

How to fill out Refund Application — Application for Refund

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Nebraska · written against Refund Application (7/2020), issued under Neb. Rev. Stat. ss. 60-395, 60-397 and 60-398; filed /forms/nebraska/application-for-refund/ with the county treasurer where the vehicle is registered, within 60 days

The form that turns surrendered plates back into money. Your registration expired the moment ownership transferred, and this sworn application - to the county treasurer in the county where the vehicle is registered, within 60 days of the vehicle's change of status, with the registration, license plates and validation decals accompanying it - claims back the unused months of motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees and registration fees. Six checkboxes carry six different endings: a transfer of ownership by certificate of title or bill of sale, a trade-in or surrendered lease, loss of possession by fire, natural disaster, theft, dismantlement, junking or repossession, a salvage title issued to you, a class of vehicle legislated off the roads, and an insurer's total-loss salvage settlement. Every one of them is dated, because the unexpired months are counted from the date you write.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Refund Application from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, Driver and Vehicle Records Division at <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/sites/dmv.nebraska.gov/files/doc/dvr/forms/refundapp.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	Venue and owner	The county where the registration was issued, and your name as the registered owner, into the sworn opening sentence. Watch out: If title and registration ended up in different counties over the years, the registration's county wins - it is the one holding the fees being returned.
2	YOU	Vehicle information, plate included	Year, make, model, body style, VIN and the license plate number. Watch out: Copy the plate and VIN from the registration certificate you are about to surrender - the three documents on the counter should agree with each other.
3	YOU	One checkbox, one date	Tick the event that ended the registration and date it - for a sale, the transfer-of-ownership box with the date of sale from the certificate. Watch out: The date drives the month count. A sale dated the 2nd and a sale dated the 28th of the same month refund identically, but a form filed without a date refunds nothing until someone chases you.
4	YOU	Sign, and mind what you are swearing	The owner's signature under the being-duly-sworn preamble, with the false-application warning printed at the foot. Watch out: The form is an affidavit even though no notary block appears on it - the county takes it as sworn, and the Motor Vehicle Registration Act's prosecution clause is the enforcement.
5	YOU	The counter visit: form, plates, decals, registration	All four items together, at the issuing county's treasurer, inside the sixty days. Watch out: Buying a replacement car? Say so before they process it - the same application funds a credit against the new registration, and one visit does both jobs.

What gets this one rejected

- Arriving without the hardware. The form's own note lists what must accompany it - the vehicle's registration, license plates and validation decals - and a refund application without the plates is a conversation, not a filing.
- Filing at the wrong county. Refunds go to the county treasurer where the vehicle is registered, not to whichever counter is nearest - the county that issued the registration holds the money being returned.
- Day sixty-one. The sixty-day limit is printed on the form and there is no late window behind it; the unexpired months you would have claimed simply stay with the county.
- Claiming the month of the sale itself. s. 60-395 excludes a refund for the month when the event falls in the same calendar month the registration period reached - the count is whole unexpired months, not days since the handshake.
- The wrong checkbox for an insurer settlement. A total loss where the insurer took the car has its own box with two dates - the settlement and the damage - and the refund counts from when the vehicle was damaged and became unavailable, not from when the cheque cleared.

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

Read off Refund Application (7/2020) and the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, Driver and Vehicle Records Division'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

NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

APPLICATION FOR REFUND

State of Nebraska)
County of Madison) ss.

Ramona L. Svoboda, being duly sworn, deposes or affirms and says
(Name of Motor Vehicle Owner)
that he/she is the owner of the motor vehicle described as follows:

VEHICLE INFORMATION			
<u>2014</u>	<u>Subaru</u>	<u>Outback 2.5i</u>	<u>Wagon</u>
Year	Make	Model	Body Style
<u>4W7KTC5B5ED418205</u>		<u>7-B4183</u>	
Vehicle Identification Number		License Plate #	

and is requesting a refund of the motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees and registrations fees for the following reason (Note: This application **must** be filed with the county treasurer in the county where the vehicle is registered within 60 days of the date of the vehicle's change of status. The vehicle's registration, license plates and validation decals must accompany this application.):

- ☒ A transfer of ownership by certificate of title or bill of sale, on 08/21/2026.
- ☐ A trade-in or surrender of a leased vehicle on _____.
- ☐ Loss of possession due to fire, natural disaster, theft, dismantlement, junking or repossession on _____.
- ☐ I have been issued a salvage title for this vehicle on _____.
- ☐ This type of class of motor vehicle has been declared by legislative act or court decision to be illegal or ineligible to be operated or towed on the public roads and is no longer subject to registration fees as of _____.
- ☐ A salvage title has been issued to an insurance company through a total loss settlement. The date of settlement was _____ and the damage to the vehicle occurred on _____.

Ramona L. Svoboda

Signature of Motor Vehicle Owner

Filing of a false application violates the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act. Any person, firm, association, partnership, Limited Liability Company or corporation that does so may be subject to prosecution.