



CHAPTER 75A
ARTICLE 4 - VESSEL TITLING ACT

N.C.G.S. § 75A-34.

Who may apply for certificate of title;
authority of employees of Commission.

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§ 75A-34(a)

Any owner of a motorized vessel or sailboat 14 feet or longer or any personal watercraft, as defined in G.S. 75A-13.3(a), that is applying for a certificate of number for the first time in this State pursuant to G.S. 75A-5(a), and any new owner of a motorized vessel or sailboat 14 feet or longer or any personal watercraft to whom ownership is being transferred under G.S. 75A-5(c) shall apply to the Commission for a certificate of title for that vessel. Any other vessel may be titled in this State at the owner's option. A vessel may not be titled in this State if it is titled in another state, unless the current title is submitted to the Commission along with the application for a certificate of title in this State. The Commission shall issue a certificate of title upon reasonable evidence of ownership, which may be established by affidavit, bill of sale, manufacturer's statement of origin, certificate of title in this State, certificate of number or title from another state, or other document satisfactory to the Commission. Only one certificate of title may be issued for any vessel in this State. A vessel may not be titled in this State if it is documented with the United States Coast Guard, unless the documentation has expired or been deleted by the United States Coast Guard. The Commission shall issue a certificate of title upon receipt of a completed application, along with the appropriate fee and reasonable evidence of ownership. The Commission shall require a manufacturer's statement of origin for all new vessels being issued a certificate of number and a certificate of title for the first time. The Commission may request a pencil tracing of the hull identification number (serial number) for vessels being transferred, in order to positively identify the vessel before issuance of a certificate of title for that vessel.

§ 75A-34(b) Employees of the Commission are vested with the power to administer oaths and to take acknowledgements and affidavits incidental to the administration and enforcement of this section. They shall receive no compensation for these services.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I
4 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1989	c. 739, s. 1	ENACTED	
02	2006	S.L. 2006-185, s. 2	AMENDED	
03	2013	S.L. 2013-360, s. 14.22(e)	AMENDED	
04	2023	S.L. 2023-69, s. 2.5(a)	AMENDED	

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 75A-13.3(a)	(a)	"any personal watercraft, as defined in"
G.S. 75A-5(a)	(a)	"time in this State pursuant to"
G.S. 75A-5(c)	(a)	"whom ownership is being transferred under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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