

How to fill out Form 847 — Power of Attorney

Alaska · written against Form 847 (Revision 08/03/2018), issued under 2 AAC 92.030, under which a title may be released by the owner or the owner's legally recognized representative

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One page that lets somebody else sign a title for you - a co-owner on the North Slope for another three weeks, an owner posted out of state, a parent in hospital. It appoints an attorney-in-fact for one named vehicle and for four named acts, and its last line is the one that catches people out: the Division takes only the original, notarized document. A scan is not this form, a photograph of it is not this form, and a general power of attorney drafted by a lawyer is a different document that the counter may or may not accept.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Form 847 from the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Administration at <https://dmv.alaska.gov/media/v3powfyv/847.pdf?f=alaska-847.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 this power applies to, identified by plate and by vehicle identification number. Watch out: Copy the serial number off the certificate. The whole document is void for any vehicle other than the one named here.
2	YOU	Year, make, model, body style, colour	The five description boxes, filled the way the certificate fills them. Watch out: In full means these too. An empty colour box is a blank on a form that says it must be completed in full.
3	YOU	Who is being appointed	Full first name, full middle name, full last name and suffix of the attorney-in-fact. Watch out: Middle name in full, not an initial - the Division asks for it that way, and the person signing will be identified against it at the counter.
4	YOU	Your printed name and licence number	The owner granting the power, exactly as the face of the certificate names them. Watch out: If the title is in two names joined by AND, both owners need to appoint - one 847 releases one owner's interest, not the other's.
5	YOU	Sign it in front of the officer	The owner's signature, in ink, witnessed by a notary public or a DMV representative. Watch out: Take identification. This is the signature the whole document rests on, and the officer below is attesting to who wrote it.
6	YOU	Date it	The date beside the signature - the day the power was granted. Watch out: Give the original to the person who will use it, and keep a photocopy for yourself. Only one of you can hold the document the Division will accept.

What gets this one rejected

- A copy. The instruction is the last thing on the page and it is unambiguous - only the original notarized document is acceptable, which means the paper you signed has to travel to the counter.
- Typing it, or filling it in on screen and printing it. Completed in full in ink is the form's own requirement, and it applies to the whole page rather than just the signature.
- A blank left anywhere. In full means in full: a missing middle name or an empty body style is an incomplete appointment.
- Appointing somebody to sign for a vehicle described loosely. The vehicle block ties the power to one plate and one serial number, and a power of attorney describing the blue truck grants nothing.
- Signing it in advance and posting it to the person who will use it. The signature is witnessed, and a notary who did not watch you sign cannot complete the block underneath.

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

Read off Form 847 (Revision 08/03/2018) 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
POWER OF ATTORNEY

VEHICLE INFO	LICENSE PLATE NUMBER		SERIAL NUMBER (VIN)		
	NHV 725		5T7NU4FR7FX208461		
	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY STYLE	COLOR
	2015	Toyota	4Runner SR5	4D SUV	Silver

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION	NAME OF PERSON BEING APPOINTED TO ACT FOR OWNER			
	FULL FIRST NAME	FULL MIDDLE NAME	FULL LAST NAME	SUFFIX
	Ivar	Thorvald	Sturdevant	
	The above named is hereby appoint the following person as my attorney-in-fact to sign any and all documents for the vehicle described above, including but not limited to: • Vehicle Purchase • Vehicle Sale • Application for Title and/or Registration • Transfer of Ownership			
	PRINTED NAME OF OWNER / COMPANY AGENT			LICENSE / ID NUMBER
	Talía R. Sturdevant			4820917
	SIGNATURE OF OWNER / COMPANY AGENT			DATE
	Talía R. Sturdevant			08/11/2026
	COMPANY NAME (IF APPLICABLE)			

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.			

This form must be completed in full in ink. Only the original, notarized document is acceptable.