

How to fill out 10-381 — Vehicle Registration Application (Application for Title or Replacement Title)

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The application behind every Arkansas title - the buyer's form after your sale, and yours again the day you need a replacement title, which is why DFA's forms page files it under the double name Application for Title or Replacement Title. It is built as a working document for a Revenue Office counter: a dense vehicle grid across the top, owner and address blocks in the middle, lienholder blocks below, and a whole right-hand column of fee boxes - registration, credit, transfer, title, lien, penalty, postage - that the Arkansas Revenue Agent completes, not the applicant.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 10-381 from the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Motor Vehicle at <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/VehicleRegistrationApplication.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	BUYER	The vehicle grid, from the title	VIN, year, make, model, body and colour, plus the Previous Title No. - all copied from the certificate the seller just assigned. Watch out: The previous title number is on the front of the certificate. Bringing the assigned title makes this row transcription rather than research.
2	BUYER	Purchase row and OD reading	Purchase date, purchase type, and the odometer reading from the seller's disclosure. Watch out: Copy the reading from the 10-313, digit for digit. This box is the third place the same figure appears in one transaction, and third is where discrepancies get noticed.
3	BUYER	Owner names and the REL box	Last name first, each owner on a row, with the relationship code joining them. Watch out: AND means every future transaction needs both signatures; OR means either alone. Decide it now, deliberately - it is the difference between one trip and two for the rest of the car's life.
4	BUYER	The three address blocks	Arkansas address, title mailing address, renewal mailing address, each with its county code. Watch out: The county code drives where assessment is checked. A buyer who just moved counties should assess in the new county before this application, not after.
5	BUYER	Lienholders, or nothing	The lender and contract date where the purchase is financed; both blocks empty in a cash sale. Watch out: A recorded lien means the title is mailed to the lienholder, not to you - and it will take that lender's signed release to sell the car later, as every seller stuck chasing one can testify.
6	BUYER	Sign, and let the agent have the rest	Signature of owner(s) at the foot - all of them if joined by AND - while the agent completes the fee column, the sales tax receipt number and the office boxes. Watch out: Bring the sales tax money, the title fee and the registration fee for the weight class. Presenting a credit bill of sale from a vehicle you sold within sixty days is what turns the Credit box from empty into arithmetic in your favour.

What gets this one rejected

- A missing co-owner signature. DFA's own warning on the tag renewal page: the signatures of all owners are required when joint ownership is connected by AND - and failure to have all signatures will result in rejection of the application.
- Registering outside sixty days. The FAQ prices the miss with a penalty on the sales tax due plus a further charge for every ten days the vehicle stays unregistered - the figures are on the hub page, cited to the FAQ.
- Arriving without the county squared away. Assessment and personal property taxes are checked by computer at the counter, and a buyer who has not assessed cannot finish.
- An odometer reading that disagrees with the seller's disclosure. The OD reading box is matched against the 10-313 and the title assignment.
- Writing in the fee column. Every box on the right side belongs to the Arkansas Revenue Agent, down to the postage.
- Using it to change a name mid-transfer. The application titles the vehicle to the owner the ownership documents establish; name changes ride on their own legal documents, not on this grid.

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

Read off 10-381 (12-30-2019) and the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Motor Vehicle'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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VEHICLE REGISTRATION APPLICATION

REVENUE



DIVISION

TRANSACTION TYPE

STATE OF ARKANSAS
Department of Finance & Administration
P.O. Box 1272
Little Rock, AR 72203

LICENSE NO.		INV. TYPE		USE CODE		DECAL NO.		EXPIRATION DATE		VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER			
										3FA6P0H79GR305214			
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	CYL	COLOR	FUEL		UNLADEN WT	GROSS WT	DSP	AXLES	PREVIOUS TITLE NO.	
2016	Ford	Fusion	4DR	4	Gray	Gas						21873304	
TITLE CODE	PUR. TYPE	PUR. DATE	DEALER	OD CODE	OD READING	CHECK IF APPLICABLE							
	Used	07/09/2026			84317	DAMAGE	PREV. DAMAGE	LEASE	PRORATE	PENALTY	MAIL		
COMPLETE ONLY IF CONVERTING CLASS TWO (2) THROUGH EIGHT (8) TRUCK LICENSE								VALIDATION PERIOD FOR DRIVE OUT OR INTRANSIT					
OLD LIC. NO.	OLD WT.	OLD FEE	IF INVOLUNTARY, SHOW AMT. OVERLOAD AND SUMMONS NUMBER					Beginning Date and Time		Ending Date and Time			
			OVERLOAD WEIGHT					SUMMONS NUMBER					
OWNER NAME													
LAST		Duvane				FIRST		Terrell J.				REL	
LAST						FIRST							
COMPANY													
ARKANSAS ADDRESS				CTY CODE		TITLE MAILING ADDRESS				CTY CODE			
Name		Terrell J. Duvane				Name		Terrell J. Duvane					
Address		809 Sawmill Rd				Address		809 Sawmill Rd					
City	Benton	AR	Zip code	72015		City/State/Zip		Benton, AR 72015					
RENEWAL MAILING ADDRESS				CTY CODE		REGISTRATION FEE				REPLACEMENT FEE			
Name		Terrell J. Duvane											
Address		809 Sawmill Rd				CREDIT				TRANSFER FEE			
City/State/Zip		Benton, AR 72015											
FIRST LIENHOLDER		CONTRACT DATE		ADDITIONAL FEE				TITLE FEE					
Name													
Address				PRORATED FEE				LIEN FEE					
City/State/Zip													
SECOND LIENHOLDER		CONTRACT DATE		SPECIAL FEE (1)				PENALTY					
Name													
Address				SPECIAL FEE (2)				POSTAGE					
City/State/Zip													
				SPECIAL FEE (3)				TOTAL REG. FEES					
REVENUE OFFICE CITY													
OFFICE NUMBER						SALES TAX RECEIPT NUMBER							
COUNTY													
ARKANSAS REVENUE AGENT				DATE				CTY CODE					
SIGNATURE OF LIENHOLDER (if applicable)													
SIGNATURE OF OWNERS(S)													