



# Transfer on Death Designation Affidavit for a Titled Vehicle

The titled owner of a car, boat, or outboard motor can name one or more beneficiaries

## What are the benefits?



The owner keeps all the rights of ownership while they are alive. For example, the owner may:

- Sell or transfer ownership, OR
- Remove or change the beneficiary by filing a new title.



A beneficiary has no right to the property while the owner is alive. For example:

- The beneficiary cannot: transfer, encumber, or give away their interest.
- A beneficiary's bankruptcy, debt collection, or divorce does not involve the property.

The titled vehicle passes to the beneficiary without involving Probate Court.

Ownership is changed with the County Title Department.



## What it does NOT do...

- Reduce the owner's countable assets for Medicaid eligibility. Seek advice from an attorney for possible exceptions.
- Avoid estate tax.
- Protect the asset from the owner's creditors. Secured loans follow the property.
- Avoid conflict among beneficiaries after the owner's death.



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# I want to do a Transfer on Death Designation Affidavit for my car. Now what?

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
**TRANSFER ON DEATH BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION / REMOVAL AFFIDAVIT**  
Ohio Revised Code section 2151.13

This form is used to add and/or remove a transfer on death beneficiary. Please only check one box for the action you are taking.

DESIGNATION  
An individual whose motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor Certificate of Title shows sole ownership may make an application for a Certificate of Title to designate/remove one or more beneficiaries of the property.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the sole owner of the vehicle, watercraft, \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINTED NAME) or outboard motor described in this form, do designate/remove the following beneficiaries for this property:

BENEFICIARY FULL LEGAL NAME	SSN	DATE OF BIRTH
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VIN / HW / MIN \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ BODY TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT / OWNER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 X

Notary:  
Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

(Notary Seal)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public or other Authorized Officer by law \_\_\_\_\_ My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. Gather needed information.

- Your original vehicle title
- Your beneficiary's:
  - Name
  - Social Security Number
  - Date of Birth

## 2. Complete the Affidavit to Designate a Beneficiary (form BMV 3811).

Only sign before a Notary Public.

Take an Ohio photo I.D.

- Your bank may have a Notary at no cost.
- Your local Title Office will have a Notary for a small fee.

## 3. File it.

Ask the County Title Office:

- ✓ How much will it cost?
- ✓ Where should I go?
- ✓ What are your hours?

Take to any Ohio Title Office with:

- Your original title
- An Ohio photo I.D.
- \$ to pay the filing fee.

A new title will list the beneficiary.



**Select the most workable way, but one which involves as little risk as possible!**



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