

WAC 308-56A-215 Erasures, alterations, and incorrect information. (1) **Will the department accept an application for certificate of ownership or supporting documents if they have been altered?** The department may refuse to accept any application for certificate of ownership or supporting documents when ownership or vehicle information has been altered.

(2) **Will the department accept a certificate of ownership if it has been altered?** Any alteration or erasure voids the certificate of ownership unless documentation satisfactory to the department in accordance with subsection (3) of this section is submitted with the certificate.

(3) **What does the department require when a certificate of ownership, an application for certificate of ownership or supporting documents has been altered?**

(a) The department may require an affidavit explaining any erasure or alteration on the application, certificate of ownership, or any supporting documentation.

(b) The department may require a notarized/certified release of interest when:

(i) A signature or name that has been altered or erased appears on an application; or

(ii) A security interest is named to be shown on the new certificate of ownership and the applicant claims there is no lien; or

(iii) A security interest is shown incorrectly or is altered on the application for certificate of ownership from a Washington licensed dealer. In lieu of a release of interest, the Washington licensed vehicle dealer may attach an affidavit explaining the error in the security interest.

(c) A name erroneously shown on the certificate of ownership as the purchaser must be accompanied by either a release of interest from the erroneously named purchaser or a statement by the owner of record that the sale was not completed or other explanation for the erroneous designation.

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