

Abandoned Vehicles

How do I title a vehicle in my name that has been abandoned?

You must contact North Dakota Highway Patrol and request a VIN inspection. Submit the completed [SFN 2486 Certificate of Vehicle Inspection](#) and [SFN 51269 Request for Personal Information](#) with a \$3.

- **If the vehicle has a title record** you must contact the last titled owner and request they obtain a duplicate title, and if applicable a lien release, and sign the duplicate title over to you. If you are unable to locate the last titled owner we would require a court order awarding you ownership of the vehicle along with a completed [SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle](#), a \$5 title fee, excise tax in the amount of 5% of the fair market value and registration fee will be due.
- **If the vehicle does not have a title record** North Dakota Highway Patrol must inspect the vehicle to verify the VIN. The completed [SFN 2486 Certificate of Vehicle Inspection](#) must be submitted along with [SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle](#), and [SFN 2888 Seller's Certificate and Vehicle Bill of Sale](#). A notarized Statement of Fact may be required from the applicant. \$5 title fee, tax in the amount of 5% of the fair market value, registration fees if the vehicle is roadworthy, and \$1.50 abandoned disposal fee are due.

When no record of a previous title is found, the division will check the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer to ensure that the vehicle is not listed as a stolen vehicle.