

How to Establish Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Equipment Ownership for New Certifications [M&VC §§ 999.2.b (1), 999.2.c, 999.2.e]

A DVBEs qualifying Disabled Veteran (DV) must own 51 percent of each piece of equipment that will be rented to the State of California. The DV **must** establish that he or she owns 51 percent of each piece of equipment and have title, possession, control, and risk of loss of equipment **or** be deemed an equipment broker or agent. Contracts awarded to equipment brokers or agents cannot be counted towards the three percent (3%) DVBE participation goal.

Documents which establish equipment ownership for DVBE firms must include, but are not limited to:

1. An equipment list identifying equipment by license plate or Special Equipment (SE) registration number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
2. California DMV Vehicle Registrations for highway legal vehicles.
3. California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Certificate of Title or California DMV Title/Transfer Only Receipts and SE Registrations for off-highway equipment/vehicles.

If you do not have the California DMV Titles or Title/Transfer Only Receipts, refer to the note below for further instructions. See the [FFVR 19 Special Equipment Brochure \(www.dmv.ca.gov\)](#) for SE Registrations requirements for special construction equipment, special mobile equipment, cemetery equipment, and logging vehicles (Vehicle Code-VC § 5011) and cotton trailers, farm trailers, water tanks, oversized feed and seed motors vehicles, automatic bale wagons, and cotton module movers (VC § 36101).

4. Proof of equipment/vehicle insurance for identified equipment/vehicles.
5. The personal property tax bill and copy of cancelled checks; or a property tax bill stamped paid-in-full by the County Tax Collector. **NOTE:** A Vehicle/Vessel Use Tax Clearance Request, BOE 106 at [www.boe.ca.gov](#) may be required when the County Tax Collector has not billed you.
6. Provide Bills of Sale and/or copies of signed loan agreements, which identify equipment/vehicles by VIN, and cancelled checks. Bank statements may be submitted in the absence of cancelled checks.
7. Copy of signed partnership agreements or corporate bylaws, and all signed amendments. Include a signed statement under penalty-of-perjury if there were no amendments.

8. Equipment rental agreement signed by the disabled veteran owner and awarding department, when available. The agreement for the previous certification period is required for certification renewal applications.

NOTE: How to obtain a California Certificate of Title:

If you do not have a California Certificate of Title for SE equipment/vehicles in your name, and do not have the previously issued California or out-of-state title or Manufacturer's Certificate/Statement of Origin (MCO or MSO) to meet DMV title requirements:

- a) Contact the previous owner. The previous owner may have the title or MCO.
- b) If you secured a loan, contact the lender. Request the lender to submit the title or MCO to DMV to obtain a California title. Your lender may also provide you the title or MCO to expedite the process. DMV will issue you a Title/Transfer Only receipt.

If your loan has been paid-in-full, find the loan agreement returned to you. The title or MCO may be with this document. DMV may accept the original loan agreement issued from a financial institution stamped paid-in-full when the title or MCO cannot be replaced. A DMV title is also known as a Certificate of Ownership.

- c) Request a replacement MCO from a licensed equipment distributor. The MCO will be issued in the name of the owner who purchased the equipment when it was new. Bills of sale must be obtained to substantiate the chain of ownership.
- d) Follow procedures outlined in [HTVR Register Vehicles for Which DMV Has No Record \(Unavailable Record\)](#) at www.dmv.ca.gov. This brochure explains how to obtain a title if there is no prior title or MCO. Vehicle verifications are not required for special equipment, but are required for most vehicles.

See [Bond and Certificates](#), in the Department of Motor Vehicles, Handbook of Registration Procedures (<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/pubs>) if there is no prior title, MCO, or original loan agreement issued from a financial institution stamped paid-in-full. Pay special attention to Bond Requirements when the vehicle/equipment market value is \$5,000 or more. There are other forms, in lieu of a bond that may be provided to the Department of Motor Vehicles. These include a Cash Deposit, Certificate of Deposit or Assignment as Security. The disabled veteran(s) must be included as a depositor or assignor to be in compliance with the M&VC requirement when any of these options are used.

The DMV requirements listed above have been approved by the Vehicle Registration Operations Division. If you have any questions regarding titling instructions, please contact DMV at 800.777.0133 during normal business hours, or TTY 800.368.4327 if hearing impaired. You may also schedule an appointment to visit your local DMV Field Office. **Request Field Office staff to reference MLR 2009-26 and Registration Manual 21.030 for processing procedures.**

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If you have any questions regarding this notification or requirements to obtain DVBE certification, please contact:

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