



Certificate of Fact

Use this form to make a statement of fact.

Step 1 – Provide vehicle or vessel details

1	License plate/Registration number	
	BKT4192	
2	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or Hull Identification Number (HIN)	Model year (yyyy)
	2T3RFREV5FW184726	2015
3	Make	Model
	Toyota	RAV4

Step 2 – Provide and certify your statement

4	I certify that
	The certificate of ownership for this vehicle was issued to me in my former married name, Rosalind T. Halvorsen. I changed my name to Rosalind T. Vandermeer on 4 April 2021 and my Washington driver licence has been issued in that name since. Rosalind T. Halvorsen and Rosalind T. Vandermeer are one and the same person.

Step 3 – Sign your statement

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

5	<u>Rosalind T. Vandermeer</u>	
	Printed or typed name of person signing this document	
	☒ <u>Rosalind Vandermeer</u>	
	Signature	
6	<u>08/18/2026</u>	<u>Spokane County</u>
	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) signed	Place (city or county) signed

How to fill out 420-043 — Certificate of Fact

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The shortest form in the Washington set and one of the most useful. Its whole instruction is a single line - use this form to make a statement of fact - and it exists because rule 308-56A-215 lets the department require an affidavit explaining any erasure or alteration on a certificate, an application or a supporting document. When something on the paperwork does not match and there is no dedicated form for it, this is the one.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 420-043 from the Washington State Department of Licensing at <https://dol.wa.gov/sites/default/files/forms/420043.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	Plate or registration number	The first box of step one. Watch out: If the vehicle has no plate any more - scrapped, or the plates already surrendered - the registration number goes here instead, and the department can match on it.
2	YOU	The identification number	The vehicle identification number, or the hull number for a boat. Watch out: Take it from the certificate. A statement of fact that carries a different identification number from the record it is meant to explain will not be attached to anything.
3	YOU	Model year, make and model	Three boxes completing step one. Watch out: Use the department's description rather than the manufacturer's marketing name, so the form reads consistently with the record it is about.
4	YOU	I certify that	One open block, which is the entire point of the form. Watch out: Write the fact, the date it happened and the document it affects. A certificate of fact that does not name the document it is explaining leaves the agent to guess.
5	YOU	Printed name	Your name, typed or printed, above the perjury declaration. Watch out: The name here should be the one on the certificate you are explaining - even if that name is the thing you are explaining.
6	YOU	Signature, date and place	Print the form, sign it, then the date and the city or county. Watch out: There is no notary block on this one, so the place-signed box carries more weight than usual: it is what makes this a declaration under the law of Washington.

What gets this one rejected

- A statement that explains nothing. The open block is the form; a certificate of fact reading only 'this is correct' has told the department nothing it did not have.
- A signature typed into the box. The instruction on the line is to print the form and sign it.
- Using it to certify something you do not know. It carries the same declaration under penalty of perjury under the law of Washington as everything else in the set.
- Reaching for it where a proper form exists. A lost title has its own affidavit, an inheritance has its own affidavit, and a certificate of fact is not a substitute for either.
- Leaving the place-signed box empty, which is the box that makes the declaration a Washington one.

☐ 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 420-043 (R/7/26) 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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