



CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION  
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION  
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CHAPTER	1	GENERAL PROVISION	SUBSECTION	A	GENERAL PROVISIONS
REGULATION #	MV:01-1-104		DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION		
APPROVED BY:			DATE:		
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A. Documents required for title and registration

Membership verified with the Registration Department of Cherokee Nation, valid Oklahoma driver's license, and valid Oklahoma insurance verification.

The **operator** of the vehicle may use his/her driver license **instead** of the owner's (tribal member) driver license in the following circumstance, along with a state issued ID of the tribal member.

- When the owner (tribal member) has **no** drivers license. **(This doesn't apply to underage tribal member).**

B. Proof of physical address within the Cherokee Nation Compact Jurisdiction.

1. A valid Oklahoma driver's license showing citizens physical address within Cherokee Nation Compact Jurisdiction; or
2. Current utility bill showing citizens physical address within Cherokee Nation Compact Jurisdiction; or
3. Three (3) pieces of current mail dated within the last 30 days; showing citizens physical address within Cherokee Nation Compact Jurisdiction; or
4. Cherokee Nation membership photo ID showing physical address within Cherokee Nation Compact Jurisdiction; or
5. Oklahoma State photo ID showing citizens physical address within Cherokee Nation Compact Jurisdiction.



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CHAPTER	<b>2</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND LICENSING</b>	SUBSECTION	<b>D</b>	<b>NON-COMMERCIAL VEHICLES</b>
REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-2-231</b>		<b>NON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES</b>		
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Rates are based on a combination of the actual purchase price and number of year registered.

Annual registration rates are based on the number of years the vehicle has been registered;

Registration years	1-4	\$75
Registration years	5-8	\$65
Registration years	9-12	\$45
Registration years	13-16	\$25
Registration years	17- ↑	\$10

Vehicles includes noncommercial trucks and vans and nonagricultural trucks.



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CHAPTER	<b>2</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND LICENSING</b>	SUBSECTION	<b>G</b>	<b>OTHER VEHICLES</b>
REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-2-235.6</b>		<b>PRIVATE TRAILER</b>		
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AUTHORITY:	Legislative Act "The Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Licensing and Tax Code" § 202				

**Utility Trailer/Private Trailer.** A small non-motorized vehicle which is generally pulled by a motorized vehicle and features a rear cargo area and is used for the hauling of light loads.

Private trailers are not required to be registered. An optional private trailer registration and license plate is available to owners of noncommercial boat and utility type trailers not being utilized in a commercial capacity. This is an optional registration only transaction and no certificate of title may be issued.

If a serial number is stamped on the trailer, it will be used for the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the registration record.

If no serial number is stamped, an assigned serial number will be issued by a motor licensed agent. This number is to be steel stamped on the frame of the trailer. Registration will be placed on hold status pending inspection.

The registration will expire one year from date of issuance. As registration is optional, no delinquent registration fees or penalties are to be assessed. Upon initial issuance of a private trailer tag, the applicant will be required to complete a Registration Application form, affirming their ownership of the trailer and providing copies of available acquisition documentation.



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CHAPTER	2	REGISTRATION AND LICENSING	SUBSECTION	G	OTHER VEHICLES
REGULATION #	MV:01-2-235.7		TRAVEL TRAILERS		
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Travel Trailers are any vehicular portable structure built on a chassis and used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational or vacation use. The dimensions of a travel trailer cannot exceed 40 feet in length (including hitch or coupling) or 8 feet in width.



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REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-2-235.8</b>		<b>MOTORCYCLE</b>		
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Motorcycle – Shall mean any two or three wheeled personal vehicle; defined as those vehicle designed and constructed to travel on not more than (3) three wheels, having a saddle or single seat for the use of the rider.



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REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-2-235.9</b>		<b>MOPED</b>		
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AUTHORITY:	<b>Legislative Act "The Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Licensing and Tax Code" § 202</b>				

Moped – a “moped” is any motor-driven cycle with a motor producing no more than two brake horsepower and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour on level ground. If an internal combustion engine is used, the displacement shall not exceed fifty (50) cubic centimeters, and the moped shall have a power drive system that functions directly or automatically without clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged.

No dealer’s license is required to sell Mopeds. If sales tax was paid upon purchase, no registration tax should be assessed when titling.



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REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-2-235.10</b>		<b>RECREATIONAL VEHICLE – MOTOR HOME</b>		
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Recreation Vehicle / Motor Home – shall mean every vehicle which is built on or permanently attached to a self-propelled motor chassis or chassis cab which becomes an integral part of the completed vehicle and is capable of being operated on the highways. In order to qualify as a recreational vehicle / motor home; such vehicle shall be permanently constructed and equipped for human habitation, having its own sleeping and kitchen facilities, including permanently affixed cooking facilities, water tanks and holding tank with permanent toilet facilities. Recreational vehicle / motor home shall not include manufactured homes or any vehicle with portable sleeping, toilet and kitchen facilities which are designed to be removed from such vehicle.



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CHAPTER	<b>2</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND LICENSING</b>	SUBSECTION	<b>K</b>	<b>FOREIGN VEHICLES</b>
REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-2-250</b>		<b>RESERVED FOREIGN VEHICLES</b>		
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AUTHORITY:	Legislative Act "The Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Licensing and Tax Code" § 204"				

**RESERVED** When an owner obtains a foreign vehicle originally manufactured for sale outside of the United States, or a vehicle that is currently title in a foreign country (Canada Only), the following document must be presented to obtain a certificate of title.

1. Manufactures Certificate of Origin; or the existing foreign Certificate of Title.
2. Documentation verifying U.S. Customs clearance.

All required documentation must be submitted in order to issue a Cherokee Nation title.





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CHAPTER	<b>3</b>	<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TITLES</b>	SUBSECTION	<b>C</b>	<b>CERTIFICATES OF TITLE</b>
REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-3-312</b>		<b>RENTAL VEHICLE TITLES</b>		
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AUTHORITY:	Legislative Act "The Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Licensing and Tax Code" § 101, 201, 202, 205"				

Vehicles acquired by rental companies not to be rented for more than 90 days at a time, may be registered and titled by the rental agency exempt from registration tax. A Cherokee Nation title branded "Rental Vehicle" will be issued. If the vehicle is sold less than one (1) year from date of issuance of the title, the rental agency must pay the registration tax plus a 20% penalty on such registration tax before transferring the vehicle, unless the vehicle is being transferred to the manufacturer or its financing company, to a franchised dealer of the same line/make of the vehicle to be transferred, or to anyone, if the vehicle is in a salvage condition (salvage or rebuilt title).

REVOKED



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CHAPTER	3	<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TITLES</b>	SUBSECTION	E	<b>AFFIDAVITS FOR USE IN TITLES</b>
REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-3-322</b>		<b>RESERVED</b> BODY CHANGES		
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AUTHORITY:	Legislative Act "The Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Licensing and Tax Code" § " 202				

If a vehicle is converted to another type, such as adding a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) wheel to a truck to use as a truck tractor, a Body Change affidavit [CNTC Form 04-01] must be completed. A title receipt showing the new designation and re-registration will be issued accordingly.



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CHAPTER	3	MOTOR VEHICLE TITLES	SUBSECTION	E	AFFIDAVITS FOR USE IN TITLES
REGULATION #	MV:01-3-324.1		AFFIDAVIT FOR WHEN ASSIGNED TITLE IS LOST		
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AUTHORITY:	Legislative Act "The Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Licensing and Tax Code" s, 202."				

When Transfer Affidavit is used – The purpose of the Transfer Affidavit CNTC Form 29-01 is to transfer a title when the assigned title has been lost and the previous owner cannot get a duplicate title and assign it to the purchaser. It must show the same information requested on the reverse side of the assigned title (assignment if title and re-assignment by registered dealer.)

Supporting documentation required. The transfer Affidavit CNTC Form 29-01 is acceptable only when accompanied by supporting documentation, such as a notarized Bill Of Sale, cancelled Check, Sales Contract or notarized statement of a witness to the transaction.

Determining applicable taxes and fees. If a lien has previously been perfected in the new owner's name, the date on the lien may be used as the date of sale in determining the applicable taxes and fees whether penalties are due.



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CHAPTER	<b>3</b>	<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TITLES</b>	SUBSECTION	<b>F</b>	<b>LIENS</b>
REGULATION #	<b>MV:01-3-325.1</b>		<b>RELEASING LIENS</b>		
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**One of the following may be accepted to release a perfected lien on a Cherokee Nation title:**

1. Original" #1 (white carbon copy), or Certified copy of #1 (white carbon copy) release signed and dated of Cherokee Nation lien entry form.
2. Signed and Dated Original Cherokee Nation form 75-01 or BM-75 copy 1, 2, or 3; or "certified" copy of Cherokee Nation for 75-01 or BM-75 of lien release copies 1,2, or 3 signed and dated.
3. Original copy or certified copy of #4 (blue) of Cherokee Nation lien entry form (carbon copy) released signed and dated.
4. Should a standard lien release as outlined be unavailable, the lien may be released by submission of a typed, notarized release statement from the secured party. The statement must include the notarized signature of a representative of the secured party, the name of the secured party, name of the debtor, and vehicle identification number/serial number of the vehicle, or certified copy of the original document.
5. A faxed copy of the lien release statement may be accepted, provided the fax clearly originated from the lien holder.
6. A verified non-perfected or perfected lien carried forward from an Oklahoma title may be released with the lien print out from Oklahoma Tax Commission database ("release status"), or copy # 4 lien release.
7. If the lender is out of business and no longer available, their lien may be released by the following procedure;
  - a. A certified letter, restricted delivery, requesting a lien release and listing the year, make, and vehicle identification number is to be sent to the lender's address listed on the Motor Vehicle Division file.
  - b. The administering agency of the lienholder (i.e., Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission if an Oklahoma used dealer, State Banking Department if a bank, savings and loan or credit union; Department of Consumer Credit if a finance company) is to be contacted and written confirmation requested that the lienholder is no longer in business at the address requested. If an out-of-state lienholder, that state's equivalent agency is to be contacted. If the response from the administering agency is that the lender was taken over by another business entity that will have to be contacted for a release.



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- c. The returned certified letter and post office receipts, the written confirmation from the administering agency, to the Cherokee Nation certificate of title and applicable titling fee is to be submitted to the Cherokee Nation Tax Commission for review. If approved, a new Cherokee Nation certificate of title without a lien reflected will be issued.