

As of October 25, 2023, vehicles that are 26 model years and older will be exempt from the requirement for a certificate of title.

The First Special Session of the 131st Legislature amended 29-A M.R.S.A. §652, which provides exemptions to requirements for a certificate of title. Subsection 13 of 29-A M.R.S.A. §652 now exempts:

Vehicles more than 25 years old. Vehicles more than 25 years old, except when the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and the applicant to issue a title to a vehicle more than 25 years old.

To help our customers adapt to this change in law and procedure, the Bureau will continue to process applications for model years 1995, 1996, and 1997 from October 25, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

As of January 1, 2024, however, title applications for model years 1998 and older will no longer be processed by the Bureau. Title applications along with supporting documentation will be returned and fees rebated.

A list of dates when model year vehicles will become exempt from title are listed below.

Calendar Year	Model Exempt Year
January 1, 2024	1998
January 1, 2025	1999
January 1, 2026	2000
January 1, 2027	2001
January 1, 2028	2002