

How to fill out VR-018 — Application for Duplicate Certificate of Title

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The way back from a title that is lost, destroyed, altered, mutilated, misassigned or returned to the state, and the form that quietly solves a much older problem too. Its second half lets an owner certify that a lien over seven years old has been satisfied, which is how a car with a defunct finance company on the record gets a clean title without tracking down a bank that no longer exists.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VR-018 from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration at <https://mva.maryland.gov/media/159?f=VR-018.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	Name, Email Address, Phone Number	The first row. The MVA uses these to come back to you if the record does not match. Watch out: Give an email address you actually read. The duplicate itself arrives by post, but questions about the application do not.
2	YOU	Reason for Request	Tick exactly one of Lost, Destroyed, Altered, Mutilated, Misassigned, Returned to State or Other. Watch out: Misassigned is the box for a certificate you have signed wrongly - the buyer's name in the seller's row, or a signature in the dealer reassignment block. It is a specific and well-trodden mistake and it has its own tick.
3	YOU	Name of Secured Party	The lender still showing on the record, if there is one, with its address beside it. Watch out: If the record shows a lender, the duplicate goes to them rather than to you. That is normal, and it is a reason to sort a stale lien out before ordering the certificate.
4	YOU	Current MD Title Number	The eight-digit number from the top right of the missing certificate. Watch out: It is printed on the registration card too, which is usually the surviving document when the title is the one that has vanished.
5	YOU	Owner's Full Name, Driver's License Number, Date of Birth	Three boxes, with a matching row for a co-owner underneath. Watch out: The name has to match the record rather than the licence if the two have drifted apart. A name change is a VR-448 and it has to happen before this, not after.
6	YOU	Current Resident Street Address	Where you live, with a mailing address on the row below where the two differ. Watch out: Tick the new address box if you have moved. The MVA posts the duplicate to the record address, and an uncorrected record is how a duplicate title goes to a house you sold in 2019.
7	YOU	Signature and Date	Under the penalty-of-perjury certification, with a co-owner line beside it. Watch out: Every owner named on the title signs. The bullets underneath spell out the exceptions - a business states its signer's capacity, a trust signs through its trustee, a bankruptcy trustee attaches the court appointment.
8	YOU	The seven-year lien certification	The second signature block, used only where a satisfied lien over seven years old is still on the record. Watch out: Read what you are signing. It is an indemnity: if a lienholder turns out to exist after all, you have promised to make full restitution and to hold the MVA harmless.

What gets this one rejected

- An application posted without a copy of the valid state issued identification of every vehicle owner and of whoever is presenting it.
- An altered or mutilated certificate described on the form but left at home. The damaged original is required with the application.
- Two owners on the record and one signature. If jointly owned, all owners' signatures are required.
- A business signing without stating the capacity of the person signing after their name, which the printed bullets ask for.
- The seven-year lien certification used on a lien that is younger than that, or one that has not actually been paid.
- A deceased owner's application with no letters of administration attached.

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

Read off VR-018 (10-25) and the Maryland Motor Vehicle 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. sellmycarhub.com



6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062

VR-018 (10-25)

Application for Duplicate Certificate of Title

Fee: \$40.00

Skip the form and obtain your duplicate title electronically! A duplicate title may be requested:

Online: <https://mydmv.maryland.gov/go/web/DuplicateTitle>

Kiosk: You may request a duplicate at any MVA kiosk.

Duplicate titles ordered online or at a kiosk may be mailed to an alternate address at the owner's request. If mailing or submitting this form at the MVA, you must provide a copy of the valid state issued identification(s) of the vehicle owner(s) and any person presenting this application.

Name <i>Rosalind T. Purnell</i>	Email Address <i>r.purnell@example.com</i>	Phone Number <i>(410) 555-0163</i>
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Reason for Request (please select one)

☒ Lost
 ☐ Destroyed
 ☐ Altered
 ☐ Mutilated
 ☐ Misassigned
 ☐ Returned to State
 ☐ Other _____

The altered, mutilated, or misassigned title is required when making an application for a duplicate. The out-of-state title is required if the original Maryland title was surrendered to another state.

Name of Secured Party	Address of Secured Party
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Current MD Title Number <i>41027365</i>	Make <i>Mazda</i>	Model <i>CX-5</i>	Year <i>2021</i>	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) <i>JM3KFBCM0M0357418</i>
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Owner's Full Name/Business Name <i>Rosalind T. Purnell</i>	Driver's License Number/FEIN <i>P-641-208-573-914</i>	Date of Birth <i>07-19-1974</i>
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Co-Owner's Full Name/Business Name	Driver's License Number/FEIN	Date of Birth
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Current Resident Street Address <i>812 Snow Hill Rd</i>	City <i>Salisbury</i>	State <i>MD</i>	Zip Code <i>21804</i>
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Current Mailing Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Please check here if this is a new address. ☐

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.

Rosalind Purnell *08/12/2026*

Signature Date Co-Owner Signature Date

- This application requires the signature of the owner(s). If jointly owned, all owners' signatures are required.
- If the owner is a business entity, the person legally authorized to sign must state their capacity after their signature.
- If the owner is a trust, the trustee must sign and state their capacity.

Penalty for falsifying this application for a title or registration is punishable by fine up to \$1000.

- The personal representative or legal heir of a deceased owner is required to submit letters of administration.
- If the vehicle is jointly owned by spouses and one is deceased, the surviving spouse is not required to include a certified copy of the death certificate if they have a "Reported Deceased" flag on the vehicle as reported by the Department of Vital Statistics.
- A bankruptcy trustee is required to attach a copy of their appointment by the court.

Important: This section can only be used if the lien(s) are over seven (7) years old and have been satisfied.

"I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above referenced vehicle lien has been satisfied in full. I further certify that in the event a lien or lienholder is later determined to exist, I will make full restitution to the lienholder and furnish the lien release to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). I further certify that I will defend, indemnify and hold the MVA harmless against any claim from a lienholder or lien as a result of this title being issued."

Owner's Signature Date

Co-Owner's Signature Date

For MVA use only

Supervisor Approval: _____ ☐ Copy of ID attached.

Reason for Approval: _____