

WAC 308-93-069 Application for certificate of ownership—Accompanied by. (1) **What documentation must accompany my application for certificate of ownership for my vessel?** Vessel owners must submit with their application for certificate of ownership all proper fees and excise tax and the following documentation:

(a) New vessels:

(i) Application for certificate of ownership to a vessel never before licensed or titled shall be accompanied by a manufacturer's statement of origin, carpenter's certificate, or a copy of the factory invoice.

(ii) The manufacturer's statement of origin, carpenter's certificate, or factory invoice must reflect the model year, make, length and hull identification number of the vessel.

(iii) The department shall not accept any manufacturer's statement of origin, carpenter's certificate, or factory invoice for the issuance of a certificate of ownership unless all persons named on the manufacturer's statement of origin, including dealers, have released or assigned their interest thereon, or on a release of interest form approved by the department.

(iv) Dealer-to-dealer transfers may be accomplished either by appropriate endorsement of the manufacturer's statement of origin, carpenter's certificate, or factory invoice, or release of interest form approved by the department. A complete chain of ownership shall be reflected from the original dealer named on the manufacturer's statement of origin to the retail selling dealer making the application.

(v) A copy of the factory invoice may be used in lieu of the manufacturer's statement of origin or carpenter's certificate only when such documents are not available and obtaining a replacement from the manufacturer would cause an undue amount of delay in titling the vessel. A certificate of fact describing why the statement of origin or carpenter's certificate is not available shall be accompanied by the photocopy of the factory invoice and any necessary releases of interest on a form approved by the department.

(b) Vessels with existing certificate of ownership from a foreign titling jurisdiction:

(i) Excise exemption affidavit;

(ii) A copy of the bill of sale or sales agreement;

(iii) Declaration of value form;

(iv) Previous ownership document properly released;

(v) Proof of sales tax paid;

(vi) Release of interest;

(vii) Other verification of ownership approved by the department to include:

(A) A judgment from a district or superior court of any county of this state awarding ownership; or

(B) Document from an involuntary divestiture sale or auction; and/or

(C) Copy of certificate of documentation of vessel issued by the United States Coast Guard.

(c) Vessels without existing certificate of ownership or from a nontitling jurisdiction:

(i) Excise exemption affidavit;

(ii) A copy of the bill of sale or sales agreement;

(iii) Declaration of value form;

(iv) Previous ownership document properly released;

(v) The registration, if it is from a nontitle state;

- (vi) Proof of sales tax paid;
- (vii) Manufacturer's statement of origin, factory invoice, or carpenter's certificate;
- (viii) An affidavit in lieu of title;
- (ix) Release of interest;
- (x) Other verification of ownership approved by the department to include:
 - (A) A judgment from a district or superior court of any county of this state awarding ownership; or
 - (B) Document from an involuntary divestiture sale or auction; and/or
 - (C) Copy of certificate of documentation of vessel issued by the United States Coast Guard; and/or
 - (D) An affidavit certifying when and where the vessel was acquired or brought into the state.

(2) **Will the department accept an application if any information is found to be inaccurate?** Upon application for a vessel certificate of ownership an authorized agent or employee must verify the application and supporting documents to ensure accuracy. If all requirements are not met, an authorized agent or employee shall refuse to accept the application.

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