:

(a) New Vehicles - Application for first title.

(b) Out-of-State Vehicles - Brought into Alabama requiring registration and titling in this State and surrendering of out-of-state title.

(c) Other Vehicles - Not currently titled in Alabama and subject to registration and titling in this State.

(3) Where a currently valid Alabama certificate of title to a motor vehicle is assigned to a new owner, the designated agent processing an application for title for the new owner is not required to physically verify the motor vehicle identification number and description of the vehicle. In such a case, the signature of the designated agent on the application is his certification that the motor vehicle identification number and description shown on the new application are identical to the motor vehicle identification number and description in the certificate of title assigned to the new owner and that he has positively identified the new owner and witnessed his signature on the application for the new title.

(4) The application for a certificate of title, Form MVT 20-1, may only be used as a notice of security interest to record a lien on a vehicle previously titled in Alabama. This form is designed for use by a lienholder not qualified as a designated agent and it cannot be used in a transfer of ownership.

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