

RCW 46.12.540 Issuance of certificates—Contents. (1) The department shall issue an electronic record of ownership or a written certificate of title if the department is satisfied from the statements on the application that the applicant is the legal owner of the vehicle or otherwise entitled to have a certificate of title in the applicant's name.

(2) Each certificate of title issued by the department must contain:

- (a) The date of application;
- (b) The certificate of title number assigned to the vehicle;
- (c) The name and address of the registered owner and legal owner;
- (d) The vehicle identification number;
- (e) The mileage reading, if required, as provided by the odometer disclosure statement submitted with the application involving a transfer of ownership;
- (f) A notation that the recorded mileage is actual, not actual, or exceeds mechanical limits;
- (g) A blank space on the face of the certificate of title for the signature of the registered owner;
- (h) Information on whether the vehicle was ever registered and operated as an exempt vehicle or taxicab;
- (i) A brand conspicuously shown across its front if indicating that the vehicle has been rebuilt after becoming a salvage vehicle;
- (j) The director's signature and the seal of the department; and
- (k) Any other description of the vehicle and facts the department may require.

(3) The department shall deliver the registration certificate to the registered owner and the certificate of title to the legal owner, or both to the person who is both the registered owner and legal owner. [2010 c 161 s 305; 1996 c 26 s 2; 1993 c 307 s 1; 1990 c 238 s 3; 1975 c 25 s 9; 1967 c 32 s 9; 1961 c 12 s 46.12.050. Prior: 1959 c 166 s 1; 1947 c 164 s 2; 1937 c 188 s 4; Rem. Supp. 1947 s 6312-4. Formerly RCW 46.12.050.]

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