

How to fill out SFN 2877 — Part 1, Assignment and Warranty of Title

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North Dakota · written against SFN 2877 (4-2026), issued under North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division; the assignment and warranty of title required of a transferring owner by NDCC 39-05-17(1) /forms/north-dakota/sfn-2877-part-1-assignment-and-warranty-of-title/

This is the seller's half of a North Dakota transfer, published as a sheet of its own. Normally you never touch it: Part 1 is printed on the face of the certificate of title and that is where an ordinary sale happens. The loose version exists for the cases where the certificate's own Part 1 cannot carry the assignment - the Registration Manual names one outright, a repair-lien facility signing off as seller after a foreclosure sale. It is laid out in five numbered sections rather than the certificate's single banded panel - the vehicle first, then the buyer, the co-buyer, the seller and the co-seller - and it is headed with the department's instruction that it is to be completed by the seller and delivered to the buyer within 30 days of the date of sale.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank SFN 2877 from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://dot.nd.gov/forms/sfn02877.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	Section I, the vehicle line	Year, make, model, vehicle identification number and title number, copied off the certificate you are assigning. Watch out: Take the VIN from the certificate rather than the door pillar. If the two disagree, that is a conversation with the department before a sale, not a box to fudge.
2	YOU	Section II, the buyer's legal name	Their legal name as their licence shows it, or a firm name for a lessor or trust, plus the driver's licence or FEIN number and a telephone number. Watch out: Tick which identifier you used. A number with neither box marked is one of the incomplete entries the footer says may be returned to the owner.
3	YOU	Section II, the buyer's address and county	Mailing address, city, state, ZIP code and county - and the county is not optional decoration on a North Dakota form. Watch out: Print it legibly. The department reads this block as the record of where the vehicle went, and it is the address the new certificate is built from.
4	YOU	Or, And, or And/Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship	One box, and only where the vehicle is going to more than one new owner. Watch out: Ask the buyers which they want. And means both must sign to sell it on; Or means either can; the joint tenancy box is the one that lets a survivor sell alone with a certified death certificate, and it is what couples usually intend.
5	YOU	Section III, the co-buyer	A second buyer's legal name or firm name with their own identifier and telephone number. Left blank where there is only one buyer. Watch out: Two names with no conjunction ticked above is the commonest fault on this sheet - the department cannot print the new certificate until it knows how the two owners are joined.
6	YOU	Section IV, your signature and the date of sale	Sign as the certificate names you, and date the day possession actually changed hands. Watch out: Sign nothing before the buyer's details are in. This sheet is the whole assignment, and a signed one with an empty buyer block is a transferable document you no longer control.
7	YOU	Selling Price (Required)	The price the vehicle actually sold for, in the box the form labels Required. Watch out: This is the excise tax base and the department checks prices against an industry guide. A genuinely low price is explained on the bill of sale, which invites the explanation - not by writing a rounder number here.
8	YOU	Printed names, business name and telephone	Every seller's printed name, a daytime telephone number, and a business name where the title stands in a company's name. Watch out: Print the name exactly as the face of the title has it, even if you have changed it since - the manual makes signing under the name on the title a rule of its own.
9	YOU	The seller's address block, and Section V beneath it	Your mailing address, city, state, ZIP and county. Below it, Section V takes the co-seller's signature and printed name. Watch out: Section V is required when the current title joins its owners with and. If your co-owner cannot attend, arrange it first - North Dakota publishes no power of attorney form, and the secure kind only works for a transfer when the title is lost or held by a lienholder.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it on a modern car. The form's second note bars itself from odometer-required vehicles and sends you to the secure reassignment and odometer disclosure instead - which in North Dakota means anything model year 2011 or newer cannot go on this sheet at all.
- Treating it as the buyer's application. The first note is equally blunt: this form cannot be used to replace the application for certificate of title and registration. It transfers your interest; it does not apply for anything.
- Leaving the selling price blank. The label carries the word Required in brackets, and the department computes the buyer's excise tax from it.
- A missing co-seller signature where the title says and. Section V spells out the trigger on its own face, and a single signature on an and title is an incomplete assignment.
- Correcting an entry in place. The footer voids the form for an erasure or alteration - a fresh sheet is cheaper than the notarised statement that would otherwise be needed.

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

Read off SFN 2877 (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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PART 1. ASSIGNMENT AND WARRANTY OF TITLE

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle
SFN 2877 (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>

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SELLER AND DELIVERED TO THE BUYER WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF SALE

Note:

This form cannot be used to replace SFN 2872 - APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE.

This form cannot be used for odometer required vehicles. Use the secure SFN 18773 - REASSIGNMENT/ODOMETER DISCLOSURE.

I. Vehicle Information

Year	Make	Model	Vehicle Identification Number	Title Number
2009	Buick	LaCrosse CX	5H8ZW4H5099306174	3702158649

II. Buyer Information

Applicant's/Buyer's Legal Name (first, middle, last) or Firm Name (Lessor, Trust)		☒ Driver's License ☐ FEIN		Telephone Number
Ingrid P. Solberg		6041827		(701) 555-0155
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code	County
407 6th St NE	Devils Lake	ND	58301	Ramsey

Check One (If more than one new owner):

☐ Or ☐ And ☒ And/Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship

III. Co-Buyer Information

Applicant's/Buyer's Legal Name (first, middle, last) or Firm Name (Lessor, Trust)	☒ Driver's License ☐ FEIN	Telephone Number
Kjell A. Solberg	6041828	(701) 555-0168

IV. Seller Information

Signature of Seller/Transferor		Date of Sale		Selling Price (Required)	
Marlys J. Thorsrud		09/11/2026		6,400.00	
Printed Name(s) of Seller(s)/Transferor(s)				Daytime Telephone Number	
Marlys J. Thorsrud				(701) 555-0146	
Business Name (If Applicable)					
Mailing Address		City	State	ZIP Code	County
1427 Chestnut St		Grand Forks	ND	58201	Grand Forks

V. Co-Seller Information

Signature of Co-Seller/Transferor (Required if current title has "and" conjunction)
Printed Name(s) of Co-Seller(s)/Transferor(s)
Business Name (If Applicable)

Erasure, alteration, or mutilation voids this form. Forms with incomplete or illegible entries may be returned to the owner for correction or completion of a new form before the request can be processed.

DO NOT SEND CASH