

**761—400.13(307,321) Authorized signatories for a transfer of ownership.** The following procedures shall apply for all titling and registration purposes:

**400.13(1) *Transfer of vehicle owned by two or three persons.*** If the names of the owners of a vehicle on the certificate of title, the manufacturer's certificate of origin, or the registration receipt for a vehicle that does not require a title are joined by the word "or," as in "John Doe, Jane Doe or Mary Doe," then the signature of any of these owners is sufficient to transfer ownership or to junk the vehicle. In all other cases the signature of each named owner is required.

**400.13(2) *Assignment of title to two or three persons.*** If a certificate of title, a manufacturer's certificate of origin, or a bill of sale for a vehicle that does not require a title is assigned to two or three persons with their names joined by the word "or," as in "John Doe, Jane Doe or Mary Doe," then a certificate of title or registration receipt for a vehicle that does not require a title may be issued to any one of these persons, or to any two or all three of these persons with their names joined by the word "or." However, a certificate of title or registration for a vehicle that does not require a title shall only be issued to persons who have signed the application for title and registration.

**400.13(3) *Organizational ownership.***

*a.* When a vehicle is owned by a partnership, corporation, association, governmental unit, or private organization, the signature of its authorized representative is required.

*b.* When a vehicle is owned by a trust, the title shall be accompanied by a copy of all documents creating or otherwise affecting the trust or by the certification of trust as defined in Iowa Code section 633A.4604.

(1) The certification of trust may be signed by any trustee or the attorney for any trustee.

(2) The title shall be signed by the number of trustees as specified in the trust agreement, and the transferor shall provide the department with the document or the certification of trust specifying the required signatories for the trust.

(3) If a certification of trust is provided, one of the following shall apply:

1. Any currently acting trustee may sign the title if the certification of trust states that such trustee may act individually.

2. A majority of the trustees must sign the title if the certification of trust states that the trustees must act by majority decision.

3. All currently acting trustees must sign the title if the certification of trust states that the trustees must act by unanimous decision.

(4) A certification of trust must meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 633A.4604, including but not limited to providing the names of all the currently acting trustees. If there are two or more currently acting trustees, the certification of trust must state whether the trustees may act individually, whether the trustees must act by majority decision or whether the trustees must act by unanimous decision. If the certification of trust does not meet said requirement, the certification of trust will be considered invalid for the purposes of the transfer.

(5) Each signature on the title shall be followed by the words "as trustee."

**400.13(4) *Death with a will.*** When ownership is transferred according to a decedent's will, a certified copy of the court order or the letter of appointment appointing the person assigning the title as executor of the will shall be required.

**400.13(5) *Death without a will.*** When ownership is transferred from a decedent without a will and there is no administration of the estate, a notarized affidavit of death intestate form shall be required. When ownership is transferred from a decedent without a will but there is an administration of the estate, a copy of the court order or the letter of appointment appointing the person assigning the title as administrator shall be required.

**400.13(6) *Power of attorney.*** An attorney in fact may act for the living owner(s) if the appointment is shown on a power of attorney form. Power of attorney forms are available from the department, but other forms or a certified true copy may be accepted if they contain all necessary information.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1) "j," 321.20, 321.24, 321.45, 321.47, 321.49, 321.67 and 633A.4604.

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