

How to fill out MV71 — Affidavit for License Plate Switch

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Delaware · written against MV71 (Rev 6/06), issued under the plate holder or holders, sworn before a notary, giving permission for the numbers to be switched between vehicles </forms/delaware/mv71-affidavit-for-license-plate-switch/>

The shortest form in the Delaware set and the one with the widest consequences. It gives permission for the purpose of switching licence plate numbers to respective vehicles, and its operative clause is the same one as the release affidavit: I/We wish to give up my/our rights to this/these license plate number(s) listed above. Nine fields, one notary, and a plate number that is no longer yours afterwards.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV71 from the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles at https://www.dmv.de.gov/forms/veh_serv_forms/pdfs/ve_frm_mv71.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	I/We, the plate holders	The names of everyone who holds the numbers being switched, completing the opening sentence. Watch out: Everyone whose name is on either plate. The form gives two signature rows and that is not a coincidence.
2	YOU	The plate numbers	The numbers being switched, in the gap in the middle of the sentence. Two boxes are printed for them. Watch out: With prefixes. The Division's plate classes - PC, C, CL, MC and the rest - are part of the number, not a category above it.
3	YOU	Read the give-up clause	I/We wish to give up my/our rights to this/these license plate number(s) listed above. Printed, and there is nothing to fill in. Watch out: This is the sentence people miss. A switch is not a loan of a number to another car; on this form's own wording it ends your claim to it.
4	YOU	First signature	Signed in front of the notary, under the perjury certification. Watch out: Wait until you are there. Everything sworn in the Delaware set fails the same way, by being signed too early.
5	YOU	First printed name	Beside the first signature. Watch out: A printed name is what lets a clerk find the plate record. Treat it as a required field, because the box is there.
6	YOU	Second signature	The second row, for the other party to the switch. Watch out: If both plates are yours alone, this row stays empty - but if either number is held jointly, everyone on it signs.
7	YOU	Second printed name	Beside the second signature. Watch out: Same rule. Print it as the Division holds it, not as you sign it.
8	OTHER	The notarial block	The day, the month and the year the affidavit was sworn, then the Notary Public's own signature under them. Watch out: Original only. PLEASE FILM at the foot is the Division telling its own staff to microfilm the paper it receives, which tells you what it thinks of copies.

What gets this one rejected

- Reading it as a temporary arrangement. The printed sentence gives up your rights to the numbers listed. There is no undo.
- A blank printed name beside a signature. Both rows carry a printed-name box for a reason.
- No notary. Sworn to and subscribed, at the foot, and the Division wants the original.
- Using it to move your own plate onto your own next car. That is retention, and it is a different transaction with a different fee.
- Using it to send a plate with a sold car. Where the number is low enough for that to be allowed, it takes the seller's low-digit affidavit and nothing else.

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

Read off MV71 (Rev 6/06) and the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles'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. sellmycarhub.com



**STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

AFFIDAVIT FOR LICENSE PLATE SWITCH

1 I/We Merrick A. Dunavant, Verena D. Dunavant

by the signing of this affidavit, do hereby give my/our permission for the purpose of
2 switching my/our license plate number(s) PC 2946, PC 87310 3
to respective vehicle(s). I/We wish to give up my/our rights to this/these license plate
number(s) listed above.

I/We certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made herein are true
and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief.

4 Merrick Dunavant Merrick A. Dunavant 5
Signature Printed Name

6 Verena Dunavant Verena D. Dunavant 7
Signature Printed Name

8 SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this day of
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Notary Public

PLEASE FILM