



Washington Lost Vehicle Title Replacement

If your vehicle title is lost, stolen, or damaged, you can apply for a duplicate title through the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL). Use this checklist to prepare your application.

QUICK ANSWER

To replace a lost Washington title, the owner of record applies to the Washington DOL for a replacement title, typically using the Affidavit of Loss / Release of Interest process. If a lien is recorded, the lienholder may need to release its interest. Verify the current process and fee with the Washington DOL.

KEY FACTS

State	Washington
Agency	Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL)
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 — Washington's Affidavit of Loss / Release of Interest may need to be notarized or certified depending on how and where it is signed; confirm with the Washington DOL.

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 registered owner of record.
- Not obtaining a release of interest from an active lienholder.
- Assuming a replacement title clears an outstanding lien.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Washington DOL — Title and Registration

<https://dol.wa.gov/vehicles-and-boats/vehicles/title-and-registration>

Washington DOL

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