



## Checklist for a vehicle received through inheritance and small estate proceedings

You must register in person at a Motor Vehicle office in the county where you reside. For information about where to register outside Denver County, visit the [State of Colorado DMV Website](#). Visit our [DMV branch offices](#) page for Denver County DMV locations, hours and directions.

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To shorten your wait and ensure same day service at the counter, please come prepared with the following documentation:

**New owner identification.** Bring your owner identification ([secure and verifiable](#)) or designated power of attorney completed and notarized [Form DR2175](#) and your own identification ([secure and verifiable](#)), to one of Denver's [DMV branch offices](#) (Denver residents only).

**Death certificate.**

**Court order.** A copy of the court order such as the Letters of Testamentary appointing you:

a) personal representative; b) executor of estate; or c) original Small Estates Proceedings.

**Title signed by court appointed representative and / or surviving owners.**

a) When a single person is listed on the title, bring the title in the decedent's name (the "decedent" is the person who died), signed by the representative named on court papers or Small Estates Proceedings, in the [Seller's Signature area of the title](#).

b) When two owners' names appear on the title and *Joint Tenancy with Rights of Survivorship* **does not** appear on the title, the title must be signed by the representative named on court papers or Small Estates Proceedings, **and the other surviving owner** in the [Seller's Signature area of the title](#).

c) When two owners' names are listed on the title and appear **with** *Joint Tenancy with Rights of Survivorship*,

the title must be signed by the surviving owner only in the [Seller's Signature area of the title](#).

**Emissions test.**

When you inherit a vehicle or receive a vehicle as a gift, you are required to have a new [emissions test](#), even if the current inspection report still has time on it. Please [visit Air Care Colorado for exceptions to this rule](#). For emissions testing locations visit [Air Care Colorado](#).

**Odometer reading.**

If you plan to register a vehicle and transfer a title into your name, you must provide a current and accurate odometer reading. For vehicles older than 10 years, an odometer reading is not necessary.

**Proof of automobile insurance coverage.**

Insurance card, copy of insurance policy or letter from your insurance company on the company's letterhead including a description of the vehicle with the following information: year, make, model, vehicle identification number (VIN), effective date and expiration date of the policy.

**Vehicle identification number (VIN) verification.** A [VIN verification](#) is required if the seller has an out-of-state title or the vehicle is from outside Colorado. A [VIN inspector](#) must complete a VIN verification [Form DR2698](#). Denver Motor Vehicle will perform VIN verifications for a nominal fee of \$ 20.00 per vehicle. [Learn more...](#)

**Payment.**

Learn more about [title and registration fees](#) so that you arrive to our office prepared. Also see [fees for specialty and personalized \(vanity\) plates](#).

**\*\*Note:** Expect your new Colorado title to be mailed to you within 4 - 6 weeks of registration.