

**WAC 308-56A-065 Vehicles held in trust. (1) How is a trust shown on a certificate of ownership?** A certificate of ownership may show the name of the trustee(s) or trust in one of the following manners:

(a) The trustee(s) name(s) only followed by the designation **trustee, i.e., John Doe, trustee;** or

(b) The **trustee(s) name(s)** followed by the designation trustee and the name of the trust, i.e., John Doe, trustee John Doe Family Trust; or

(c) The name of the trust only, i.e., John Doe Family Trust.

Note: If necessary, the name of the trust will be abbreviated to meet the department's system limitations.

**(2) If a vehicle is held in trust, who represents the trust for certificate of ownership transactions?** If the vehicle record shows or is to be shown as:

(a) The trustee(s) name(s) only, followed by the designation **trustee, i.e., John Doe, trustee,** all trustees shown or to be shown on the certificate of ownership must sign.

(b) The **trustee(s)** name(s) followed by the designation trustee and name of the trust, i.e., John Doe, trustee John Doe Family Trust, all trustees shown or to be shown on the certificate of ownership must sign.

(c) The name of the trust only, i.e., John Doe Family Trust, any trustee(s) designated in the trust document must sign.

**(3) What trust documents do I need to present to apply for a certificate of ownership in the name of the trust?** You will need to provide a copy of the signed trust documents, showing the name of the trust, trustee(s) and successor trustees.

Note: Massachusetts trusts described in chapter 23.90 RCW must provide verification that the trust was filed with the Washington secretary of state.

**(4) What is required when a trustee no longer acts on behalf of a trust?** If a trustee no longer acts on behalf of a trust, and the vehicle ownership currently shows:

(a) The trustee(s) name(s) only followed by the designation trustee, i.e., John Doe, trustee, application must be made for a new certificate of ownership; or

(b) The trustee(s) name(s) followed by the designation trustee and the name of the trust, i.e., John Doe, trustee John Doe Family Trust, application must be made for a new certificate of ownership; or

(c) The name of the trust only, i.e., John Doe Family Trust, application for new certificate of ownership is not required.

In applying for a new certificate of ownership you will need to provide a copy of the signed trust documents, showing the name of the trust, trustee(s) and successor trustees.

Note: Massachusetts trusts described in chapter 23.90 RCW must provide verification that the trust was filed with the Washington secretary of state.

Note: New or successor trustees must provide documentation showing they are named as such in the trust.

**(5) What is required when a trust is terminated?** The owner of the vehicle must apply for a new certificate of ownership under chapter 46.12 RCW.

If trustee(s) are deceased and no successor trustee(s) is appointed, the process established in WAC 308-56A-335 - Owner deceased, applies.

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