



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4505.032 Certificate of title assignment to a motor vehicle dealer when no physical title has been issued.

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If a person owns a motor vehicle for which a physical certificate of title has not been issued by a clerk of a court of common pleas and the person transfers the motor vehicle, the person is not required to obtain a physical certificate of title to the motor vehicle in order to transfer ownership. The person shall present to the transferee, in a manner approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, sufficient proof of the person's identity and complete and sign a form prescribed by the registrar attesting to the person's identity and assigning the motor vehicle to the transferee. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the transferee shall present the assignment form to any clerk of a court of common pleas together with an application for a certificate of title, payment of any applicable taxes under Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code, and payment of the fees prescribed by section 4505.09 of the Revised Code. The clerk of a court of common pleas shall charge the same fee for an electronic certificate of title as for a physical certificate of title.

In a case in which an electronic certificate of title has been issued for a motor vehicle, notice of the transfer of ownership of that motor vehicle may be made to a clerk of a court of common pleas via electronic means in a manner approved by the registrar. The clerk shall enter the information relating to the assignment, including, but not limited to, the odometer disclosure statement required by section 4505.06 of the Revised Code, into the automated title processing system. Ownership of the motor vehicle passes to the transferee when the clerk enters this information into the system. A physical certificate of title is not required to be presented or issued for that motor vehicle.
