Truck Campers FAQs

1. When were truck campers first titled in Idaho?

   Answer - January 1, 2009.

2. What truck campers are required to be titled?

   Answer - A truck camper purchased on or after January 1, 2009 must be titled if it meets all of the following requirements:
   • It is at least six feet long as originally constructed;
   • It has a floor, sides, and a roof;
   • It has at least one of the following permanently installed facilities:
     o stove;
     o refrigerator or icebox;
     o self-contained toilet;
     o heater or air conditioner;
     o drinkable water supply including a faucet and sink;
     o separate 110-125 volt electrical power supply; or
     o LP-gas supply
   Pickup hoods, shells, and canopies are not considered to be truck campers for titling purposes.

3. Where do I go to apply for title?

   Answer - You can go to any county assessor’s motor vehicle office.

4. What if I purchased my truck camper before 2009?

   Answer - You are not required to title it but have an option to do so.

5. If I purchased a truck camper before 2009 and have always had it in Idaho, what documents must I submit to get a title in my name?

   Answer - Submit the following:
   a. Indemnifying affidavit stating you acquired the vehicle before 1/1/09;
   b. Registration or registration motor vehicle record (MVR - available at your county assessor’s motor vehicle office). If you have no registration and there is no registration record, submit a “no record” MVR; and
   c. VIN inspection. This can be conducted by any law enforcement officer or by personnel from most county assessor motor vehicle offices. You must bring the vehicle for this physical inspection;
   d. Bill of sale or release of interest from the owner on the registration or registration record if is someone other than you; and
   e. Manufacturer’s certificate of origin (MCO) or manufacturer’s statement of origin (MSO) if available with releases from all parties shown.

6. If I purchased a truck camper that has always been in Idaho from someone who acquired it before 2009, what documents must I submit to get a title in my name?

   Answer - If the seller exercised his option to title in his name, you will need to submit this title, signed over to you, with either the selling price listed or with a separate bill of sale attached. If the seller did not title in his name, submit the following:
   a. Indemnifying affidavit stating the seller acquired the vehicle before 1/1/09;
   b. Registration or registration motor vehicle record (MVR). If there is no registration and there is no record of a registration for your vehicle, submit a “no record” MVR;
   c. VIN inspection;
   d. Bill of sale from the seller;
   e. Bill of sale or release of interest from the owner on the registration or registration record if is someone other than the seller; and
   f. MCO or MSO if available with releases from all parties shown.
7. What if I purchased a truck camper from someone in Idaho who purchased it on or after January 1, 2009?

Answer - The person who sold you the vehicle must title it in his name first if he is an Idaho resident. He must sign that title over to you and also provide you with a bill of sale unless he has entered the selling price in the designated field on the title.

8. What if I purchased a truck camper from a dealer in Idaho on or after January 1, 2009?

Answer - That dealer should have prepared a title application for you, and you should have received a title within seven weeks of your purchase unless you financed the purchase, in which case the lienholder should have received the title.

9. If I moved here with a truck camper and came from a state that titles them, what documents must I submit to get a title in my name?

Answer - Submit the following:
   a. Out-of-State title;
   b. VIN inspection; and
   c. Indemnifying affidavit if brought to Idaho before January 1, 2009.

10. If I moved here with a truck camper and came from a state that doesn’t title them but does register them, what documents must I submit to get a title in my name?

Answer - Submit the following:
   a. Indemnifying affidavit;
   b. Registration, or registration MVR from other state. If there is no registration and no record of one, submit a “no-record MVR” from the DMV of the state from which you brought it;
   c. VIN inspection;
   d. Bill of sale or release of interest from owner shown on registration if other than you; and
   e. MCO or MSO, if available with releases from all interested parties.

11. If I moved here with a truck camper and came from a state that doesn’t title them or register them, what documents must I submit to get a title in my name?

Answer - Submit the following:
   a. Indemnifying affidavit;
   b. VIN inspection;
   c. MCO or MSO, if available, with releases from all interested parties; and
   d. Any other proof of ownership available, e.g., other bills of sale, receipts, cancelled checks.

12. If I bought a truck camper from someone who moved here from another state, what must I submit to get a title in my name?

Answer - You will need to submit the documents the seller would have needed to title in his name, and you will also need a bill of sale from the seller.

13. If I have purchased a truck camper from an out-of-state dealer since January 1, 2009, what documents must I submit to get a title in my name?

Answer - You will need to submit the following:
   a. MCO or MSO, and
   b. Vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection.

14. If my truck camper came from another state and I don’t know if that state titles or registers truck campers, where can I find that information?
15. How long will it take to get my title?

Answer - If you apply for title at a county assessor’s motor vehicle office with the required documents and fees, you should receive your title within two to three weeks. If you purchased a truck camper at an Idaho dealer, it may take up to six or seven weeks to receive your title. Remember, if you financed the purchase, the title will be sent to the lienholder, and you will not receive it until the lien has been paid off.

16. What fees will I need to pay to title my truck camper?

Answer - You will need to pay:
   a. $8.00 title fee ($14.00 as of Jan. 1, 2010);
   b. Sales tax if you purchased the truck camper within the last seven years, unless you can provide a receipt showing you have already paid tax. If you have no proof you paid tax, tax will be due on the purchase price shown on your documentation, or if none is shown, tax is due on the average/clean retail value as shown in a generally recognized used vehicle valuation guide such as the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) guide. If an exemption applies, the appropriate exemption form must be completed and submitted; and
   c. $20.00 late filing penalty if applying for title more than 30 days from acquisition date.

17. What if I can’t meet the titling requirements for my situation?

Answer - You may be able to qualify for a special type of title, depending on the age of the vehicle. If the truck camper is at least 10 years old, you may be able to qualify for a conditional title which carries the brand, “Issued Upon Statement of Applicant” that has a three year expiration date. If the truck camper is less than 10 years old, you may be able to qualify for a bonded title which carries the brand “Bonded Title” with a three year expiration date and requires that you post a surety bond worth one-and-a-half the appraised value of your vehicle. Contact any county assessor’s motor vehicle office to verify if either of these procedures is necessary and what may be required.

18. Where can I get forms such as indemnifying affidavits, bills of sale, etc.?

Answer - You can get these forms at any county assessor’s motor vehicle office, or you can access these forms at the Idaho Transportation Department DMV website at www.itsd.idaho.gov/dmv.