



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
(Request to Junk a Vehicle without a Certificate of Title)

Application Checklist

A person who owns a vehicle that has a faulty, lost or destroyed certificate of title or who is the possessor of an abandoned vehicle, may apply to the BMV for authority to sell, give away, or dispose of the vehicle for scrap metal without applying for a new certificate of title.

An automotive salvage recycler may apply for a Certificate of Authority on behalf of an individual who meets the criteria outlined above. The salvage recycler must complete sections 1A and 1B of State Form 55018.

When submitting paperwork, include the following:

- [Certificate of Authority – Disposal of a Motor Vehicle – State Form 55018](#)
- Proof of ownership (e.g., current registration, insurance settlement)
- [Physical Inspection of a Vehicle or Watercraft – State Form 39530](#)
 - Required only if the vehicle does not have a Vehicle Identification Number. Must be completed by a Police Officer.
- **If the vehicle is abandoned, you must meet the requirements of Indiana Code 9-22.** This consists of proof of delivery of a certified letter or a certificate of mailing (if the vehicle is worth under \$1,000) to the vehicle owner and lienholder (if applicable). A copy of the certified letter/ mailing must be submitted with this application.
- Proof of lien release (if there is a lien against the vehicle)
 - Lien release must be signed by an agent of the lienholder and state the titled owner's name, the date on which the lien was released, and the vehicle's year, make, and VIN.
- \$4.00 application fee, payable by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Check, Electronic Check, or Money Order
 - [Collection of Payment Information – State Form 56163](#) must be completed and included if paying by credit, debit, or electronic check.
 - If paying by check or money order, make payable to Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

For your convenience, the required forms are hyperlinked in this checklist. The forms are also available at in.gov/bmv/titles/title-forms/.

Mail this checklist and all completed forms to:

**Indiana Bureau of Motor
Vehicles Central Office
Title Processing
100 North Senate Avenue,
Room N411 Indianapolis, IN
46204**

If the BMV determines that sufficient credible evidence exists to substantiate the applicant's claim of ownership, an approved [Certificate of Authority – Disposal of a Motor Vehicle – State Form 55018](#) will be mailed or emailed to the applicant, whichever is selected on the application. The approved Certificate of Authority must be presented to the automotive salvage recycler, or other appropriate facility when disposing of the vehicle. **If all required documents are not submitted or information is incomplete, the entire application will be rejected.**