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# MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOND REQUIREMENTS NATIONWIDE

## **Alabama**

A \$10,000 surety bond is required for all used motor vehicle dealers, rebuilders, reconditioners and wholesalers. A \$25,000 surety bond is required for all new motor vehicle dealers. A \$10,000 bond is required for all automotive dismantlers and parts recyclers.

#### Alaska

\$50,000 bond required; \$25,000 for motorcycle dealers.

## <u>Arizona</u>

Surety bond of no more than \$100,000 for each type of license for each county where dealer has established business; required for each location.

## <u>Arkan</u>sas

Franchise dealers must post a \$25,000 bond with the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission to obtain a license. Used car dealers must post a \$25,000 bond with the State Police.

## California

\$50,000 bond required.

## **Colorado**

A \$30,000 bond must be posted upon application for license.

#### Connecticut

Required; \$5,000 for repairers and limited repairers; \$20,000 for new and used vehicle dealers. Submitted in the name of the licensee prior to license issuance.

#### **Delaware**

There are no bond requirements for dealers.

## **District of Columbia**

A \$10,000 bond is required; filed with the Department of Consumer Regulatory Affairs.

#### **Florida**

All motor vehicle and mobile home dealers are required to file a \$25,000 Surety Bond. An irrevocable letter of credit may be substituted for a motor vehicle dealer's bond. Recreational vehicle dealers require a \$10,000 bond. For more than four additional lots, MH dealers require \$50,000 bond, and RV dealers require \$20,000 bond.

## Georgia

A \$20,000 bond is required of all vehicle dealers.

#### Hawaii

Bond not required.

#### **Idaho**

A \$10,000 bond is required for dealers who sell only motorcycles, ATVs and snow machines; \$20,000 for all others.

## **Illinois**

\$20,000 for 36 months.

#### Indiana

Bond not required.

#### Iowa

A \$50,000 motor vehicle or mobile/manufactured home retailer Surety Bond must be filed with the Department of Transportation on annual basis. \$25,000 Travel Trailer Dealer Surety Bond.

#### Kansas

New and Used Dealer - \$30,000 required, all others optional.

#### Kentucky

\$15,000 may be required.

### Louisiana

A \$20,000 bond for new vehicle dealers; \$10,000 for used vehicle dealers.

#### Maine

Required for all dealers except light trailer and equipment dealers. Bond amount is established by the number of vehicles sold by the dealership:

Vehicles Sold Bond Limits

0-50 \$5,000

51-100 \$10,000

101-150 \$15,000

151-200 \$20,000

201 and over \$25,000

#### Maryland

Based upon sales volume, surety is required for all dealers.

## Massachusetts

Class II dealers must post \$25,000 bond.

## Michigan

\$10,000 bond required.

#### <u>Minnesota</u>

A \$50,000 must be filed by all dealers; \$5,000 for boat, snowmobile, trailer and motorized bicycle dealers.

#### <u>Mississippi</u>

A \$15,000 Designated Agent's Surety Bond is required for all licensed dealers. Filed with the application for a dealer's license.

## **Missouri**

A \$25,000 Corporate Surety Bond.

## Montana

Franchised dealers, used car dealers, recreational vehicle dealers, auto auctions, wholesalers and trailer dealers who sell mobile homes, house trailers and commercial trailers are required to post \$50,000 bond. Motorcycle dealers must post \$15,000 bond.

#### Nebraska

\$25,000 bond is required.

#### **Nevada**

A \$50,000 Surety Bond is required.

## **New Hampshire**

A \$20,000 to \$10,000 depreciating bond, or a \$100,000 blanket bond through the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association. The two dealer categories are Bonded and Licensed. Bonded dealers are not issued dealer plates.

## **New Jersey**

A \$10,000 Surety Bond is required.

#### **New Mexico**

A \$20,000 corporate Surety Bond is required for auto dealers, salvage dealers, manufacturers, mobile home dealers and motorcycle dealers. A \$12,500 bond is required for motorcycle dealers; no bond for boat dealers.

## New York

Dealers selling 200 vehicles or fewer in the previous calendar year require a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000. Dealers selling more than 200 vehicles in the previous calendar year require a surety bond in the amount of \$25,000. New dealer applications are required to obtain a \$50,000 surety bond.

#### North Carolina

A \$50,000 indemnity bond.

#### North Dakota

All motor vehicle dealers are required to maintain a \$25,000 Surety Bond with the department. All mobile home trailer and motorcycle dealers must maintain \$10,000 surety bond.

## **Ohio**

Not required of certain new and used motor vehicles. 25,000 for title defect bond statute. Dealers in business 3 years or less are required to have a bond to sell vehicles without title present. After 3 years in business, they may join the OH Title Defect Rescission Fund. Call 800-364-8833 for bonds and/or more information.

#### Oklahoma

\$15,000 bond on used car dealer,

\$10,000 bond is required on new car dealers,

\$25,000 on wholesale dealers, and

\$30,000 on manufactured home dealers.

#### <u>Oregon</u>

A \$40,000 for each year the certificate is valid.

### **Pennsylvania**

A \$20,000 bond is required by dealers for most dealer categories.

#### **Rhode Island**

All dealers must post a \$15,000 Surety Bond with the Dealers License Commission.

## South Carolina

A \$30,000 surety bond is required for all dealers except wholesale Auto Auction. Motorcycle only and Travel Trailer only.

## South Dakota

Required. Amounts are: \$25,000 bond for new and used vehicle dealers; \$5,000 for motorcycle dealer; \$10,000 for trailer dealers (required only for dealers who sell trailers weighing over 2,000 lbs.); \$25,000 for mobile home dealers; \$5,000 for snowmobile dealers.

#### **Tennessee**

Bond is filed with Motor Vehicle Dealer Commission.

#### Texas

A \$25,000 surety is required for motor vehicle, motorcycle and wholesale auction dealers for the licensed period unless the dealer is a franchised dealer or trailer dealer.

#### Utah

Required. A \$50,000 corporate surety bond for new or used vehicle dealers. A \$1,000 corporate surety bond for new or used motorcycle or small trailer (750 lbs. unladen weight or less) dealers.

#### Vermont

Bond requirements. New and used car dealers must provide bond based on number of sales and must have real estate value of not less than \$5,000 or more than \$15,000.

#### Virginia

Original licensees are required to furnish \$25,000 bond for the first three years in business. Bond required until dealership has three consecutive years without a claim against the bond or fund.

## Washington

\$30,000 for motor vehicle dealers; \$30,000 for mobile homes and travel trailer dealers. \$5,000 for miscellaneous dealers.

#### West Virginia

A \$10,000 bond is required for all dealers. Renewal licenses require a new Dealer Surety Bond (Form MV-126-DS-P).

#### Wisconsin

A \$5,000 to \$100,000 bond may be required, if there is reason to doubt the financial responsibility or compliance of dealership.

## Wyoming

A \$25,000 Dealer Bond is required at the time of application for a license.

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