

How to fill out CS-L(MVR)3 — Application for Replacement of License Plate and/or Emblem

Hawaii · written against CS-L(MVR)3 (01/2026), issued under Section 249-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, cited in the application's own opening line

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Hawaii plates stay with the car, which makes a missing plate the seller's problem rather than something to be sorted out after the sale. This four-field application replaces a plate, an emblem, or both, under section 249-8 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes as amended. It is also the form the county's personalised-plate route relies on: an owner who wants to keep a personalised plate surrenders it at a satellite city hall and submits an application for replacement license plates with the surrendered plates, and the vehicle is issued new ones for the buyer. The instruction at the foot is the one people miss - this application is to be submitted with the current year's registration.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank CS-L(MVR)3 from the City and County of Honolulu Division of Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits at <https://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-325991/hi-mvr3.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	Which of the two you need	Vehicle license plate, vehicle emblem, or both. The instruction above them is to check applicable blocks. Watch out: If a plate has been stolen rather than lost, report it before you replace it. The county reissues either way, but the police report is worth having.
2	YOU	Vehicle identification number	The only identifier on the form. There is no box for the plate number, because the plate is the thing that has gone. Watch out: Copy it from the certificate of registration you are submitting with the application, so the two agree exactly.
3	YOU	Date	The date of the application, directly under the VIN. Watch out: Do it early. A replacement plate takes a counter visit, and a buyer standing in your driveway is not the moment to discover one is missing.
4	YOU	Signature of registered owner	One rule. The registered owner signs - the same person the certificate of registration names. Watch out: Bring the current year's registration with the form. The bracketed instruction at the foot of the sheet is a condition, not a suggestion.
5	YOU	If the owner is a firm	The last line: printed name and title of the authorised person, backed by the company's letter of authorization on file. Watch out: A buy-only authorisation covers this - it lets the named individual register and apply for replacement plates and emblems.

What gets this one rejected

- Sending it on its own. The instruction printed at the foot in brackets is that this application is to be submitted with the current year's registration.
- Ticking neither box. The form asks you to check applicable blocks and does nothing without one.
- Expecting it to replace a plate on a vehicle whose registration has lapsed. The current year's registration is what accompanies it.
- Using it to change to a personalised or specialty plate. Those have their own applications; this one replaces what the vehicle already has.
- Assuming it is free. The county charges a replacement fee for a new plate and emblem, which is quoted on its licence-plate pages rather than on this sheet.

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



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APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LICENSE PLATE AND/OR EMBLEM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 249-8, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED,
 I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF:
 (PLEASE CHECK APPLICABLE BLOCKS)

1 ☒ **VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE**

☐ **VEHICLE EMBLEM**

2 Vehicle Identification Number: 2HGRM4H57EH715204

3 Date: 08/03/2026

Malia K. Nakagawa

Signature of Registered Owner

5
 If firm, print name and title of authorization person

(THIS APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE CURRENT YEAR'S REGISTRATION)