

Clarification - Power of Attorney for Registration and Title Transactions

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Dear Business Partner:

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) sent you an [email on August 17, 2023](#) about the standardized rules and requirements pertaining to Power of Attorney (POA).

In response to the email, the RMV has received questions surrounding the use of a POA.

- Please take a moment and review the [POA Questions and Answers Document](#).

Use of the POA

The rules of the POA have not changed; only the [Vehicle Owner's Limited Power of Attorney](#) form has been updated.

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A Power of Attorney (POA) is required whenever a third party (anyone other than the applicant) is signing an RMV application to conduct any Registration or Vehicle Title transaction on behalf of this applicant.

The RMV must ensure any POA used for a Registration or vehicle Title transaction meets the legal requirements in Massachusetts.

The [Vehicle Owner's Limited Power of Attorney](#) (LPOA) form has been developed to ensure those requirements are met.

- **Use of this form is not required, however, strongly suggested to facilitate processing of transactions.**

If you chose to use a free form POA, or LPOA, **the checklist information below must be included:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The LPOA must grant authority over vehicle Title and Registration transactions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The LPOA must be completed in ink or typed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The LPOA must contain 4 sections |
| o Vehicle Owner(s) name and address |
| o Limited Power of Attorney granted to must include the name/address and driver license number of the individual granted the POA |
| o Vehicle description, matching what is on the current title or registration record |
| o Certification and Signature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The principal signing the POA is alive/an active business |
| o If the POA includes a witness, all signatures must be handwritten (no e-signatures) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The agent must write P.O.A next to their signature on all forms and documents that require a signature. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To transfer a vehicle's Certificate of Title using a POA, the original title is required as an attachment to the application. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The RMV will not transfer a vehicle title to the agent or representative of the agent named on the POA. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A clear, legible, quality photocopy of the agent's driver's license or identification is required as an attachment to the POA. |
| o A valid ID from any state or country is acceptable. |
| o If the agent is a business or corporation, the agent must provide a copy of the identification of the representative who signed the POA. |
| ▪ The language "on behalf of/as an agent of [business or corporation]" is required following their signature. |

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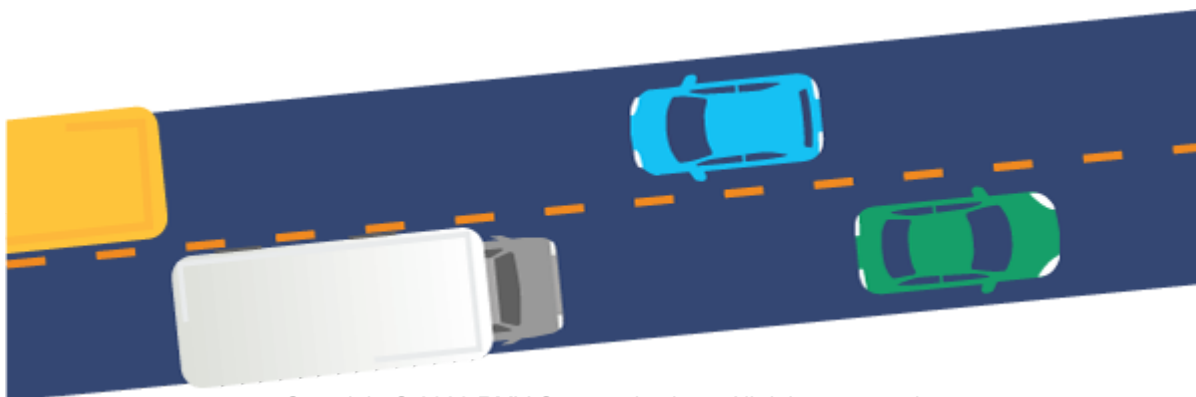
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