

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

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NOTICE TO INSURANCE COMPANIES Temporary Expedited Salvage Title Application Process for Vehicles Impacted by Hurricane Michael

Why are we receiving notification?

- Effective immediately, the Department of Revenue (the "Department") is providing insurance companies licensed to do business in Georgia with a temporary expedited application process for replacement and salvage titles on total loss settlements of vehicles damaged in Hurricane Michael, which took place in October 2018, where the original title was lost, damaged, or destroyed.
- This process is available only to insurance companies licensed to do business in Georgia that are applying for replacement and salvage titles on total loss settlements of vehicles damaged in Hurricane Michael that were registered in 1 of the 28 counties included in the renewal of the State of Emergency pronounced in the Governor's November 6, 2018 Executive Order. This process is available only in connection with claims paid on or before December 31, 2018. For claims paid after that date, and for claims where the original title was not lost, damaged, or destroyed, the standard salvage title application process must be used.

How does the application process work?

In order to streamline the process of obtaining salvage titles on total loss settlements of vehicles damaged in Hurricane Michael, where the original title was lost, damaged, or destroyed, the Department is providing the <u>Hurricane Relief</u> Secure Power of Attorney (For Salvage Title Applications) (Form HRT-8S2). This form authorizes the insurance company to apply for a replacement title on the insured's behalf if the original title was lost, damaged, or destroyed.

- 1. If the original certificate of title was lost, damaged, or destroyed, the insurance company should first apply for a replacement title on behalf of the insured by submitting the following either in person or via drop box at DOR/Motor Vehicle Division, Attn: Title Processing Unit, 4125 Welcome All Road, Atlanta, GA 30349, or by mail to DOR/Motor Vehicle Division, Attn: Title Processing Unit, P.O. Box 740381, Atlanta, GA 30374-0381:
 - o Completed <u>Hurricane Relief Secure Power of Attorney (For Salvage Title Applications) (Form HRT-8S2)</u>.
 - o Proof of a paid claim and the date on which it was paid.
 - The mutilated (damaged) title, when available.
 - o Completed Form MV-1 Title/Tag Application and \$8.00 replacement title fee.
- 2. Once the insurance company has received the replacement title, the insurance company should apply for a salvage title by submitting the following either in person or via drop box at DOR/Motor Vehicle Division, Attn: Salvage Unit, 4125 Welcome All Road, Atlanta, GA 30349, or by mail to DOR/Motor Vehicle Division, Attn: Salvage Unit, P.O. Box 740384, Atlanta, GA 30374-0384:
 - o Completed Hurricane Relief Secure Power of Attorney (For Salvage Title Applications) (Form HRT-8S2).
 - The replacement title, properly assigned to the insurance company and with all recorded liens or security interests properly released.
 - o Completed Form MV-1S Salvage Title Application, \$18.00 title fee, and the title ad valorem tax (TAVT).



For more information, please visit the Motor Vehicle Division website at dor.georgia.gov/motor-vehicles or scan the QR code.