

How to fill out MVR-18A — License Plate Turn in Verification

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North Carolina · written against MVR-18A (Rev 4/26), issued under N.C. General Statute 20-72

For a plate you cannot hand back because you no longer have it. North Carolina expects the physical plate to come off the car and go back to the Division, and this affidavit is the substitute when it has been lost, stolen or taken by law enforcement — the only three reasons the form offers.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVR-18A from the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles at <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/downloads/Documents/MVR-18A.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	Vehicle section	Year, make, body style, series model and VIN. Watch out: The plate is being detached from a vehicle record, so the Division needs to know which one — even though the plate is what is missing.
2	YOU	Owner identification and name	Owner 1's identification number and full legal name, with the residence address underneath. Watch out: The name has to be the one the registration shows. A plate registered jointly needs both names on the form.
3	YOU	Plate number	One box, on its own, under the owner block. Watch out: If the plate has already gone and you never wrote the number down, it is on any registration card, renewal notice or insurance document for the vehicle.
4	YOU	Reason for turn in	Lost, Stolen or Taken by Law Enforcement — one tick. Watch out: Stolen is worth reporting to the police as well as to NCDMV. A stolen plate on somebody else's car generates tolls and citations against your record until the Division is told.
5	YOU	Signature, printed name, relationship and address	Four lines at the foot: sign, print the same name, state the relationship if you are a designee, and give the address. Watch out: Relationship is only for a designee. If you are the registered owner signing for yourself, the line says so — and then the plate is closed and the policy can go.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it because you sold the car. Sold is not one of the three reasons, and a plate you still hold is surrendered over the counter rather than reported on this form.
- Taken by law enforcement ticked with nothing attached. The form says proof must be submitted.
- A missing plate number. It is the only thing on the sheet the Division is being asked to act on.
- No relationship stated where a designee signs. The line is there because somebody other than the registered owner may be completing it.
- Leaving the stickers out of the picture. The certification covers the year sticker and the month sticker as well as the plate itself.
- Sending it instead of cancelling the insurance in the right order. This form ends the plate; the policy comes after.

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

Read off MVR-18A (Rev 4/26) and the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles'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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North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles
3148 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27697-3148

VEHICLE SECTION				
Year 2017	Make Subaru	Body Style SW	Series Model Outback	VIN 4S4WMAJD5H3417206

OWNER SECTION	
Owner 1 ID# 000418627	Marlene T. Hollowell Full Legal Name of Owner 1 (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) or Company Name
Owner 2 ID#	Full Legal Name of Owner 2 (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) or Company Name
Residence Address (Individual) Business Address (Firm) 4127 Silas Creek Pkwy	
City and State Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106	
Mail Address (If different from above)	

Plate # HKD-4192

REASON FOR TURN IN

Check applicable block below:

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Lost

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Stolen

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Taken by Law Enforcement

I, the owner(s) or designee of the vehicle described on this application, do hereby certify that the registration plate as identified on this application, along with the year sticker and the month sticker, are being reported lost, stolen or taken by Law Enforcement. (If taken by Law Enforcement, proof must be submitted.)

Signature of owner(s) or designee

Marlene T. Hollowell

Printed name of owner(s) or designee

Marlene Hollowell

Relationship

Marlene T. Hollowell

Address

08/21/2026