



CHAPTER 20

ARTICLE 3 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACT OF 1937

N.C.G.S. § 20-57.

Division to issue certificate of title and registration card.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2019-227, s. 2 — fifteenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 04:07 UTC	92f5342f4dc5e0fcd5dc1267 - 9c3c9208850244c76a479ae5 - 0b264071bd6dc7a1

§ 20-57(a) The Division upon registering a vehicle shall issue a registration card and a certificate of title as separate documents.

§ 20-57(b) The registration card shall be delivered to the owner and shall contain upon the face thereof the name and address of the owner, the registration number assigned to the vehicle, and a description of the vehicle as determined by the Commissioner, provided that if there are more than two owners the Division may show only two owners on the registration card and indicate that additional owners exist by placing after the names listed "et al." An owner may obtain a copy of a registration card issued in the owner's name by applying to the Division for a copy and paying the fee set in G.S. 20-85.

§ 20-57(c) Every such registration card shall at all times be carried in the vehicle to which it refers or in the vehicle to which transfer is being effected, as provided by G.S. 20-64 at the time of its operation, and such registration card shall be displayed upon demand of any peace officer or any officer of the Division: Provided, however, any person charged with failing to so carry such registration card shall not be convicted if he produces in court a registration card theretofore issued to him and valid at the time of his arrest: Provided further, that in case of a transfer of a license plate from one vehicle to another under the provisions of G.S. 20-72, evidence of application for transfer shall be carried in the vehicle in lieu of the registration card.

§ 20-57(d) The certificate of title shall contain upon the face thereof the identical information required upon the face of the registration card except the abbreviation "et al." if

such appears and in addition thereto the name of all owners, the date of issuance and all liens or encumbrances disclosed in the application for title. All such liens or encumbrances shall be shown in the order of their priority, according to the information contained in such application.

§ 20-57(e)

The certificate of title shall contain upon the reverse side an assignment of title or interest and warranty by registered owner or registered dealer. The purchaser's application for North Carolina certificate of title shall be made on a form prescribed by the Commissioner and shall include a space for notation of liens and encumbrances on the vehicle at the time of transfer.

§ 20-57(f)

Certificates of title upon which liens or encumbrances are shown shall be delivered or mailed by the Division to the holder of the first lien or encumbrance.

§ 20-57(g)

Certificates of title shall bear thereon the seal of the Division.

§ 20-57(h)

Certificates of title need not be renewed annually, but shall remain valid until canceled by the Division for cause or upon a transfer of any interest shown therein.

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APPARATUS I
15 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1937	c. 407, s. 21	ENACTED
02	1943	c. 715	AMENDED
03	1961	c. 360, s. 2	AMENDED
04	1961	c. 835, s. 5	AMENDED
05	1963	c. 552, s. 2	AMENDED
06	1973	c. 72	AMENDED
07	1973	c. 764, ss. 1-3	AMENDED

08	1973	c. 1118	AMENDED
09	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED
10	1979	c. 139	AMENDED
11	1981	c. 690, s. 20	AMENDED
12	1983	c. 252	AMENDED
13	1991	c. 193, s. 7	AMENDED
14	2016	S.L. 2016-90, s. 12(a)	AMENDED
15	2019	S.L. 2019-227, s. 2	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-85	(b)	<i>"and paying the fee set in"</i>
G.S. 20-64	(c)	<i>"is being effected, as provided by"</i>
G.S. 20-72	(c)	<i>"to another under the provisions of"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-57 (2019).

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