

How to fill out MV-405 — Application for New or Duplicate License Plates

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Wyoming is a state where the plates belong to the person, not the vehicle, so the end of a sale is you standing in a driveway holding two pieces of aluminium. That works until one of them is not there. This application covers both ways out, and the form is careful about the difference: a new plate is the next consecutive number the county has, and a duplicate is your own number remade - which the department will only do for prestige plates, specialty plates and preferred number series. It also decides one thing sellers find surprising, printed in its own second step: if the plates could not be surrendered because they were lost or stolen, the duplicates cannot go on a vehicle until the validation stickers on the originals have expired.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV-405 from the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Services at <https://www.dot.state.wy.us/files/live/sites/wydot/files/shared/Motor%20Vehicle%20Services/MV-405%20NEW%20OR%20DUPLICATE%20PLATES%20APP.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	Work out which one you are asking for	New plates are the next consecutive number the county has. A duplicate is your own number remade, and only prestige, specialty and preferred number series plates qualify. Watch out: If you are not sure which sort your plate is, ring the treasurer with the number in front of you. It is a thirty-second answer and it decides the fee.
2	YOU	Owner and vehicle	Your name and phone, your postal address, then make, model, year, body style, identification number and the registration expiry date. Watch out: Take the expiry date off the sticker on the plate you still have, or off the registration certificate - the treasurer uses it to work out when duplicates could go on the road.
3	YOU	Say plainly what happened	The reason for the new or duplicate plate, in the box provided. Watch out: Lost, stolen, damaged or mutilated are the four the form is built around, and each one leads somewhere different. Be specific: stolen from the vehicle overnight is not the same as fell off on the interstate.
4	YOU	County, type and plate number	The county number from one to twenty three, the licence type letter, and the plate number or specialty combination you currently hold. Watch out: The county number is the first digit of your existing plate, so you already have it. If your plate reads 3-14827 then the county is three.
5	YOU	Sign the affidavit	Under penalty of perjury, including the undertaking to surrender your original certificate of registration and plates when the replacements are issued. Watch out: That undertaking is the reason not to bin a damaged plate. Bring what you have to the counter, even if it is bent double.
6	OTHER	Get the treasurer's approval	Signature of approval by the county treasurer or a deputy, with the county name and date, above your own signature. Watch out: Filing in person collapses this into one visit. The treasurer approves, takes the fee, and the department manufactures the plate.
7	YOU	Post it with the fee to your county treasurer	The county treasurer in your county of registration, as step three says - not the department, and not the county clerk. Watch out: If the vehicle is already sold, tell the treasurer that when you file. What you are settling is your own record, and they will want the sale date.

What gets this one rejected

- Sending it to Cheyenne. Every other Wyoming form on this site goes either to a county clerk or to the department; this one goes to the county treasurer, and the department only manufactures the plate.
- Asking for a duplicate of an ordinary plate. Only prestige plates, every type of specialty plate, and preferred number series plates can be remade. An ordinary passenger plate gets the next consecutive number instead, and the number changes.
- Using it for embossed plates. The form says outright that it cannot replace lost, damaged or mutilated embossed plates, and names the application that can.
- Expecting to drive on the duplicates straight away. Where the originals were lost or stolen, the duplicates wait until the validation stickers on the originals have expired - which can be most of a registration year.
- Throwing damaged plates away before you apply. Damaged or mutilated plates have to be handed over to the treasurer when the replacements are issued, and a plate you have already put in the skip is one you now have to explain.

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

APPLICATION FOR NEW OR DUPLICATE LICENSE PLATES

APPLICANT AND VEHICLE INFORMATION					
STEP #1	Owner(s) Name <i>Verlene A. Tiegen</i>			Daytime Phone Number () -	
	Mailing Address <i>1418 Cottonwood Loop</i>		City <i>Sheridan</i>	State WY	ZIP <i>82801</i>
	Vehicle Make <i>GMC</i>	Model <i>Sierra 1500</i>	Year 2015	Body Style <i>PU</i>	
	VIN 3GTU9BEC3FG418207		Reason for new/duplicate plate <i>Rear plate lost in transit - cannot be surrendered</i>		Expiration Date <i>02/2027</i>
	County(1-23) 3	License Type(P, T, M, V, X, etc) P		Number or Specialty Plate Combination 3-14827	
	If license plate(s) cannot be surrendered because they are lost or stolen, duplicate license plates (plates that are reproduced with the same plate number) cannot be displayed on the vehicle until the validation stickers on the original plates have expired. This form cannot be used to replace lost, damaged, or mutilated embossed plates. You must reapply for embossed plates using the form MV-145.				
	STEP #2	In case of lost, damaged or mutilated plates, a new or duplicate license plate and registration certificate will be issued by the County Treasurer. Damaged or mutilated license plates must be surrendered to the County Treasurer when you receive your new license plates. The fee to obtain a new license plate is eight dollars (\$8.00), made payable to the County Treasurer. A new plate is the next available consecutive plate. The fee to obtain a duplicate license plate is thirty dollars (\$30.00), made payable to the County Treasurer. A duplicate plate is the plate with the same number or combination that you currently have; WYDOT will reproduce your plate. Please note the following plates are the ONLY license plates that can be remade: Prestige, all types of Specialty Plates and preferred number series plates. Preferred number series in each county are determined by the County Treasurer, but will not exceed 9,999.			
Signature of Approval by County Treasurer or Deputy		County name	Date		
AFFIDAVIT I hereby apply for new or duplicate license plate(s) if applicable. I will surrender my original certificate of registration and plate(s) upon issuance of new or duplicate plate(s). I understand there will be a fee of eight dollars (\$8.00) for new license plates or thirty dollars (\$30.00) for duplicate license plates to be remitted and made payable to the County Treasurer. I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that all information on this application is true and correct.					
STEP #3	Signature of Applicant <i>Verlene A. Tiegen</i>		Date <i>08/20/2026</i>		
	<u>APPLICANT SHALL MAIL THIS APPLICATION AND FEE TO THE COUNTY TREASURER IN YOUR COUNTY OF REGISTRATION</u>				