

How to fill out MVD-10013 — Affidavit of Claiming Successor

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New Mexico's small-estate route for a vehicle: when an owner dies leaving no will - or a will nobody has probated - a claiming successor can take title on this one notarized affidavit instead of a court process. The form prints its four statutory conditions in its own capitals: the entire estate, less liens and encumbrances, is not worth over \$50,000; thirty days have elapsed since the death; no personal-representative appointment is pending or granted anywhere; and the claiming successor is entitled to the transfer. It also carries a full odometer disclosure - the modern four-box version, Exempt (EX) included.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVD-10013 from the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://realfile.tax.newmexico.gov/mvd10013.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	OTHER	The two names	The claiming successor and the registered owner, printed - the affidavit connects one to the other. Watch out: The registered owner's name should match the title exactly; the succession is to that record, spelling and all.
2	OTHER	The vehicle	Year, make, model, VIN and plate, from the certificate if it can be found. Watch out: If the certificate is lost, note the duplicate route exists for successors - the affidavit plus identification and the death certificate supports it.
3	OTHER	The odometer, honestly approximated	Read the dash, enter whole miles, and tick the truthful code - AM if the reading is credible, EX only if the model year genuinely qualifies. Watch out: The four-box block on this revision includes EX, so a 2010-or-older vehicle is disclosed correctly here even though the everyday forms cannot.
4	OTHER	Date of death, and the four conditions	The death date goes into the certification; the conditions beneath it are what your signature swears. Watch out: Value the estate before you sign, not after - the \$50,000 test covers everything the deceased owned, less liens, wherever it is.
5	OTHER	Sign before the notary	Signature and date in the notary's presence, acknowledgement completed, seal applied. Watch out: Bring the death certificate to the counter as well - the original or a certified copy. The clerk must see it and certify they did; a photocopy alone stalls the transfer.
6	OTHER	Title it before selling it	The successor applies to register and title the vehicle in their own name; only then can it be sold on the ordinary paperwork. Watch out: Fees still apply, but on a transfer to a beneficiary for no consideration the excise tax does not - the tax waits for the eventual sale to a real buyer.

What gets this one rejected

- An estate over the cap. The first printed condition is that the entire estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, is not worth over \$50,000 - the whole estate, not the car.
- Filed inside thirty days of the death. The statute builds in the waiting period, and the affidavit certifies it has passed.
- A probate quietly running elsewhere. The third condition - no appointment of a personal representative pending or granted in any jurisdiction - is sworn, and a court file anywhere contradicts it.
- No death certificate behind it. The division requires the original or a certified copy of the death certificate - or, for military personnel, the military DD-1300 casualty report - and the clerk certifies on the retained copy that they saw it.
- A lien on the title with no release. Death does not release a lender; the lien shown must be released like any other before the title moves.
- The odometer block skipped out of delicacy. The manual answers the awkward question directly: whoever has the legal ability to transfer title may complete the odometer statement, including asserting actual mileage to the best of their knowledge.

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

Read off MVD-10013 (Rev 06/24) and the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle 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

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Taxation & Revenue Department - Motor Vehicle Division



AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIMING SUCCESSOR

(Pursuant to Section 45-3-1201)

1 NAME OF CLAIMING SUCCESSOR: Antonia M. Lucero-Reyes
(Please Print Name)

NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER : Federico A. Lucero
(Please Print Name)

Vehicle Information

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	LICENSE PLATE OR VESSEL NUMBER
<u>2012</u>	<u>Ford</u>	<u>Escape</u>	<u>1FMCU9DGXCKA47215</u>	<u>LKM-350</u>

Odometer Disclosure Statement

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ODOMETER READING OF THIS VEHICLE IS: 98,914 (NO TENTHS) MILES
AND THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE STATED MILEAGE IS (CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING):



THE ACTUAL
MILEAGE (AM)



MILEAGE IN EXCESS OF
MECHANICAL LIMITS (EL)



WARNING! ODOMETER DISCREPANCY
NOT THE ACTUAL MILEAGE (NM)



EXEMPT
(EX)*

Certification

4 I CERTIFY THAT I AM THE CLAIMING SUCCESSOR OF THE ABOVE REGISTERED OWNER, WHO DIED

ON THE 3rd DAY OF May, 20 26, AND THAT:

1. THE ENTIRE ESTATE OF DECEDENT, LESS LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES, IS NOT WORTH OVER \$50,000;
2. THIRTY DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE DEATH OF THE DECEASED;
3. NO APPLICATION FOR PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IS PENDING OR HAS BEEN GRANTED IN ANY JURISDICTION; AND
4. THE CLAIMING SUCCESSOR IS ENTITLED TO THE TRANSFER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT, AND ALL STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Notary Public

5 State of New Mexico

County of Quay

NOTORIZATION MUST BE BY A PUBLIC NOTARY

Acknowledgement: On the 12th day of August (month) of 2026, the above named person, either personally known to me or identified through satisfactory evidence, appeared to me and indicated that he/she signed the foregoing document voluntarily for the purposes herein.

Signature of Notarial Official

My Commission Expires 03/14/2029

Place Notary Seal or Stamp Here