

WAC 308-56A-265 Releasing interest. (1) **How does a registered or legal owner release interest in a vehicle?** To release interest in a vehicle a registered or legal owner must:

(a) Sign the release of interest section provided on the certificate of ownership; or

(b) Provide a release of interest document or form approved by the department.

(2) **Do signatures releasing interest need to be notarized or certified?** If the signatures releasing interest are not provided on the certificate of ownership, all signatures must be notarized or certified in accordance with WAC 308-56A-275.

(3) **When are notarized or certified signatures not required on a release of interest?** Signatures releasing interest do not need to be notarized or certified when:

(a) A signature releasing interest is provided on the certificate of ownership issued by the department or another jurisdiction;

(b) An approved affidavit in lieu of title printed by a lending institution that is authorized by the department to participate in the electronic title program is provided;

(c) A secured party is releasing interest; and

(i) The secured party is a business; and

(ii) Provide a release of interest document or form approved by the department; and

(iii) Is submitted with the current certificate of ownership;

(d) A release of interest or bill of sale from the registered owner when the vehicle is from a jurisdiction which does not title this type of vehicle;

(e) A release of interest or bill of sale from a wrecker or insurance company.

(4) **When is a release of interest not required from a registered owner?** A release of interest from the registered owner is not required when:

(a) The registered owner is identified as a lessee or sublessee on an ownership document.

(b) The vehicle is awarded to a different owner by legal action.

(5) **What other documentation may be used as a release of interest?** Documents that may be used as a release of interest include, but are not limited to:

(a) Bill of sale;

(b) Affidavit in lieu of title with the release of interest portion properly completed;

(c) Letter of release;

(d) Affidavit of repossession;

(e) Affidavit of sale on an abandoned vehicle report;

(f) Chattel or landlord lien form;

(g) Certificate of junk vehicle form; or

(h) Other documentation approved by the department.

These items may be subject to notary requirements.

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