



## APPLICATION FOR BONDED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR A MOTORBOAT

For DMV Use Only
DMV Bond No. _____

**Owner:**

Last Name	First	Middle Initial	( ) Home Phone	( ) Work Phone
Address		City	Zip Code	

**Co-Owner**

Last Name	First	Middle Initial	( ) Home Phone	( ) Work Phone
Address		City	Zip Code	

**Name(s) and Address(es) of the Person(s) from Whom the Motorboat Was Acquired:**

Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hull Identification Number _____	Model _____
Make _____	Year _____
Hull Length _____	Hull Material _____
Color _____	Propulsion _____

Affidavit: The following facts entitle me to possession and ownership of the vehicle. *(Explain in detail why you do not have a title to the vehicle.)*

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Bonded Certificate of Title for a Motorboat

Before starting the bonded title process, you must review the detailed instructions found on our website at: [Bonded Certificate of Title – Motor Vehicle/Trailer](#).

If your county treasurer cannot title your motorboat because you do not have the proper title documents, you **may** be able to file a bond as a condition of obtaining a title.

### Before you apply for a Bonded Certificate of Title:

- You must request a search through the Nebraska DMV to determine if a Nebraska title exists. You will need to complete and submit an [Application for Copy of Vehicle Record](#) and a \$1.00 fee to the Department.
- If the motorboat was purchased in another state or via the Internet, a search must be conducted through the DMV in the state where the vehicle was acquired.
- If the search finds a title exists, you must send a certified letter, return receipt requested, to the owner of record (the title owners) at their last known address. The letter must state that you are the current owner of the motorboat and request that the titled owner obtain a duplicate title and assign ownership to you.
- If the search finds that an open lien exists on the vehicle, you must send a certified letter, return receipt requested, to the lienholder stating that you are the current owner of the vehicle and request they provide you with a lien release so you may obtain a title. If the lien is 10 years old or older, the lien may be released 30 days after the date the certified letter is mailed upon receipt of proof of such mailing. If the lien is less than 10 years old and an acceptable lien release is not obtained, a title will not be issued.
- If a search by the DMV here, or in the state where the motorboat was acquired, cannot determine the titled owner, you must send a certified letter, return receipt requested, to the person or business where you acquired the motorboat requesting that they provide you with a properly assigned title.
- All entities, the titled owner, the lienholder if one exists, and the person or business where you acquired the motorboat, must be allowed thirty (30) days to respond to your request. If any or all of the letters are returned with an indication of a new address, you must resend the certified letter to the new address.
- If after thirty (30) days there is no response from the titled owner or the person or business where you acquired the motorboat, or if all letters come back as undeliverable, you may proceed with your application for a bonded title unless a lien release is required.
- You will be required to submit a copy of the letter(s) and the original return receipt(s) to the Department along with

your application. The returned letters should remain sealed, so be sure to make a copy of the letters you send to submit with your application.

- If a Hull Identification Number (HIN) plate is required, you must complete an [Assigned ID Number Application](#) and send it to the Driver and Vehicle Records Division of the DMV along with a fee of \$20.00. The HIN plate will be mailed to you along with an affidavit you must sign verifying that you received the HIN plate and that you affixed it to the motorboat in the proper place. This affidavit must be included with your Application for Bonded Certificate of Title. An inspection is not required to obtain a HIN.

### The following documents must accompany your application:

- The original return receipts and photocopies of all certified letters or, in the case where letters were returned as undeliverable, the unopened returned envelopes.
- Any original written documents received at the time the motorboat was acquired or an affidavit explaining why you are entitled to ownership of the motorboat.
- A photograph, taken at an angle to show the front and one side of the motorboat. The photograph will not be returned.
- An [Application for Bonded Certificate of Title for a Motorboat](#) completed in full and signed.
- A [Certificate of Title Surety Bond for a Motorboat](#) from a bonding company or insurance agency licensed to do business Nebraska.
- HIN affidavit if new HIN was required.
- For motorboats with a manufacture date **prior** to January 1, 1990 - **\$20.00**
- For motorboats with a manufacture date **after** January 1, 1990 - **\$50.00**

Send all documentation indicated above to:

Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles  
Driver and Vehicle Records Division  
301 Centennial Mall South  
PO Box 94789  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4789

For questions regarding this application, please contact this office at 402.471.3918.