

How to fill out SFN 2878 — Part 2, Dealer Re-Assignment and Warranty of Title

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North Dakota · written against SFN 2878 (4-2026), issued under North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division; the dealer re-assignment the Registration Manual requires where a vehicle is sold by a dealer

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This one is not yours, and the page exists so you know that before somebody hands it to you. Part 2 is the dealer's re-assignment - the block a licensed dealer uses to pass on a vehicle it took in and did not title in its own name - and it carries a Dealer License Number field that a private seller cannot fill. The Registration Manual is explicit that Part 2 must be completed if the vehicle is sold by a dealer. A private seller assigns on Part 1 and never writes here; a private buyer meeting a completed Part 2 is buying from a dealer, whatever the advertisement said.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank SFN 2878 from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://dot.nd.gov/forms/sfn02878.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	DEALER	The vehicle line	Year, make, model, vehicle identification number and title number, carried down from the certificate the dealership received. Watch out: For a buyer reading a completed Part 2: check these five against the certificate's face before anything else. A re-assignment describing a different vehicle is not a clerical slip.
2	DEALER	Buyer Information	The retail buyer's legal name or firm name, identifier, telephone and full address including county. Watch out: The dealership writes this, exactly as a private seller writes the buyer into Part 1. Check your own name and address before you leave the desk.
3	DEALER	Co-Buyer Information	A second buyer's name, identifier, telephone and their own complete address block. Watch out: Left empty for a single buyer. Two names here with no conjunction ticked below is the same fault it is on Part 1, and it stops the new certificate being printed.
4	DEALER	Check one, Date of Sale and Selling Price	The conjunction between two owners, the date the sale happened, and the price - which the form labels Required. Watch out: The price on a dealer's re-assignment is the tax base for the buyer's application in the same way a private seller's is. It is not a negotiable entry.
5	DEALER	Name of Dealer and Dealer License Number	The dealership's name and its North Dakota dealer licence number. Watch out: This is the field that makes Part 2 a dealer's document. If somebody without a licence number is proposing to sign this form, the transaction is not what it is being described as.
6	DEALER	Signature of Authorized Agent	The individual signing on the dealership's behalf, with the date. Watch out: No notary, despite what the PDF's own field naming suggests - the department asks for a signature, a printed name and a telephone number, nothing more.
7	DEALER	Hand-Printed Name of Authorized Agent	The same person's name printed legibly, with a daytime telephone number beside it. Watch out: For a buyer: this is the person to ring if the title does not arrive. It is the only named human being on the form.

What gets this one rejected

- A private seller signing it. There is no lawful way to complete Name of Dealer and Dealer License Number without being a licensed dealer, and an assignment made on the wrong part of the certificate is not an assignment.
- Using it on a vehicle that needs an odometer disclosure. The second note bars it, and North Dakota's disclosure runs on model year 2011 and newer - which is most of what a dealer sells.
- Treating it as the buyer's application. The first note says it cannot replace the application for certificate of title and registration; Part 3 and the application are separate documents.
- A selling price left blank. The label carries Required, exactly as Part 1 does, because the buyer's excise tax is computed from it.
- A signature with no hand-printed name. The form asks for both, and an illegible signature alone leaves the department without a person to attach to the dealership.

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

Read off SFN 2878 (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 2. DEALER RE-ASSIGNMENT AND WARRANTY OF TITLE

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle
SFN 2878 (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 15 DAYS OF 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.

Vehicle Information

Year	Make	Model	Vehicle Identification Number	Title Number
2008	Ford	Escape XLT	4M6TA9EK28G127465	3487105926

Buyer Information

Applicant's/Buyer's Legal Name (first, middle, last) or Firm Name (Lessor, Trust)			☒ Driver's License ☐ FEIN		Telephone Number
Tobias R. Lundeen			5930264		(701) 555-0184
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code	County	
716 12th Ave NE	Jamestown	ND	58401	Stutsman	

Co-Buyer Information

Applicant's/Buyer's Legal Name (first, middle, last) or Firm Name (Lessor, Trust)			☐ Driver's License ☐ FEIN		Telephone Number
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code	County	
Check one: ☐ Or ☐ And ☐ And/Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship			Date of Sale		Selling Price (Required)
			09/04/2026		7,495.00

Name of Dealer	Dealer License Number
Sheyenne Valley Motors	ND 04127
Signature of Authorized Agent	Date
Curtis Odegaard	09/04/2026
Hand-Printed Name of Authorized Agent	Daytime Telephone Number
Curtis Odegaard	(701) 555-0108