

State of Colorado

Checklist: In Lieu of Bond for Manufactured Home 25 Years Old or Older C.R.S. 38-29-119

This procedure is completed for manufactured homes that are 25 years old or older and ownership documents are not available or are incorrect.

- Applicant must have possession of the manufactured home.
- Manufactured home must be physically located in Colorado.

Step 1. Have the manufactured home inspected and a DR 2698 Verification of Vehicle Identification Number form completed by one of the following agencies:

- Colorado Law Enforcement
- County Assessor
- Person registered to sell Manufactured Homes
- County Clerk (Authorized Agent)
- **Inspection must not be over one (1) year old**

Forms Needed

- DR 2698

Step 2. Request a title record search by filling out form DR 2489A Motor Vehicle Requestor Release of Affidavit of Intended Use. You must attempt to contact by certified or registered mail (return receipt requested) the owner of record as indicated on the record search. If no Colorado record is found or if the vehicle was titled and/or registered in another State a national database search is required.

- **Record search cannot be over one (1) year old**

Note: A photocopy of the Verification of Vehicle Identification Number and additional documents are required to be submitted with the record search request (DR 2489A). Please go to [DMV.Colorado.gov/vehicle-record-searches](https://dmv.colorado.gov/vehicle-record-searches) for additional information.

Forms Needed

- Validated copy of a DR 2489A for each VIN
- Fee - \$2.25
- Copy of letter and certified/registered mail return receipt

Step 3. If the record search indicates an active lien on the on the manufactured home, it must be released. The lien release must be on the lienholder's letterhead (letterhead is not required if lienholder is an individual). Copies and photos are accepted and must include vehicle year, make, VIN, titled owner's name(s), agent's signature and date of lien release. If an attempt is made to secure an acceptable lien release and the lienholder is not available, the following procedure must be followed:

Lienholder is not available – filed in Colorado

- A certified or registered letter must be sent to the lienholder's last known address and be returned as undeliverable. Include this letter with the title application.

Lienholder not available- Out of State Lien (Not filed in Colorado)

- Contact the state of record and request a lien release. Many states will give a statement of release of lien or lien expired. This statement must be on the state's letterhead and be submitted with the title application.

Without one of the above statements, a court order will be required. The “in lieu of” bonding procedure cannot be completed. If no Colorado record is found, a national database search must be completed.

Forms Needed

- Acceptable Lien Release
 - Copy of letter and one of the following:
 - Certified/registered mail return receipt
 - Or**
 - USPS printout of signature acceptance
 - Or**
 - Printout of signature by delivery company (FedEx, UPS, etc.)
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Step 4. Complete the Bond Statement Guide and In Lieu of Bond Affidavit, providing the following information:

- The reason why bonding for ownership is required and why there is no title for the manufactured home.
- What attempts were made to contact the owner of record to insure they have no interest in the manufactured home.
- From whom and when purchased; purchase amount.
- Describe the manufactured home by year, make and VIN.
- That there are no liens against the manufactured home.
- Must indicate whether or not it is on permanent foundation.

Forms Needed

- DR 2394 and other documents proving purchase or ownership

Step 5. If the manufactured home is abandoned, the following is required:

- A copy of the order or judgment for possession obtained through a civil eviction proceeding.
- Proof of ownership of the real property where the manufactured home is located.
- Proof of property taxes paid

Forms Needed

- Copy of Court Order(s).
 - Copy of real property deed.
 - Authentication of Paid Ad Valorem Taxes or Certificate of Taxes Due (obtained by the County Treasurer). Pursuant to C.R.S. 38-29-107. Proof of taxes paid is required on all manufactured home applications
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Step 6. Apply for Title at the county motor vehicle office in the county in which the manufactured home is located.

Secure and Verifiable Identification is required to obtain a title and/or registration in the state of Colorado. Please see DR 2841 for acceptable identification documents.

Forms Needed

- Items listed above
- Title fee - \$7.20, pursuant to, C.R.S. 42-6-137 (1)(a)