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## WisDOT now requires liens to be released electronically

WisDOT now requires all non-exempt secured parties to release liens electronically. Paper lien releases will no longer be accepted as of January 5, 2025. This change was made in accordance with [Wis. Stat. §342.245](#) and [Wis. Admin. Code ch. Trans 148.03](#) and in response to increases in fraudulent lien releases submitted to the department. The change provides another layer of protection for lien holders and ensures compliance with state law, which requires liens to be released electronically.

Please note that exempt secured parties may still utilize paper lien releases. Secured parties are considered exempt from this requirement if they process 48 or fewer liens in a calendar year.

Dealers who are secured parties may need to verify their capability to release liens on eMV PARTNER or their vendor system. If no ability to release liens is present within their system, a new Terminal ID may need to be applied for through WisDOT in order to release their liens. Dealers may contact the Agent Partnership Unit for assistance in obtaining the capability to release liens electronically.

If you have any questions about this change, [please visit our Lien Information page](#).

## Quarterly Report

The following numbers have been generated from the Dealer and Agent Section (DAS) Quarterly Report. This data is from the **second quarter** of the fiscal year beginning July 2024 (October through December 2024).

### Electronic Title and Registration Processing

Dealers and agents processing titles and/or registration electronically.

Activity	Second Quarter
Renewal agents	1,707
Title and lien agents (includes dealerships)	4,928

### Electronic Title Delivery

Lenders receiving electronic title records.

Activity	Second Quarter
Lenders	1,385

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