

When an individual relocates to the state of Missouri they are required to transfer the ownership of their motor vehicle or marine craft from the previous state of residence within 30 days of becoming a Missouri resident. The individual must surrender the original out-of-state title to the Department for a Missouri title to issue.

If there is a lien on the motor vehicle or marine craft and the lienholder is in possession of the title, the individual will need to obtain the title from the lienholder to submit with their application for Missouri title. The lien will remain in force and the lien will appear on the face of the Missouri title when issued. Missouri titles are mailed to vehicle owners unless a requested to have the title mailed to the lienholder.

If the lienholder refuses or is unable to release the out-of-state title to the individual, the lienholder should provide the customer a letter on lienholder letterhead indicating the title cannot be released to the customer along with a copy of the front and back of the out-of-state title; or a copy of the electronic title receipt from an electronic issuing state; or a statement from the lienholder that the title is held electronically.

When the title is not surrendered, the individual may apply for a one-year non-renewable registration and begin the title application process. Once they have submitted the required fees and documents as outlined above, a letter will be sent to the lienholder requesting the out-of-state title be mailed to the Department.

For additional information, please visit the Missouri Department of Revenue website at <https://dor.mo.gov/motorv/titling.php#newresident> , or you may contact the Motor Vehicle Bureau at (573) 526-3669 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.