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Registration and Title Bulletin # 001-21 Policy and Procedure

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: **Processing Corrected Titles Without the Surrender of Ownership Evidence**

PURPOSE

To provide guidance on processing a corrected title when the owner's original title has been lost or destroyed.

DETAILS

Currently, when an owner applies for a corrected title, the original Texas title must be surrendered with the application. If the original Texas title is lost or destroyed, the owner is required to obtain a Certified Copy of Title (CCO) from a Regional Service Center (RSC), which is then surrendered with the application for a corrected title. Situations that require a corrected title include, but are not limited to:

- incorrect odometer, vehicle, or lienholder information;
- adding a lien; or
- removing a lien when supported by an original release of lien.

Effective June 21, 2021, owners will no longer be required to obtain a CCO prior to applying for a corrected title when the original title is lost or destroyed regardless of the reason for correction. To support this change, the *Application for Texas Title and/or Registration* (Form 130-U) has been updated with a checkbox in the certification section. The owner will need to check the box to certify the original title has been lost or destroyed, which means the original title or CCO will not be surrendered with the application. As a result, the owner must use the revised June 2021 Form 130-U. The revised Form 130-U will be available for order once current stock of the form is depleted. Until then, the revised form is attached and available on the department's website.

There is no change to the collection of the title application fee when processing a corrected title application. As a reminder, adding or removing an owner is a transfer of ownership and not considered a corrected title. In these situations, valid ownership evidence will need to be surrendered.

In addition to providing efficiencies and streamlining title corrections, this change is a byproduct of a programming enhancement to the Registration and Title System (RTS) Release 10.1, which is scheduled to go live June 21, 2021. This release allows RSC staff to remove liens from the vehicle record within the CCO event when an original release of lien is provided. A CCO will then be issued without the lien and eliminate the need for the RSC to return the original release of lien to the owner. The owner can choose to obtain a CCO without a lien at the RSC or apply for a corrected title to remove the lien at the county tax assessor-collector's office without obtaining a CCO.

The owner's current, government issued photo identification (ID) is required when applying for a corrected title without surrendering a CCO and the original title is lost or destroyed.

COUNTY ACTION

Do not require an owner applying for a corrected title to obtain and surrender a CCO when the original title is lost or destroyed. Ensure the owner selects the checkbox on the Form 130-U to certify the original title is lost or destroyed and presents a current, government issued photo ID when applying for the corrected title.

Select "Other" as the ownership evidence type on the Ownership Evidence TTL011 screen when processing a corrected title application in RTS and the owner certifies the original title is lost or destroyed.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact your local Texas Department of Motor Vehicles RSC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roland D. Luna Sr.", is positioned above the typed name.

Roland D. Luna, Sr., Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

Attachment