

How to fill out SFN 16782 — Affidavit of Non-Receipt

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North Dakota · written against SFN 16782 (4-2026), issued under North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division; sworn under NDCC chapter 12.1-11, cited in the form's own penalty note

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The narrow, free version of a duplicate. Where a credential the department issued never reached you at all - it was printed and posted, and nothing arrived - this sworn affidavit gets it reissued at no cost, and it covers titles, registration cards, licence plates, validation decals and mobility impaired placards alike. The certification is precise about the difference: the items listed have never been delivered to me or to the address listed in the records at the Motor Vehicle Division. A title that arrived and was subsequently lost is not this form's business; that is a duplicate application with a fee.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank SFN 16782 from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://dot.nd.gov/forms/sfn16782.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	Legal Name, telephone and address	Your name as the department's record carries it, a daytime number, and your mailing address. Watch out: If this address is not the one the department has on record, say so when you send the affidavit - the certification you are signing is about what was delivered to the address in the record.
2	YOU	Year, Make, Model, Style	Year, make, model and style, as the certificate that never arrived would have carried them. Watch out: Take it from your registration card if the certificate is the thing that never arrived. The two documents describe the vehicle identically.
3	YOU	Vehicle Identification Number and Title Number	The two entries that identify the record rather than the car. Watch out: The title number appears on the registration card. If you have neither document, ring the Motor Vehicle Division before completing the affidavit rather than guessing at it.
4	YOU	Check all applicable items	Tick Title, and any other credential that also failed to arrive - placards, decals with their month and year, registration card, or plates with their number. Watch out: Only tick what genuinely never came. Every box on this list is covered by the same oath and the same penalty note at the foot.
5	YOU	Name printed, and the Legal Signature line	Print your name, then sign - and the label tells you where: before a Notary Public or Authorized Officer. Watch out: You are also promising to forward the original promptly if it ever surfaces. That undertaking does not expire when the replacement arrives.
6	OTHER	The Acknowledgement block	State, county, sworn date, the notary's printed name, the stamp, the notary's signature and a commission expiration date if it is not on the stamp. Watch out: Leave every line of it alone. Turning up at the notary with this block pre-filled is the fastest way to be sent away to print a fresh sheet.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it for a certificate that arrived and then went missing. The affidavit's own words are that the item has never been delivered - a lost title is a duplicate application, with its fee.
- An address that differs from the department's record. The certification is that nothing was delivered to you or to the address listed in the records at the Motor Vehicle Division, so a stale address on the record is part of the story rather than an inconvenience.
- Signing it outside a notary's presence. The signature line sends you to a Notary Public or Authorized Officer, and the Acknowledgement block below records the oath.
- Ticking Title and hoping. If the department's record carries a lien, the reissued certificate follows the lien - the same rule that governs a duplicate.
- Leaving the plate number or decal month blank on the rows that ask for them. Two of the five boxes carry their own detail lines, and an item cannot be reissued without identifying it.

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

Read off SFN 16782 (4-2026) and the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division's own pages, current as of 2026-08-24.
Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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AFFIDAVIT OF NON-RECEIPT

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle
SFN 16782 (4-2026)

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
608 E BOULEVARD AVE
BISMARCK ND 58505-0780
Telephone (701) 328-2725
Website: <https://dot.nd.gov>

1 Legal Name <i>Marlys J. Thorsrud</i>		Daytime Telephone Number <i>(701) 555-0146</i>	
Mailing Address <i>1427 Chestnut St</i>		City <i>Grand Forks</i>	State <i>ND</i>
		ZIP Code <i>58201</i>	
2 Year <i>2017</i>	Make <i>Chevrolet</i>	Model <i>Equinox LT</i>	Style <i>4-Door SUV</i>
3 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) <i>3Z9GK5LC7H6412873</i>			Title Number <i>3618420795</i>

I certify that I have not received the indicated item(s) listed below for the above described vehicle and desire to have a duplicate issued at no cost. I further certify that, should the original item be recovered, I will promptly forward the original item to the Motor Vehicle Division.

The following items have never been delivered to me or to the address listed in the records at the Motor Vehicle Division.

Check all applicable items:

- ☐ Mobility Impaired Placards Number(s)
- ☐ Validation Decals (Tabs), Month & Year
- ☐ Registration Card
- ☒ Title
- ☐ License Plates, Number

5 Name (Type or Print) <i>Marlys J. Thorsrud</i>	Legal Signature (sign before a Notary Public or Authorized Officer) <i>Marlys J. Thorsrud</i>
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Acknowledgement	
6 State of	
County of	
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this day (month, day, year)	
Name of Notary Public or other Authorized Officer (Type or Print) 	Affix Notary Stamp
Signature of Notary Public or other Authorized Officer 	
Commission Expiration Date (if not listed on stamp) 	

Note: The filing of a false affidavit is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and/ or one year in jail. (Chapter 12.1-11, NDCC)