

How to fill out MVR-620 — Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship Affidavit

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A short affidavit signed by both owners of a jointly titled vehicle, electing that when one of them dies the other simply keeps it. It is the decision that determines whether a family ever has to deal with an estate to sell a car, and it can only be made while both people are alive to sign.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVR-620 from the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles at <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/downloads/Documents/MVR-620.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	The row above the owner boxes: year, make, body style, series model, then the seventeen characters of the VIN. Watch out: Copy the VIN off the certificate. This affidavit attaches to a specific vehicle rather than to the two people signing it.
2	YOU	Owner 1	Identification number and full legal name. Watch out: Full legal name as the licence has it, and the same version that appears on the title. A married name on one document and a maiden name on the other is a correction before it is an election.
3	YOU	Owner 2	The second owner's identification number and full legal name. Watch out: Both people have to exist on the title for survivorship to mean anything. If the car is in one name, this form is not the way to add the second.
4	YOU	The survivorship question	Yes or No: joint applicants request this title to be issued with Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship. Watch out: Yes is the answer that lets a survivor keep the car without the estate. No leaves the deceased owner's share to be dealt with by the clerk of court.
5	YOU	Both owners' signatures	Two lines, side by side, signed in front of the same notary where possible. Watch out: Both signatures are acknowledged. If the two owners cannot appear together, each acknowledgment has to be complete in its own right.
6	YOU	The notary block	The names of both principals, the notary's signature and printed name, the seal and the commission expiry. Watch out: Check that the notary has written both names into the certificate. A certificate naming one principal only acknowledges one signature.

What gets this one rejected

- One signature. Both owners sign, and the notary's certificate names both as principals.
- The election left unanswered. A blank Yes/No is not a No, it is an incomplete affidavit.
- Owners joined by a relationship rather than by name. The form wants two full legal names and two identification numbers.
- Filing it after one owner has died. The affidavit is an election by living joint applicants and cannot be made retrospectively.
- An unnotarised signature from either owner.
- Using it to add a second owner. Adding a name is a transfer, with tax and a title fee; this form records how two existing names are held.

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

Read off MVR-620 (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.

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VEHICLE SECTION				
YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	SERIES MODEL	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
2004	Buick	4S	LeSabre	1G4HP52K04U137508
OWNER'S SECTION				
Owner 1 ID #	000418627	Marlene T. Hollowell Full Legal Name of Owner 1 (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) or Company Name		
Owner 2 ID #	000418631	Elwood J. Hollowell Full Legal Name of Owner 2 (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) or Company Name		
Joint applicants request this title to be issued with Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship? Yes ☒ No ☐				
Residence Address		City and State		Zip code
4127 Silas Creek Pkwy		Winston-Salem, NC		27106
Mail Address (if different from above)		City and State		Zip code
Vehicle Location Address (if different from above)		City and State		Zip code
OWNER'S SIGNATURES				
Marlene Hollowell		Elwood Hollowell		
Date: 05/19/2026 County: Forsyth State: NC I certify that the following persons personally appeared before me this day, each acknowledging to me that he or she voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and, in the capacity, indicated: Marlene T. Hollowell and Elwood J. Hollowell (names of principals)				
Notary Signature: Yvonne Trask Notary Printed or Typed Name: Yvonne D. Trask (SEAL) My Commission Expires: 03/14/2029				