

STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

For Surviving Spouse

A surviving spouse may title a vehicle in his or her name only by submitting a title application in the surviving spouse's name. No fee is required if at the time of death, the deceased was a Maine resident, and the vehicle was registered and titled in Maine. A rush fee will still apply.

What you will need:

- ☐ A Vehicle Title
 - If you cannot locate the title to the vehicle, you will need to file a Duplicate Title Application ([MVT-8](#)) in the deceased's name.
 - The fee is waived for a Duplicate Title Application in this case.
- ☐ Application for Certificate of Title (MVT-2)
 - An application for a Maine certificate of title can be obtained by visiting any of our motor vehicle branch or town office locations or by contacting the Title Unit in Augusta.
 - No title fee is required unless adding an additional owner.
 - If rush service is preferred, a \$10 rush fee will apply.
- ☐ An [MVT-22](#) completed by the surviving spouse.
 - This document must be notarized.
 - If the vehicle was financed, the surviving spouse must submit a lien release or obtain consent from the lien holder to title in the surviving spouse's name ([MVT-27](#)).

****If a surviving spouse sells the vehicle, the surviving spouse should provide the buyer with:***

- ***The title transferred to the buyer.***
- ***A release of any lien.***
- ***Form MVT-22 completed by the surviving spouse. Must be notarized.***
- ***Bill of sale.***