

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Driver and Vehicle Records Division

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Purpose

This guidance document is issued to provide clarity on the process and acceptable documentation required for registering untitled trailers in the State of Nebraska. It outlines the necessary steps and documentation for individuals seeking to register untitled trailers.

Scope

This document applies to any untitled trailer for which registration is sought. The Nebraska DMV requires documentation to verify ownership.

Acceptable Documentation for Untitled Trailer Registration

When registering an untitled trailer, one of the following documents must be submitted. The document required depends on the ownership and registration history of the trailer:

1. **Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO):**
 - The MSO may be issued directly to the consumer. It must include the trailer's description and all required ownership details.
2. **Certificate of Title:**
 - A properly assigned certificate of title indicating ownership transfer is required if trailer currently titled.
3. **Trailer's Last Registration and Bill of Sale:**
 - Required if the trailer is a new purchase and a no previous title issued. A copy of the last registration issued may be accepted (originals are not required).
 - If last registration is not available, county treasurer's office may verify seller, as listed on bill of sale, was last owner of record via a check of the title and registration computer system.
4. **Bill of Sale:**
 - Accepted for a trailer with no previous Nebraska registration.
5. **U.S. Military Registered Trailers:**
 - A valid U.S. Military Registration Document is required.
6. **Trailers Sold by the U.S. Government:**
 - Form SF97, a U.S. government-issued certificate is required.
7. **Untitled Trailer Affidavit:**
 - If no title, registration, or MSO is available, a notarized Untitled Trailer Affidavit must be completed and submitted to affirm ownership.

Additional Supporting Documentation

County treasurers may require additional supporting documentation to verify ownership or resolve discrepancies.