



Affidavit of Inheritance/Litigation

Use this form if you have inherited a vehicle or vessel or were awarded one through litigation. To find out if you need additional documents, see [Affidavit of Loss/Release of Interest, Owner deceased](#), contact a vehicle licensing office, or call (360) 902-3770.

License plate/Registration #	Vehicle identification/Vessel hull identification # (VIN/HIN)	Year	Make	Model	Body style
ATR2851	2G4WD582391174630	2009	Buick	LaCrosse	4 door

Inheritance—Complete this section when no executor or administrator is appointed for the deceased. Submit this form with the vehicle or vessel title and a copy of the death certificate. An Odometer Disclosure Statement or a Release of Interest may be required.

I certify that Halvor E. Brekkestad, the registered owner of this vehicle/vessel, died on the 4th day of March, 2026. The deceased left no estate necessitating administration, and no letters of administration or letters testamentary have been issued to any persons. The vehicle/vessel has not been bequeathed by will to anyone other than the person signing below who is the daughter of the deceased. No relative who would have prior right, except no such person survives the deceased, and provision has been made for payment of debts of the deceased.

Ingrid M. Brekkestad

Print or type name

X

Signature

Ingrid Brekkestad

Date

Notarization/Certification—You don't need your signature notarized if you sign in front of a WA vehicle licensing agent, who can certify your signature.

State of _____ County of _____

Signed or attested before me on _____ by _____
Name of person(s) signing this document

(Seal or stamp)

Notary/Agent/Subagent signature

Notary printed or stamped name

Title _____ and _____
Dealer or county/office number or notary expiration date

Litigation—County Clerk Certificate of Transfer of Vehicle or Vessel

This certificate, properly completed, will take the place of all other court papers.

Submit this form with a Vehicle or Vessel Title Application and an Odometer Disclosure Statement (if applicable).

I certify that in the superior court of the state of Washington for the County of _____

1. For orders of the court transferring title (including divorce and probate):

An order transferring title to this vehicle/vessel to _____
Transferee

at _____
Transferee address

was duly entered in _____
Title of case

Name of administrator (if in probate) Docket number of case

on the _____ day of _____, _____
Day Month Year

2. For those cases in which the estate executor or administrator transfers title:

_____ was duly appointed under the nonintervention

will of _____ and is qualified to act as such,
Name of deceased

and that a decree of solvency has been entered.

X

Executor/Administrator signature

Date

X

County Clerk signature

Date

How to fill out 420-041 — Affidavit of Inheritance/Litigation

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One sheet answering two different questions. The upper half is for a vehicle inherited where nobody was appointed to administer the estate - the small, common case where a car is the only thing that needs moving. The lower half is a county clerk's certificate for a vehicle awarded by a court, and the form says what it is worth: this certificate, properly completed, will take the place of all other court papers.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 420-041 from the Washington State Department of Licensing at <https://dol.wa.gov/sites/default/files/forms/420041.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	The vehicle band	Plate or registration number, identification number, year, make, model and body style. Watch out: Take these from the deceased owner's certificate. A vehicle described from memory in an affidavit about a person who has died is a poor start.
2	YOU	Who died, and when	The name of the registered owner and the date of death, written as day, month and year in three boxes. Watch out: It has to match the death certificate that goes in with the form. A date remembered rather than checked is the commonest reason this comes back.
3	YOU	The no-administration statement	A printed declaration that the deceased left no estate needing administration and that no letters were issued. Watch out: If an executor was appointed, this half of the form is the wrong one - and the affidavit you would be signing would be false.
4	YOU	Your relationship to the deceased	One box in the middle of the sentence establishing your entitlement. Watch out: Be specific - daughter, surviving spouse, brother. The department is deciding whether anybody has a better claim than you do.
5	YOU	Anybody with a prior right	A named exception, where somebody with a prior claim survives. Watch out: Naming a person here does not stop the transfer. Failing to name one who exists is the thing that unravels afterwards.
6	YOU	Sign it in front of somebody	Printed name, signature and date, made before a notary or vehicle agent. Watch out: A licensing agent can do it, which usually means the affidavit, the title application and the certificate can all be handled in one visit.
7	YOU	The litigation half	A county clerk's certificate, with a case title, a docket number and a date, signed by the clerk and where relevant by the executor. Watch out: Leave it entirely alone unless a court made an order. It is signed by people who work at the courthouse, and the department reads it as their statement rather than yours.

What gets this one rejected

- Using the inheritance half where an estate was administered. That half exists precisely for the case where no letters of administration or letters testamentary have been issued.
- Filing it without a death certificate. The instruction on the form is to submit it with the vehicle title and a copy of the death certificate.
- Forgetting the odometer statement or the release of interest. The form warns that either may be required.
- Signing the inheritance half at home. The line says to print when completed, then sign and date before a notary or vehicle agent.
- Completing the litigation half yourself. That half is a county clerk's certificate and carries the clerk's signature.
- Filing the litigation half without a title application. The instruction is to submit it with a Vehicle or Vessel Title Application and an odometer disclosure statement where one applies.

☐ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

Read off 420-041 (R/2/18) and the Washington State Department of Licensing'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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