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Forms available at www.tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/forms
For additional explanation of the requirements listed above, or to find the office nearest you, or to have forms mailed, please call either 1-800-262-8755 or 1-512-389-4828

Vessel/Boat Application: Title & Registration, Registration for USCG, or Sales Tax Only (PWD 143)

Is used to request a Texas title and/or registration for a vessel/boat or to pay sales tax only on vessels 115 feet and under.

Outboard Motor Application: Title or Sales Tax Only (PWD 144)

Is used to request a Texas title for an outboard motor or to pay sales tax only on an outboard motor.

Verification of Vessel or Outboard Motor Serial Number (PWD 504)

Is required for verification of hull identification (HIN) and/or outboard motor identification (MIN) number(s).** A separate form is required for each vessel or outboard motor. You must take a photograph of the serial number located on the vessel or outboard motor and attach it to the form PWD 504. The entire serial number must be legible in the photograph. The form PWD 504 must be signed by the applicant/purchaser (or their legally documented representative) or the selling dealer.

- * By law, the identifying serial number must be attached to the vessel or outboard motor. If the vessel or outboard motor does not have a serial number, inspection by a Game Warden is required. After the inspection, the Game Warden will either assign and attach a new serial number or will verify and attach the original serial number. The possessory lien holder must contact their local TPWD Law Enforcement Office to review documentation to begin the process for arranging a Game Warden inspection. This must be done prior to any notice to the owner(s) and/or lien holder(s). Contact your local TPWD Law Enforcement Office for a review of documentation that will initiate the inspection process. An Affidavit for Proof of Ownership of Vessel or Outboard Motor (Form PWD 736 available only at TPWD offices) must be completed by the applicant (possessory lien holder) and then signed by the Game Warden at the time of the inspection.
- ** Serial number verification (PWD 504) is required for all non-recorded vessels and outboard motors when there is no MSO, when the applicant did not purchase the asset as new, or when purchased more than two years prior to application for title/registration.

Bill of Sale or Invoice

TPWD is required by law to collect tax for vessels/boats (115 feet or less in length) and outboard motors purchased in Texas or first used in Texas on or after January 1, 2000. The tax rate is 6.25% of the sales price. Tax is assessed at the time of registration/title transfer and is due within 45 days from the date of sale or date brought to Texas. Applications filed later than 45 working days are subject to tax penalties and interest. A bill of sale or invoice is required for every transfer of ownership. Trailers are handled through your local County Tax office and the price of the trailer must be separated from the price of the boat and motor. One of the following is acceptable to meet the bill of sale or invoice requirement:

- Form PWD 143/144 application tax affidavit section on the application (sales price, date of sale, trade in information) must be completed and signed by the seller(s); **OR**
- Handwritten Receipt or Sales Invoice must contain date of sale, sales price (DO NOT include sales price of trailer), description of vessel and/or outboard motor, purchaser's name(s), and seller's signature(s) (required by State tax law). Preferably the description should include the make; registration and serial number; and model year. All four descriptors are not required as long as there is at minimum, sufficient information to tie the bill of sale to the vessel and/or outboard motor. If the bill of sale includes a reference to "other valuable consideration(s)" then for tax assessment purposes a written and signed explanation will be required from the seller(s) explaining the dollar value of "other valuable considerations"; **OR**
- If the applicant has the required signed ownership document* and can not acquire a bill of sale they must show that an attempt was made by sending a letter requesting the bill of sale to the seller(s), (i.e. the out of state titled owner/owner of record or dealer). The letter must be sent by verified mail. Verified mail means any method of mailing that provides evidence of mailing. If the seller is the titled owner/owner of record, the letter must be sent to the address on file with the applicable state titling/registration agency (not necessarily the address recorded on the title/registration certificate). The purchaser will pay sales tax on the purchase amount stated in an affidavit or the appraised value, whichever is higher. If tax is not paid within 45 working days penalties and interest will be assessed. The following documents are required:

Bill of Sale or Invoice (Continued)

- (1) Owner address verification from title/registration agency (if applicable) If the vessel/outboard motor is coming from outside of Texas, a computer printout or a letter on the agency's letterhead is required when the seller is the titled owner/owner of record. The letter or printout must include: the owner's name(s) and address; and a description of the vessel/outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built).
- (2) Evidence of mailing. One of the following (properly addressed) must be submitted:
 - Receipt issued by the United States Postal Service (USPS) or other common carrier; or
 - Evidence of electronic confirmation of mailing from the USPS or other common carrier website; or
 - Unopened letter(s) returned undeliverable by the USPS or other common carrier.**
- (3) Affidavit of Fact (PWD 314) The affidavit must state from whom the vessel/boat and/or outboard motor was purchased, the date of sale, the sales price, that a bill of sale is not obtainable and the steps taken in an attempt to obtain one.
- (4) Appraisal An appraisal for the item(s) printed from the JD Power website (https://www.jdpower.com/) using the average retail value or from a Licensed Boat Dealer.
- * Properly assigned title is required if coming from a title state. Properly assigned out of state registration certificate is required if coming from a non-titling state. Affidavit of fact from previous owner is required if the previous owner never registered and/or titled the vessel/outboard motor because of an exemption.
- **Only when there is no way to find the seller's address can the Evidence of Certified Mail requirement be omitted. The Affidavit of Fact must also include an explanation of why this requirement has not been met.

Receipt OR Proof of Taxes Paid

Tax must be paid by the applicant for the purchase price of the vessel and/or outboard motor UNLESS the tax has already been paid. In the case of Prize/Lottery/Raffle, if the sponsor of the event paid tax, proof the tax was paid by the sponsor is required. Submit documentation such as a receipt from a county or governmental agency, or dealership invoice, bill of sale or other payment receipt which shows that sales or use tax has been paid for the item in question.

Game Warden Inspection

Is required to register and title a homemade vessel. Affidavit for Proof of Ownership of Vessel or Outboard Motor (Form PWD 736 - available only at TPWD locations) must be completed by the applicant and then signed by the Game Warden at the time of the inspection. Contact your local TPWD Law Enforcement Office to review documentation and to begin the process for arranging a Game Warden inspection. The vessel must be present for inspection. A hull identification number will be assigned and permanently affixed to the vessel.

Affidavit of Fact (PWD 314)

Is used to provide explanations of specific situations. All affidavits must include:

- (1) the date of the statement;
- (2) the description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built);
- (3) details explaining your situation; and
- (4) required signature.

The specific situations listed below and on the next page also require the following information, as noted;

* BILL OF SALE CANNOT BE OBTAINED - An affidavit is required if the applicant has the properly assigned ownership document (title from title states or registration certificate from non-title states) and can not acquire a bill of sale. The affidavit must state from whom the vessel/boat was purchased, the date of sale, the sales price, that a bill of sale is not obtainable, and the steps taken in an attempt to obtain one. The affidavit must be completed and signed by the purchaser(s).

Affidavit of Fact (PWD 314) (Continued)

*NO RECORD EXISTS - An affidavit is required if the original owner never registered and/or titled the vessel and/or outboard motor because of an exemption (i.e. used on private waters, purchased prior to titling act, not required from previous state). The affidavit must be completed and signed by the original owner and explain when the vessel/outboard motor was acquired and why it was not registered/titled previously.

NOTE - Outboard motors coming from non-title states - If an outboard motor is purchased with a vessel as a unit (the bill of sale/invoice must include the description and sale price for both the vessel and the outboard motor) and the unit is coming from a state which does not title outboard motors (must be on TPWD's list as a non-title state for outboard motors) no affidavit of fact is required if the applicant presents application for Texas title for both the vessel and outboard motor together. If the outboard motor is purchased with a vessel as a unit and the applications for vessel and outboard motor title are not presented together, or the outboard motor is not purchased as a unit, an affidavit of fact from the previous owner is required as detailed above.

*NO RECORD EXISTS & PURCHASED USED FROM MARINE DEALER - An affidavit is required if the previous owner never registered and/or titled the vessel and/or outboard motor because of an exemption (i.e. used on private waters, purchased prior to titling act). The affidavit must be completed and signed by the original owner, explain when the vessel/outboard motor was acquired, why not registered/titled previously, and include the date the item was sold or traded and the dealership's name.

*HOMEMADE VESSEL RECEIPTS FOR MATERIALS - If receipts for material used to build the vessel are unavailable, submit a statement that the vessel is homemade, list the materials used to create the vessel and why the receipts for the materials are not available. The affidavit should be completed and signed by the individual who built the vessel.

*HOMEMADE VESSEL ACQUIRED FROM PREVIOUS OWNER WHO NEVER REGISTERED OR TITLED

- An affidavit is required if the builder of a homemade vessel never registered and titled the vessel because of exemption (i.e. used on private waters). The affidavit must be completed and signed by the individual who built the vessel, include a statement that the vessel is homemade and should explain why not registered/titled previously.
- *TITLE ASSIGNMENT ERROR An affidavit is required when an error or alteration has been made on the original title assignment and needs to be corrected in order to match the new registration and/or titling event. The affidavit must be completed and signed by the titled owner or company/individual currently authorized to sell the item and must specify what information needs to be corrected and why.
- *AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED IF NO TITLE AVAILABLE An affidavit & ownership verification is acceptable in place of a title only in the following circumstances:
- Court Order (requires signature of court awarded owner) OWNERSHIP VERIFICATION NOT REQUIRED;
- Insurance Company has paid a claim (requires signature of owner of record);
- Divorce Decree (requires signature of court awarded owner);
- Pawn Shop (requires signature of authorized representative of pawn shop);
- Inheritance (requires signature of court appointed owner/executor);
- Purchase from an estate sale (requires signature of court appointed executor);
- Repossession by a non-recorded lien holder (requires signature of owner of record or company/individual currently authorized to repossess the item); or
- Bankruptcy (requires signature of owner of record or company/individual appointed to sell the item).

The statement should explain why the negotiable title or registration card cannot be provided.

OWNERSHIP VERIFICATION ALSO REQUIRED: Verification is required from the previous state or country. The verification must be a computer printout or a letter on the state's letterhead. The printout or letter must include the following information: description of vessel and/or outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built), the owner's name and address and lien holder information.

*INSURANCE CLAIM PAID - Affidavit stating that a claim was paid and to whom the claim was paid. The affidavit must be completed and signed by the insurance company.

Out of State Title, Registration (or Ownership Verification), or USCG Deletion Letter

The applicant/purchaser must surrender one of these documents whichever was required from the previous state or country.

- Vessels and/or outboard motors coming from title states must surrender the title*;
- Vessels coming from **non-titling states**, must surrender the registration* such as the certificate of number (typically a wallet card). In the event that registration cannot be provided the applicant/purchaser must provide ownership verification. The verification must be a computer printout by the state agency or a letter on the state agency's letterhead. The printout or letter must include the following information:
 - (1) description of vessel (make, serial number, and year built);
 - (2) the owner's name and address; and
 - (3) lien holder information.
- Vessels documented with the United States Coast Guard must submit the Evidence of Deletion from United States Documentation (required to obtain a Texas title). To register only (not title) a documented vessel retaining USCG documentation, see the requirements for Registration of USCG Documented Vessels; or
- Vessels and/or outboard motors coming from **outside the country** must surrender the ownership documents required by the previous country.

New Resident Tax - \$15.00 New Resident tax is assessed (not sales tax) for owners bringing their previously titled or registered boat and/or outboard motor from another state into Texas.

*Transfer of ownership requires a properly assigned negotiable title/registration certificate. Properly assigned means all information is correct and complete with purchaser's name and address, and signature of company/individual(s) authorized to sell the item.

Court Order/Legal Documents

Court Order is a document signed by a judge presiding over the court of jurisdiction. The order should include who has been awarded ownership and must include a description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built).

Legal Documents include, but are not limited to, the following support documents:

- Divorce decree:
- For death or inheritance issues Letters Testamentary, Letters of Administration, a complete copy of the will and muniment of title, Affidavit of Heirship (Form PWD 738), death certificate when Rights of Survivorship (ROS) is listed on the title, or Rights of Survivorship (Form PWD 790) completed by the owner(s) of record and the individual(s) requesting the ownership transfer into their name (the original signed and notarized form PWD 790 must be submitted);
- Complete trust agreement, or Affidavit of Authority to Administer Trust (Form PWD 1056);
- Court designation of trustee for a bankruptcy authorizing the sale of an asset or a court document authorizing a sale of an asset associated with a bankruptcy proceeding;
- Documentation from governmental or law enforcement authorities for authorized seizure;
- For a legal name change a copy of the court order;
- For a name change due to marriage a copy of the marriage certificate; or
- Court document designating legal guardianship.

Verification of No Record from Government Agency

If a vessel and/or outboard motor has never been registered or titled in Texas or in another state or country or documented with the USCG; the applicant must provide verification that no record of the vessel/outboard motor exists. The verification should come from the agency of the state or country where (a) the applicant previously resided or (b) where the vessel/outboard motor was used (if different from residence). If the vessel/outboard motor is coming from outside of Texas, the applicant must acquire a computer printout from the state or country's titling/registration agency, or letter from the title/registration agency on the agency's letterhead. The letter or printout must include: the owner(s) name and address; a description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, serial number, and year built); and a statement that no record exists for this vessel and/or outboard motor.

Verification of No Record from Government Agency (Continued)

In the event that the previous country requires no documentation, and the applicant is unable to obtain verification of no record from a government titling/registration agency, then a bill of lading, shipping documents or a document issued by US customs that provides the description of the shipped vessel/outboard motor may be accepted.

NOTE - Outboard motors coming from non-title states - If an outboard motor is coming from a state which does not title outboard motors (must be on TPWD's list as a non-title state for outboard motors) no verification is required.

Release of Lien

To transfer the ownership of a vessel/outboard motor record with a recorded lien or to remove a recorded lien, a release of lien must be provided. One of the following formats is acceptable to meet the release of lien requirement:

- Form PWD 403 (release of lien section completed); or
- Form PWD 231; or
- The recorded lien holder signs and dates the release of lien on the actual Certificate of Title; or
- Release of Lien on recorded lien holder's letterhead or prescribed form that includes:
 - (1) description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number and year built);
 - (2) title number if available;
 - (3) owner(s) name;
 - (4) statements that the debt has been paid in full and/or the financial institution no longer has an interest in the vessel and/or outboard motor;
 - (5) notarized signature of a representative authorized to release the lien; and
 - (6) the firm's name.

Statement of Gift/Donation

Is used when the Tax Affidavit section on the PWD 143 and/or PWD 144 application(s) is not already completed and signed by the seller, or the back of the TPWD brown title has not been completed with the sales information (\$0.00), the name of the purchaser(s) and signature(s) of the owner(s) on record or their legal representative. (Older title formats are blue or green and do not have spaces for the bill of sale on the back.) The Statement of Gift/Donation must include:

- (1) Statement that the vessel/outboard motor was given as a gift or donated;
- (2) Date of gift/donation;
- (3) Description of vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number, and year built);
- (4) The name of recipient; and
- (5) Signature of donor.

Winner Notification Letter

Is a document provided by the sponsor of the event describing how the vessel/outboard motor was acquired (whether this was won as a prize, lottery, or raffle), who sponsored the event, the full name of the winner of the event, and the description of vessel/outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built).

Theft/Loss Report

Incident report from law enforcement agency or loss/claim report from insurance company. The document must contain the description (make, registration or serial number, and year built) of the vessel/outboard motor and circumstances of loss.

Company/Business Must Be Applicant

- In the event that a claim is paid by an insurance company for a stolen or damaged vessel/outboard motor the insurance company must transfer ownership into the insurance company name prior to subsequent transfer of ownership.
- A non-recorded lien holder who repossesses a vessel/outboard motor is required to title in their name prior to subsequent transfer of ownership.
- A pawn shop who takes possession of vessel/outboard motor according to the Texas Pawn Act must title in their name prior to subsequent transfer of ownership unless the pawn shop holds a current Marine Dealers license.

Pawn Shop Affidavit (PWD 778)

Is used when vessel and/or outboard motor has been left as unredeemed pledged goods at a pawn shop.

Pawn Shop Ticket

Is a prescribed form generated by the pawnbroker and signed by the individual who pledged goods. The ticket must include description of vessel and/or outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built), the name and address and signature of the individual who pawned the item.

Evidence of Certified Mail, Affidavit & Ownership Verification

If the Negotiable Certificate of Title is unavailable, the following is required: The pawn shop must send a certified letter to the owner(s) and lienholder(s) on record. The contents of the letter should include a description of vessel and/or outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built), the circumstances of the pawn, and a request for title(s). If written request for the title(s) is unsuccessful, the following must be submitted:

- (1) The signed, certified mail return receipt PS Form 3811 (original green card not photocopy) or evidence of electronic confirmation of delivery from the USPS website, together with any unopened certified letters returned by the post office; and
- (2) Affidavit of Fact Form PWD 314 (see affidavit-no title above); and Ownership Verification The verification must be a computer printout by the state titling/registration agency, or letter on that agency's letterhead. The printout or letter must include the following information: description of vessel and/or outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built); the owner(s) name and address; and lien holder information.

You can obtain Ownership Verification free from TPWD through:

- the agency web site at www.tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/ (select Request Ownership Information listed under Boating). You will need to provide your name and address and either the TX number or serial number; or
- a TPWD or participating Tax Assessor Collector office by submitting an Ownership/Lien Holder Information Printout request (PWD 763); or
- the mail by submitting an Ownership/Lien Holder Information Printout request (form PWD 763).

Certification for Repossessed Vessel and/or Outboard Motor (PWD 312)

Is used by a lien holder to repossess a boat and/or outboard motor because the boat and/or outboard motor owner has failed to meet the terms of their financial obligation.

Financial/Security Agreement

May include a Security Retail Agreement, Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Filing, Chattel Mortgage or "Floor Plan". Documents should include a description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, serial number, and year built) and signature of borrower. (UCC Filing does not require the signature of the borrower.)

Documentation Supporting Authority to Sell

May include official seizure documents and/or court orders. TXDOT form VTR-71 Auction Sales Receipt is acceptable for abandoned vessels/outboard motors sold by a law enforcement agency at public auction (when completed in full). United States Government Certificate to Obtain Title to a Vehicle (form 97) is acceptable without additional seizure documents and/or court orders for vessels/outboard motors not previously titled or registered (no record exists) when completed in full. Documents must include a description of vessel and/or outboard motor (make, registration or serial number, and year built).

Inventory/Floor Plan

Is a financial agreement between a lender and the borrower which provides the location and detailed description of the inventory included in the financial agreement.

Receipt for Materials

The original or photocopies of the receipts for materials purchased to build the vessel.

Letter of Authorization (PWD 581)

Is used to designate another person to submit and pick up associated paperwork when the owner of record or applicant/purchaser cannot come in person. **This form is not a power of attorney and does not provide signature authority to the person bringing in the paperwork.** The PWD 581 must be accompanied by completed and signed applications required for the type of transaction being requested.

In place of the form PWD 581, a handwritten letter from the owner of record or applicant/purchaser is acceptable. This letter must include:

- (1) a statement authorizing someone other than the owner of record or applicant/purchaser to conduct a specific registration and titling transaction for the owner of record or applicant/purchaser;
- (2) the name of the person authorized to do business for the owner of record or applicant/purchaser;
- (3) a description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number, and year built); and
- (4) the signature of the owner of record or applicant/purchaser.

Power of Attorney (PWD 1055)

Is a legal document used to designate a representative (individual or company) to conduct business (sign) on behalf of another. Signatures must be notarized.