



Iowa Lost Vehicle Title Replacement

If your vehicle title is lost, stolen, or damaged, you can apply for a duplicate title through the Iowa Motor Vehicle Division. Use this checklist to prepare your application.

KEY FACTS

State	Iowa
Agency	Iowa Motor Vehicle Division
Process	See official source
Notary required	Not specified
Bill of sale	Not specified
Odometer disclosure	Not specified
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QUICK REFERENCE

NOTARY Not specified	BILL OF SALE Not specified	ODOMETER Not specified	INSPECTION Not specified
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PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Required checklist

- ☐ **Government-issued photo ID** **REQUIRED**
Required to verify your identity.
- ☐ **Payment for application fee** **REQUIRED**
Check the official state DMV for the current fee amount.
- ☐ **Duplicate title application form** **REQUIRED**
The official form required to apply for a replacement title. Name and form number vary by state.
- ☐ **Current vehicle registration (if available)** **CONDITIONAL**
May be required to verify vehicle information.
- ☐ **Lien release (if loan was paid off)** **CONDITIONAL**
If you paid off your loan but the lien is still on record, you will need a lien release letter.

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- 1 Download or obtain the state's duplicate title application form.
- 2 Complete the form with your vehicle's VIN, year, make, model, and your owner information.
- 3 Gather required ID and any supporting documents.
- 4 Submit the form and pay the duplicate title fee at a state DMV office or by mail.
- 5 Receive your duplicate title in the mail (timing varies by state).

COMMON MISTAKES

- Using a duplicate title to complete a sale — this is usually allowed but confirm with your state agency.
- Submitting incomplete forms, which causes delays.
- Not including a lien release when the loan has been paid off.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Iowa Motor Vehicle Division
<https://iowadot.gov/mvd>