Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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R.S. 32:702 (4), (13), (15), (16)
R.S. 32:706.1
R.S. 32:707 (E)
R.S. 32:707.3
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Definitions:
- **Certificate of Destruction** - a type of title issued for a water-damaged vehicle, other than an antique vehicle or a vehicle in excess of twenty thousand pounds gross weight, whose power train, computer, or electrical system has been damaged by flooding as the result of a gubernatorial declared disaster or emergency and has been declared a “total loss”.

Requirements:
- An insurance company that acquires ownership of a vehicle MUST apply for a certificate of destruction within thirty days. A 60-day extension period may be granted upon approval by the Office of Motor Vehicles, not to exceed ninety days from the date of settlement. The following must be submitted:
  - Current Louisiana Certificate of Title properly assigned, if applicable.
  - A completed vehicle application form (DPSMV1799) for the certificate of destruction. The words “Certificate of Destruction” must be written or stamped on the application and on the face of the accompanying title.
  - A copy of the total loss settlement indicating the date of loss as well as the date of settlement.
  - Disclosure of Salvage/Reconstructed/Water Damaged/Hail Damaged Vehicle (DPSMV1637)
  - Applicable title and handling fee

Notes:
- An insurance company may elect to apply for a Certificate of Destruction for a vehicle that has been damaged to the extent it is deemed a “total loss” even if not resulting from a gubernatorial declared disaster. If the insurance company elects to apply for a Certificate of Destruction in lieu of a salvage title, a statement indicating such must be added to the proof of loss documentation and submitted with the file.
- **A certificate of destruction will not be issued to off road vehicles, manufactured homes or trailers.**
Related Policies:
Section 4, Policy 2.03 Completion Of Vehicle Application
Section 4, Policy 20.05 Disposal Of Junked Vehicles
Section 4, Policy 42.00 Vehicle Certificate Of Title Law (Salvage Vehicles)
Section 4, Policy 42.02 Out-Of-State Branded Titles
Section 4, Policy 42.04 Salvage Retention
Section 4, Policy 76.00 Water Damaged Vehicle