



New Jersey Lost Vehicle Title Replacement

If your vehicle title is lost, stolen, or damaged, you can apply for a duplicate title through the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). Use this checklist to prepare your application.

QUICK ANSWER

To replace a lost New Jersey title, the owner of record applies to the NJ MVC for a duplicate title, generally in person at an agency. You'll verify your identity, and if a lien is recorded the lienholder may need to be involved. Verify the current process, forms, and fee with the New Jersey MVC.

KEY FACTS

State	New Jersey
Agency	New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)
Process	See official source
Notary required	Conditional
Bill of sale	Not specified
Odometer disclosure	Not specified
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QUICK REFERENCE

NOTARY Conditional	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.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Notary: Conditional — A New Jersey duplicate title application may need to be notarized depending on the situation; confirm the current requirement with the New Jersey MVC.

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



- Applying when you are not the titled owner of record.
- Not resolving an active lien before requesting a duplicate.
- Assuming the duplicate can be completed online — New Jersey often requires an in-person visit.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

New Jersey MVC — Duplicate Title

<https://www.nj.gov/mvc/vehicles/duplicate.htm>

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