



STATE OF INDIANA

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

Application Checklist

A person who owns a vehicle that has a certificate of title that is faulty, lost or destroyed, 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.

When submitting paperwork, include the following:

- Certificate of Authority – Disposal of a Motor Vehicle – State Form 55018
- Proof of ownership (i.e. current registration, insurance settlement)
- 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).
- \$4.00 application fee. Payable by MasterCard or Visa, check, electronic check, or money order.

For your convenience, the required forms are included with this checklist. The forms are also available at myBMV.com. Mail the completed packet 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 back to the applicant which 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 returned.**

Please include this checklist with your application.



APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY - DISPOSAL OF A VEHICLE

State Form 55018 (R3 / 3-19)
INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
100 North Senate Avenue
Room N411
Indianapolis, IN 46204

- INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Complete in blue or black ink, or print form.
 2. An approved application will be returned to the applicant at the mailing address provided below.
 3. The completed application, supporting documentation, and the \$4.00 application fee, which is charged in accordance with Indiana Code 9-22-5-3, must be mailed to the address printed in the top-right hand corner of this form.

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Name of Applicant(s) (first, middle, last, or company name)			
Legal Address (number and street)		City	State ZIP Code
Mailing Address, if different than Legal Address (number and street)		City	State ZIP Code
County	Telephone Number (required) ()	E-mail Address (optional)	
SECTION 2 - VEHICLE INFORMATION			
Vehicle Identification Number			
Vehicle Year	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Type Vehicle Color
Reason for Request:	<input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Title is faulty, lost or destroyed.		
Include a concise statement regarding the reason a certificate of title is unavailable, explain how the vehicle came into your possession (if applicable), and provide the reasons for disposal of the vehicle. <i>Attach additional sheets if necessary.</i>			
I swear or affirm under the penalties for perjury that the information I have entered on this form is true and correct and that no material fact has been withheld. I understand that making a false statement may constitute the crime of perjury.			
Signature of Applicant		Printed Name	Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)
SECTION 3 – BMV USE ONLY			
The applicant is approved to sell this vehicle to a licensed automotive salvage recycler for scrap metal. The licensed automotive salvage recycler may accept this Certificate of Authority in place of a certificate of title to the vehicle.			
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> BMV SEAL </div>			
Designee of Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner		Printed Name	Date Approved (mm/dd/yyyy)
SECTION 4 – AUTOMOTIVE SALVAGE RECYCLER USE ONLY			
<i>After destroying or dismantling the vehicle, complete the section below and mail this form to:</i>			
BMV Document Management 100 N. Senate Ave., Rm. 412 Indianapolis, IN 46204			
<i>* After delivery of this Certificate to the BMV, a certificate of title will not be issued for the motor vehicle identified above.</i>			
I hereby certify that this vehicle was destroyed or dismantled and should be recorded as 'JUNK' in BMV records. I swear or affirm under the penalties for perjury that this statement is correct. I understand making a false statement may constitute the crime of perjury.			
Name of Company			Dealer Number
Street Address (number and street)		City	State ZIP Code
Signature of Representative		Printed Name	Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)