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How to Complete an Arizona Small Estate Affidavit for Personal Property

Affidavit for Collection of Personal Property • A.R.S. § 14-3971(B)

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR DOCUMENT.

About this form. If a person dies with personal property (bank accounts, vehicles, investments, belongings) worth no more than $200,000 after debts secured by that property, an heir can collect it with this sworn affidavit instead of opening a probate case. The limit increased from $75,000 on September 26, 2025. Real estate is not counted and needs a separate affidavit.

1. **Wait 30 days**
   The affidavit can only be signed 30 days or more after the death.
2. **Confirm no probate case exists**
   No one may have applied to be appointed personal representative.
3. **List all heirs and the property**
   Include account numbers or VINs so each bank or the MVD can match its records.
4. **Swear to it before a notary**
   Bring a current photo ID. Make notarized copies for each bank or holder.

Signing requirements: Signed under oath or affirmation before a notary (jurat). Arizona court clerks do not notarize this form.

After It's Signed

- Give each bank or holder a notarized affidavit and a certified death certificate.
- The Arizona MVD transfers vehicle titles on this affidavit plus its own forms and fees.

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AFFIDAVIT FOR COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF DECEDENT

State of Arizona • Small estate affidavit • A.R.S. § 14-3971(B)

Affiant (successor) full name

Affiant address

Decedent full name

Date of death

Decedent's last address

The affiant, being first duly sworn (or affirmed), states:

1. The decedent named above died on the date shown. A certified copy of the death certificate is attached.
2. The value of all personal property in the decedent's estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed **$200,000** as of the date of death (A.R.S. § 14-3971(B)).
3. Thirty days have elapsed since the death of the decedent.
4. No application or petition for the appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction.
5. The affiant is the successor of the decedent, or acts on behalf of the successor(s), and is entitled to payment or delivery of the property described below. The affiant's relationship to the decedent and the basis of the claim (will or intestate succession) are:

Relationship to decedent

Basis of claim (e.g., named in will dated __; only child; surviving spouse)

6. The names and addresses of all persons entitled to share in the property, and their shares, are:

7. The affiant requests that the following property be paid or delivered to the affiant (describe each account, vehicle, or item, the holder or institution, and the account, VIN or identifying number):

8. The affiant will distribute the property to the persons entitled to it under the decedent's will or Arizona law, and understands that a person who receives property under this affidavit is answerable to anyone with a prior or superior right (A.R.S. § 14-3972).

This affidavit is made under A.R.S. § 14-3971(B) for the purpose of making claim to personal property of the decedent. The affiant understands that false statements made under oath are subject to the penalties for perjury under Arizona law.

X _____

Affiant signature

Date

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JURAT

STATE OF ARIZONA

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (name(s) of affiant(s)).

X _____

Signature of Notary Public

_____

Notary Public (printed name)

_____ _____

My commission expires | Commission number

(Notary seal)

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