

**WAC 308-93-350 Erasures and alterations and incorrect information.** (1) **Will the department accept an application for certificate of ownership if the certificate of ownership or supporting documents have been altered?** The department may refuse to accept any certificate of ownership when ownership or vessel information has been altered. A replacement ownership document may be required.

(2) **What does the department require when a certificate of ownership, an application for certificate of ownership or a supporting document 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. In lieu of a release of interest, Washington licensed vessel dealers may attach an affidavit explaining the error in the security interest.

(c) If an erasure has been made on a title, a notarized/certified affidavit must be attached. The affidavit must state why and by whom the erasure was made. The one whose name was erased must sign a notarized/certified release of interest.

(d) If a name is erroneously shown on the title as the purchaser, the department may require a statement from the seller or owner (of record) that the sale was not completed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 88.02.070 and 88.02.100. WSR 01-08-021, § 308-93-350, filed 3/27/01, effective 4/27/01; WSR 98-16-030, § 308-93-350, filed 7/29/98, effective 8/29/98; WSR 84-13-086 (Order TL-RG-2), § 308-93-350, filed 6/21/84. Statutory Authority: 1983 c 7 § 20 and 1983 2nd ex.s. c 3 § 46. WSR 83-23-076 (Order 736-DOL), § 308-93-350, filed 11/18/83.]