**What is a BID card?**

A Salvage Buyer Identification (BID) card is a piece of identification which permits the holder to attend salvage auction pools. DMV licenses persons who wish to purchase damaged motor vehicles from motor vehicle salvage pools. The BID card holder must be an employee of a licensed dealer and may hold BID cards for more than one dealer at a time.

**What are the requirements?**

Salvage Buyer Identification card holders must be:

- a motor vehicle dealer, wholesaler, or salvage dealer licensed in Wisconsin or another jurisdiction;
- or an employee of a motor vehicle dealer, wholesaler or salvage dealer

**What does a BID card cost?**

The fee for a BID card expiring in one year or less is $6. The fee for a BID card expiring in more than one year is $12. Out-of-state BID card holders are issued a card valid until employing dealer’s license expires, for a maximum of 12 months.

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**Buyer Identification (BID) Cards Issued**

![Bar chart showing the number of BID cards issued from 2013 to 2018.](chart)

Source: Customer Service Group Work Statistics