

How to fill out Form 825 — Vehicle Appraisal Form for Surety Bond

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Alaska · written against Form 825 (Rev 04/2025), issued under 2 AAC 92.010(b), which requires a bona fide appraisal reasonably conforming to nationally recognized used-vehicle valuations, for a complete street legal vehicle physically present in this state

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The document that sets the number everything else in a bonded-title packet is built on. An appraiser looks at the vehicle in person, in Alaska, writes down what it is worth at fair market retail - not trade-in, and the form says so in capitals - and signs. The bond is then written for one and one-half times that figure. Two pages: the appraisal itself, and a page of instructions that is really a list of the ways an appraisal gets rejected. Read the second page first, because it is where the disqualifications live.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Form 825 from the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Administration at <https://dmv.alaska.gov/media/tztloas2/825.pdf?f=alaska-825.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	Owner's full legal name	Your name, licence number and contact details in the owner block at the top. Watch out: The same name that will appear on the bond and the affidavit. This is the only block on the form that is yours.
2	OTHER	The appraiser identifies themselves	Their full legal name, licence or ID number and state, and the company they appraise for. Watch out: Get this filled in properly at the time. Chasing an appraiser for a missing credential number a fortnight later is how appraisals expire.
3	OTHER	The credential line	An Alaska dealer number, insurance adjuster number, bank business licence number or badge number - whichever applies to them. Watch out: If the person looking at your vehicle cannot fill this line in, they are not one of the three kinds of appraiser the instructions allow.
4	OTHER	Where the appraisal happened	The address at which the vehicle was physically viewed, with city, state and zip. Watch out: It has to be an Alaskan address. This line is the evidence for the regulation's requirement that the appraiser saw the vehicle here, in person.
5	OTHER	The vehicle identification comb	One character per cell across the sheet. Watch out: Watch for the characters that are never used in a VIN. An I where a 1 belongs makes this appraisal describe a different vehicle from the bond.
6	OTHER	Year, make, model, body style	The description row, written as the rest of the packet writes it. Watch out: Agree the wording with whoever is preparing the bond. Small differences across the packet are what the counter notices first.
7	OTHER	The odometer reading	Current mileage, with a tick beside it where the odometer does not work or the item is a trailer or boat. Watch out: On a vehicle old enough to be exempt from odometer disclosure, the reading still belongs here - it is part of what the value is being justified by.
8	OTHER	Fair market retail value	The figure, in the box marked NOT TRADE IN VALUE. Watch out: This is the number your bond is one and one-half times, so it is worth understanding how the appraiser got to it before they sign.
9	OTHER	Body, drive train, frame	Three condition lines, each describing what actually affects the value. Watch out: Specific beats flattering. Torn upholstery, missing components and damaged safety glass are the examples the instructions give, and they are what makes a low figure defensible.
10	OTHER	Other, and the attachment	The fourth line, plus the guidebook or internet valuation the figure came from, attached and dated within 90 days. Watch out: Ask for the printout in the envelope, not emailed to you later. Without it the appraisal is a number with no working shown.
11	OTHER	The appraiser signs and dates	Signature and date of appraisal, under the certification that they have seen this vehicle personally in the State of Alaska. Watch out: The date is the start of the ninety days. Do not collect the appraisal weeks before the surety is ready to write.

What gets this one rejected

- The explanation block left empty. The form says in its own text that a blank explanation means rejection, and it is the single most common failure on this page.
- A trade-in figure. The value box is captioned NOT TRADE IN VALUE, and a wholesale number understates the bond, which is the Division's real objection to it.
- An appraisal by the person selling you the vehicle, or by you. Two separate lines in the instructions bar both: the applicant and appraiser must not be the same individual or company, and neither may the seller and the appraiser.
- No printout attached. Everything except an RV or a trailer needs the guidebook or internet valuation it was based on, issued within 90 days, in the envelope.
- A crossed-out figure. Any alteration or change after completion voids the form in its entirety, and the instructions ask the appraiser to refrain from using crossed-out information rather than initialling it.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.

Read off Form 825 (Rev 04/2025) and the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Administration's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23.
Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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STATE OF ALASKA DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES VEHICLE APPRAISAL FORM FOR SURETY BOND

DMV Vehicle Appraisal Form – Instructions and Requirements

The Vehicle Appraisal Form is required for applicants seeking to title and register a vehicle when sufficient evidence of ownership is not available, as outlined in **2 AAC 92.010(b)**. This form ensures that a **bona fide appraisal** is conducted to establish the fair market retail value of the vehicle, as required for bonded title applications under **AS 28.10.216**. The form must be filled out in full and be typed or legibly printed after the appraiser views the vehicle in person in Alaska. A dealer may only provide an appraisal for the types of motor vehicles which the dealer is licensed to sell.

1 OWNER INFORMATION	Full Legal Name Including Suffix		Talia R. Sturdevant				
	Driver License / ID Number		State		Company Name (I/A)		
	4820917		AK				
	Email Address			Phone #			
	t.sturdevant@example.com			(907) 555-0142			
2 3 4 APPRaiser INFORMATION	Full Legal Name Including Suffix		Rowena B. Kalmakoff				
	Driver License / ID Number		State		Company/Organization Name		
	2907461		AK		Knik River Auto Sales		
	Alaska Dealer Number / Insurance Adjuster Number / Bank Business License number / Badge Number						
	AK-D-04188						
	Location appraisal was conducted:						
	Address		City		State		
	2201 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy		Wasilla		AK		
	Email Address		Phone #		Zip		
	appraisals@example.com		(907) 555-0193		99654		
5 6 7 VEHICLE INFORMATION	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)						
	6 B 4 T L D 8 H 2 R K 1 0 5 3 7 2						
	Year	Make (Chevy, Ford, Jeep etc.)	Model (Wrangler, Focus, Model 3 etc.)			Body Style (2 door, Truck, SUV, 4-wheeler, snowmachine)	
	1994	Toyota	Land Cruiser			4D SUV	
	Color	Current Odometer Reading (miles)		☐ Trailer/ Boat /Odometer not functioning		License Plate Number (I/A) State	
	White	186,904				None AK	
8 9 10 APPRAISAL INFORMATION	Fair Market Retail Value (NOT TRADE IN VALUE)		\$ 9,800.00				
	Provide an explanation for the appraised fair market retail value, including any mechanical, appearance, or other factors that affect the value. If this section is left blank, the appraisal will be rejected. For any vehicle that is not an RV or trailer, a current copy of the internet source, guidebook, or document used to determine the value dated within the last 90 days must be attached.						
	Body Straight, no rust-through, tailgate dented, paint chalked.						
	Drive Train Full-time four wheel drive engages, transfer case dry.						
	Frame Sound. No repairs, no evidence of collision damage.						
	Other: Runs and drives. NADA clean retail for a 1994 Land Cruiser in this condition, printout dated 24 August 2026, attached. Value reduced for mileage and paint.						
I certify under the penalty of perjury, by signing below that I have seen this vehicle personally in the State of Alaska and all the statements in this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. False statements are punishable under AS 11.56.210.							
Rowena B. Kalmakoff					08/27/2026		
Appraiser Signature					Date of Appraisal		
DMV USE ONLY:							