

How to fill out Form 827 — Affidavit for an Estate with Assets of \$150,000 or Less

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When a sole owner dies, or two owners joined by AND, the vehicle becomes part of the estate and normally goes through probate. This one page is the way round that for small estates - a sworn affidavit by the successor, with three certifications on it, that lets the Division move the vehicle without a court-appointed representative. Two conditions govern whether it is available at all: the value of the estate, and the fact that no personal representative has been appointed or applied for anywhere. And one sentence on it governs what happens next: the vehicle must be titled in the successor's name before it can be sold to anybody.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Form 827 from the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Administration at <https://dmv.alaska.gov/media/lm3pmukk/827.pdf?f=alaska-827.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	Plate and serial number	The vehicle as the Division's record identifies it. Watch out: Take these off the certificate if the family has it, and off the vehicle if they do not. A missing certificate is a second problem and has its own form.
2	YOU	Year, make, model, body style, colour	The description row under the identification numbers. Watch out: Match the record rather than the vehicle's current appearance - a repaint does not change what the certificate says.
3	YOU	Name of decedent	The owner as DMV records show them, which the label spells out. Watch out: If the record holds a maiden name, a middle initial or a suffix the death certificate does not, sort that out with the Division before filing rather than guessing at a match.
4	YOU	Printed name of the successor	The person entitled to the vehicle, who will hold the new certificate. Watch out: One name. If two children are inheriting jointly, this form and the conjunction question behind it need thinking about before anybody signs.
5	YOU	Sign, and give your identification number	Signature and ID or driver licence number, witnessed by the notary public or DMV representative below. Watch out: You are swearing three things at once, and the middle one - that at least thirty days have elapsed - is a date the officer's own block will sit next to.

What gets this one rejected

- Filing it before thirty days have passed. The certification is that at least 30 days have elapsed since the death of the owner, and the date on the notary block is what the Division counts from.
- Using it when probate has started. If an application or petition for a personal representative is pending anywhere, or has been granted, the affidavit cannot honestly be signed - and the representative's own appointment paperwork is what the Division wants instead.
- Using it where the surviving owner could simply sign. Two owners joined by OR need none of this: the survivor releases the title and the Division asks for no documents related to the deceased at all.
- Selling the car straight to a buyer from the estate. The vehicle has to be titled to the successor first, which means a title transaction in the successor's name before the sale, not at the same time as it.
- An estate over any of the three limits. The one people miss is the third: personal property excluding vehicles cannot exceed \$50,000, so a modest car and a large bank balance can put an estate outside this route.

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

Read off Form 827 (Rev 1/2018) 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

AFFIDAVIT FOR AN ESTATE WITH ASSETS OF \$150,000 OR LESS

VEHICLE INFORMATION	License Plate Number		Serial Number (VIN)		
	GKM 314		3G8KHT9C93M714026		
	Year	Make	Model	Body Style	Color
	2003	GMC	Sierra 1500	2D Pickup	Dark Green
	Name of Decedent (Owner shown on DMV records)				
	Halvard N. Sturdevant				

This affidavit may only be used when the entire estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, has a value of \$150,000 or less. In addition, the total value of all vehicles cannot exceed \$100,000, and the total value of personal property, excluding the vehicles, cannot exceed \$50,000.

The vehicle must be titled in the name of the successor listed below before it can be sold to another person.

OWNER INFORMATION	I certify under penalty of law that the information contained in this affidavit is true and correct, including but not limited to all of the following statements:	
	- I am the successor of the estate of the person listed above and I am entitled to the vehicle described above. - At least 30 days have elapsed since the death of the owner. - No application or petition for the appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction.	
	Printed Name of Successor of the Estate	
	Talia R. Sturdevant	
	Signature	ID / Driver License Number
	Talia R. Sturdevant	4820917

NOTARY	Subscribed and Sworn to before me this		(SEAL)
	day of, 20		
	Signature of Notary Public or DMV Representative (Login ID & Office Location)		
	Commission Expiration:		
NOTE: A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document, to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.			