

How to fill out VR-091 — Certification of Non-Receipt of Original/Duplicate Title Certificate

Maryland · written against VR-091 (02-18), issued under Maryland Transportation Article, Section 13-111(a) and (e)

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For the narrower and more infuriating problem: a certificate the MVA issued and you never received. Not lost after it arrived - never arrived. The Administration will replace it at no cost, which is the difference between this sheet and a duplicate application, and in exchange you certify that every certificate previously issued in your name for the vehicle is nullified.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VR-091 from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration at <https://mva.maryland.gov/media/227?f=VR-091.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	Owner's Name - First, Middle, Last	Three separate boxes on the first row, with a co-owner row underneath. Watch out: Match the name the certificate was issued in. This form is a statement about a document the Administration has already printed, so the name it printed is the name that matters.
2	YOU	Street Address	One full-width rule under the name rows. Watch out: If this differs from the address the certificate was posted to, that is the likeliest explanation for the whole problem and worth mentioning at the counter.
3	YOU	City, County, State, Zip Code	Four boxes across the row below the street address. Watch out: County is its own box and it is not optional. Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset all have Salisbury post towns nearby, and the MVA is not guessing.
4	YOU	Make of Vehicle	First box of the vehicle row. Make only - there is no model box on this form. Watch out: Do not try to squeeze a model into it. The VIN beside it is what identifies the vehicle and the make is only there for a human reader.
5	YOU	Vehicle Identification Number	The middle box of the vehicle row. Watch out: From the registration card or the dashboard plate, because the certificate you are writing about is the document you have not got.
6	YOU	Title Number	The last box of the vehicle row - the number of the certificate that never arrived. Watch out: The registration card carries it. If you have neither the card nor the certificate, the MVA can look it up, but you will be doing this at a branch rather than by post.
7	YOU	Owner's Signature and Date	The signature block, above three bullets about joint owners, business entities and trusts. Watch out: You are certifying two things at once - that it never came, and that you will send it back if it ever does. The second one binds you after the replacement has arrived.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it for a certificate that arrived and was then mislaid. The certification says never received, and that is a different fact from lost.
- Filing it without a copy of the state-issued identification of every owner and of whoever hands it in.
- One signature where the record shows two owners.
- A title number left blank, which is what the Administration matches the previously issued certificate against.
- A county missing from the address row. Maryland asks for it separately and this form is no exception.
- Completing it in blue or black ink except the signature is fine - completing it in pencil is not, and the printed instruction asks for typing or black ink.

☒ Amber is what you write

☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes

The completed example follows overleaf.

Read off VR-091 (02-18) 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.

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MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION

VR-091 (02-18)

Certification of Non-Receipt of Original/Duplicate Title Certificate

This application must be accompanied by a copy of the valid state issued identification(s) of the vehicle owner(s) and any person presenting the application. Please type or print in black ink (except signature).

I/we certify that the original/duplicate title certificate applied for in the name(s) below was never received.

1	Rosalind	Tamsin	Purnell
	Owner's Name - First	Middle	Last
	Co-Owner's Name - First	Middle	Last
2	812 Snow Hill Rd		
	Street Address		
3	Salisbury	Wicomico	MD 21804
	City	County	State Zip Code
4	Mazda	JM3KFBCM0M0357418	41027365
	Make of Vehicle	Vehicle Identification Number	Title Number

I/we fully understand that the issuance of this duplicate title certificate, at no cost to me, will nullify all title certificates issued previously in my/our name(s), covering the above described vehicle.

I/we further certify that should the original title described come into my/our possession at any time, I/we will return it immediately to the Motor Vehicle Administration for cancellation.

Owner's Signature	08/12/2026
	Date
Co-Owner's 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.

Approved by: _____