



# STATE OF INDIANA

Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Peter L. Lacy, Commissioner

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (Request to Junk a Vehicle without a Certificate of Title) Application Checklist

A person who owns a vehicle that has a certificate of title that is faulty, lost or destroyed, or who is the possessor of an abandoned vehicle, may apply to the BMV for authority to sell, give away, or dispose of the vehicle for scrap metal without applying for a new certificate of title.

When submitting paperwork, include the following:

- [Certificate of Authority – Disposal of a Motor Vehicle – State Form 55018](#)
- Proof of ownership (i.e. current registration, insurance settlement)
- If the vehicle is abandoned, you must meet the requirements of Indiana Code 9-22.** Proof of delivery of a certified letter to the vehicle owner and lienholder (if applicable), and a copy of the certified letter must be submitted with this application.
- Proof of lien release (if there is a lien against the vehicle).
- \$4.00 application fee. Payable by MasterCard or Visa, check, electronic check, or money order.

For your convenience, the required forms are included with this checklist. The forms are also available at myBMV.com. Mail the completed packet to:

**Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Central Office Title Processing  
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N411  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

If the BMV determines that sufficient credible evidence exists to substantiate the applicant's claim of ownership, an approved [Certificate of Authority – Disposal of a Motor Vehicle – State Form 55018](#) will be mailed back to the applicant which must be presented to the automotive salvage recycler, or other appropriate facility when disposing of the vehicle. **If all required documents are not submitted or information is incomplete, the entire application will be returned.**

**Please include this checklist with your application.**



# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY - DISPOSAL OF A VEHICLE

State Form 55018 (R2 / 7-16)  
Approved by State Board of Accounts, 2016  
INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES**  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Room N411  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Complete in blue or black ink, or print form.
  2. An approved application will be returned to the applicant at the mailing address provided below. Approval is valid for six (6) months from the approval date.
  3. The completed application, supporting documentation, and the application fee, which is charged in accordance with Indiana Code 9-22-5-3, must be mailed to the address printed in the top-right hand corner of this form.

## SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant(s) (first, middle, last, or company name)				
Mailing Address (number and street)		City	State	ZIP Code
County	Telephone Number (required) (      )		Email Address (optional)	

## SECTION 2 - VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification Number																									
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Vehicle Year		Vehicle Make		Vehicle Model			Vehicle Type			Vehicle Color															
Reason for Request:	<input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned Vehicle			<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Title is faulty, lost or destroyed																					

**Include a detailed statement regarding the reason a certificate of title is unavailable, explain how the vehicle came into your possession (if applicable), and provide the reasons for disposal of the vehicle. Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

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**I swear and affirm under the penalties for perjury that the information I have entered on this form is true and correct and that no material fact has been withheld. I understand that making a false statement may constitute the crime of perjury.**

Signature of Applicant		Printed Name		Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)
Signature of Applicant		Printed Name		Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)

## SECTION 3 – BMV USE ONLY

*The applicant is **approved** to sell this vehicle to a licensed automotive salvage recycler for scrap metal. The licensed automotive salvage recycler shall accept this Certificate of Authority in place of a certificate of title to the vehicle.*

BMV SEAL

Designee of Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner		Printed Name		Date Approved (mm/dd/yyyy)
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## SECTION 4 – AUTOMOTIVE SALVAGE RECYCLER USE ONLY

*Complete below and return this form to the BMV after destroying or dismantling the vehicle.  
Mail to: PO Box 100, Winchester, IN 47394*

*\*After delivery of this Certificate to the BMV, a certificate of title may not be issued for the motor vehicle described above.*

**I hereby certify that this vehicle was destroyed or dismantled and should be recorded as 'JUNK' in BMV records. I swear and affirm under the penalties for perjury that this statement is correct. I understand making a false statement may constitute the crime of perjury.**

Name of Company			Dealer Number	
Street Address (number and street)		City	State	ZIP Code
Signature of Representative		Printed Name		Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)



## ***Payment Information***

*Pay by:*

- Check or money order*
- Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa)*
- Electronic check*

*I hereby authorize the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to charge the credit card indicated below:*

*Type of card:*       *MasterCard*       *Visa*

*Name of cardholder:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Account*

*Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Expiration*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby authorize the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to charge the checking account indicated below:*

<i>Routing Number</i>	<i>Account Number</i>