



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)
- [Physical Inspection of a Vehicle or Watercraft – State Form 39530](#)
 - Only required 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, as well as 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](#) 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 delivered to the applicant by mail or email, 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.**

Please include this checklist with your application if submitting by mail.