

Transfer Without Probate Procedures

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Clarified Information

When an Affidavit for Transfer Without Probate California Titled Vehicle or Vessels Only (REG 5) form is submitted, the application **must** include a copy of the original or certified copy of the death certificate for each deceased registered owner, even if there is only one registered owner.

Procedures

Refer to the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* §11.185 for additional procedures when completing transfers involving a REG 5.

NOTE: Refer customers to **dmv.ca.gov** to complete a Transfer Without Probate Checklist.

Background

There have been inquiries to whether a death certificate is required when there is a single owner on record. A death certificate is required regardless of how many owners are on record.

References

California Vehicle Code §5910

Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §11.185

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