



Secretary of State Affirmation of Appraisal

This space for use by
Secretary of State.

Secretary of State
Vehicle Services Department
Titles Division — LITS
501 S. Second St.
Springfield, IL 62756
217-558-4762
ilsos.gov

The undersigned affirms that the wholesale value of the vehicle described below is

1 Three thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$3,950.00)

Check the box that applies

- 2 ☒ The vehicle is intact and all major component parts are present and installed; or
☐ The appraisal applies to an (circle one) incomplete, salvage or junk vehicle.

3 2013 Ford Escape
(Year) (Make) (Model)

4 1FMCU9J98DUA35107
(Vehicle Identification Number)

I affirm that the appraisal value is accurate to the best of my knowledge under the penalties of perjury.

5 APP-114627 09/03/2026
(License Number) (Date of Appraisal)

6 Halsted Vehicle Appraisals, Inc.
(Firm Name)

Desmond Whitlock Desmond Whitlock
(Signature of Appraiser) (Printed Name of Appraiser)

4419 N. Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60640
(Address)

How to fill out VSD 896 — Affirmation of Appraisal

Illinois · written against VSD 896 (VSD 896.2, April 2026), issued under 625 ILCS 5/3-109

sellmycarhub.com

</forms/illinois/vsd-896-affirmation-of-appraisal/>

Thirteen boxes establishing what a vehicle is worth, signed by somebody with a licence number rather than by you. It is what the bond route is built on, and it is also what settles an argument about value when a title has to be issued without ordinary proof.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VSD 896 from the Illinois Secretary of State at https://www.ilsos.gov/content/dam/publications/pdf_publications/vsd896.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	VERIFIER	The wholesale value	One box at the top, before anything identifies the vehicle. Watch out: Wholesale, not retail, and not what you hope to sell it for. The department is being told what the trade would give.
2	VERIFIER	Intact, or not	First box: intact with all major component parts present and installed. Second box: an incomplete, salvage or junk vehicle, circling which. Watch out: One or the other, and the second one is not finished until one of the three words is circled.
3	VERIFIER	Year, Make, Model	Three boxes with their labels printed underneath the rules. Watch out: Model here means the model name. There is no separate body type box on this form, unlike most of the Illinois set.
4	VERIFIER	Vehicle Identification Number	The full VIN on its own line. Watch out: The appraisal attaches to a VIN. If it does not match the bond and the application, it establishes the value of a different car.
5	VERIFIER	Licence number and date of appraisal	The appraiser's own licence number, and the date they looked at it. Watch out: The licence number is the whole point of the form. An unlicensed valuation on this sheet is worth exactly nothing to the department.
6	VERIFIER	Firm, signature, printed name and address	Four boxes closing the sheet, all the appraiser's. Watch out: The affirmation above them is that the appraisal value is accurate to the best of my knowledge under the penalties of perjury - which is a heavier sentence than most people expect on a valuation.

What gets this one rejected

- Filling it in yourself. Every signature box on this sheet belongs to the appraiser, and the licence number box is what makes it an appraisal rather than an opinion.
- Wholesale value written as retail. The word on the form is wholesale and it is the value that matters to the department.
- Not circling one of the three on the second condition box. Incomplete, salvage and junk are different answers with different consequences.
- An appraisal date long before the application. Value moves.
- Leaving the firm name blank on an appraisal by a sole trader - the box still wants an answer.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

Read off VSD 896 (VSD 896.2, April 2026) and the Illinois Secretary of State's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, sellmycarhub.com not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.