



December 13, 2018

**Registration and Title Bulletin # 007-18
Policy and Procedure**

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Changes to Certified Copies of Texas Titles

PURPOSE

To provide information on the changes to Certified Copies of Texas Titles (CCOs).

DETAILS

Currently, Texas titles and CCOs share the same document number and issue date. Issuance of a CCO does not change the document number or issue date, nor does it invalidate any prior Texas title or CCOs.

Senate Bill 2076 amended Transportation Code, Section 501.134, to specify a lawfully-obtained CCO supersedes and invalidates any previously issued Texas title or CCO. A CCO issued on or after December 31, 2018, will be issued a new document number and issue date, and the Registration and Title System (RTS) will be updated immediately. As a result, any CCO issued on or after December 31, 2018, will supersede any prior Texas title or CCO issued and will be the only acceptable Texas title to transfer ownership. Original Texas titles and CCOs issued prior to December 31, 2018, will remain valid until a new Texas title or CCO is issued.

To ensure customers are aware of this change, the department will provide the attached notice for a period of time to customers obtaining CCOs on or after December 31, 2018.

RTS will also require the entry of the last four digits of the document number on the Document Number Verification TTL022 screen for all Texas ownership documents beginning December 31, 2018. The document number and title issue date must match the current record in RTS to ensure a Texas title or CCO is the most recent, valid document.

COUNTY ACTION

Beginning December 31, 2018, enter the last four digits of the document number for all Texas ownership evidence types selected in RTS. An error message will be displayed in RTS if the last four digits entered do not match those of the current record. If this occurs, you must advise the applicant their title is not valid and they must obtain the current title or pursue the bonded title procedure as applicable.

CONTACT

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah Kuntz".

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

Attachment
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