



Michigan Lost Vehicle Title Replacement

If your vehicle title is lost, stolen, or damaged, you can apply for a duplicate title through the Michigan Secretary of State — Vehicle Services. Use this checklist to prepare your application.

QUICK ANSWER

To replace a lost Michigan vehicle title, complete Form TR-256 (Application for Michigan Vehicle Title) and submit it at a Michigan Secretary of State branch office with valid photo ID and the duplicate title fee. Form TR-256 is available at SOS branch offices — check the Michigan SOS website for the current fee.

KEY FACTS

State	Michigan
Agency	Michigan Secretary of State — Vehicle Services
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.
- ☐ **Form TR-256 — Application for Michigan Vehicle Title** REQUIRED
[Form TR-256](#)
Used to apply for a replacement title in Michigan. Available at SOS branch offices.
- ☐ **Current vehicle registration (if available)** CONDITIONAL

FEES

Duplicate title fee (Check Michigan SOS for the current duplicate title fee.)

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

- Not using Form TR-256 (Application for Michigan Vehicle Title) — this is the specific form required for duplicate title applications in Michigan.
- Trying to apply online or by mail — Michigan duplicate titles are generally processed in person at SOS branch offices.
- Forgetting that an active lien may affect the duplicate title process — verify with the lienholder before applying.



OFFICIAL SOURCES

Michigan SOS — Titles and Registration

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/vehicles/title-registration>

Michigan SOS — Branch Offices

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/branch-locations>

Michigan Secretary of State

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos>