



North Carolina Lost Vehicle Title Replacement

If your vehicle title is lost, stolen, or damaged, you can apply for a duplicate title through the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV). Use this checklist to prepare your application.

QUICK ANSWER

To replace a lost North Carolina vehicle title, complete Form MVR-4 (Application for Duplicate Certificate of Title) and submit it at an NCDMV license plate agency with valid photo ID and payment for the duplicate title fee. Check the NCDMV website for the current fee schedule and any additional requirements.

KEY FACTS

State	North Carolina
Agency	North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV)
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 MVR-4 — Application for Duplicate Certificate of Title** REQUIRED
[Form MVR-4](#)
Required to apply for a duplicate vehicle title in North Carolina.
- ☐ **Current vehicle registration (if available)** CONDITIONAL

FEES

Duplicate title fee (Check NCDMV fee schedule 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

- Using the wrong form — North Carolina requires Form MVR-4 (Application for Duplicate Certificate of Title) to replace a lost title.
- Going to the wrong office — duplicate titles in NC are processed at NCDMV license plate agencies, not driver license offices.
- Not bringing a valid government-issued photo ID, which is required to verify your identity as the owner of record.



OFFICIAL SOURCES

NCDMV — Duplicate Title

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/title-registration/vehicle/Pages/default.aspx>

NCDMV — License Plate Agencies

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/locate-dmv-office/>

North Carolina DMV

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/>