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Exemption from Road Tax (VED) for people with disabilities

Who can get exemption?

All vehicles on the road are liable to Vehicle Excise Duty (VED), better known as road tax. However, exemption from VED (including the first registration fee) for one car only, is given to some disabled people.

Qualifying Benefits

If you get one of the following benefits, you, your appointee or someone you choose to nominate in your place, can apply for exemption from VED:

- High rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Enhanced mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- War Pensioners Mobility Supplement
- Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP)

If you are in receipt of the standard rate mobility of PIP you will be entitled to a 50% reduction in your VED, (See page 4 for full eligibility to 50% reduction). Long stay hospital patients with transitional protection can still get exemption.

The Act states that '*a vehicle is only and exempt vehicle when it is being used, or kept for use by or for the purposes of a disabled person*'. What exactly this means has never been defined. The use of an exempt car for purposes totally unconnected with the disabled person is unlawful.

When you are awarded DLA high rate or PIP enhanced rate mobility component, you should receive a reusable 'exemption certificate' that lasts for the duration of your mobility award. You will need the serial number of this certificate each time you apply for vehicle tax. If your circumstances change (eg you change your vehicle) you will need to apply for a new certificate. If you are not sent a certificate, contact the relevant benefit office.

If you receive War Pensioners Mobility Supplement or AFIP, you need to apply for an exemption certificate, WPA0442. To do this, contact Veterans UK on 0800 169 2277.

Please Note - You **will not** qualify if you receive only the Daily Living rate of PIP, the Care component of DLA or Attendance Allowance.

Nominating another person's vehicle

If you receive a qualifying benefit, you can nominate another person's vehicle to be exempt from vehicle tax. This may also apply to a company car registered in the name of the company; the person receiving the qualifying benefit should nominate the company for exemption. In order to qualify for exemption, the vehicle should be used *'by or for the purposes of'* the disabled person. The named person who gets the exemption may be changed at any time. For example, if you have nominated someone else for exemption and then you get your own car, the exemption can be returned to you.

If you are refused exemption

Even if you have an exemption certificate from the DWP, the DVLA can refuse to grant exemption from vehicle tax if they think the vehicle will not be used *'solely by or for the purposes of'* the disabled person. They are unlikely to do this unless your intended use of the vehicle would blatantly breach this condition. If you are refused exemption, there is no formal procedure for appealing. However, you can write, giving full details of why you think you qualify for exemption, the purposes of which the vehicle will be used etc. to: Specialist Casework, DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1ZZ (0300 790 6802)

How to claim Exemption from Vehicle Tax

You claim the exemption when you apply for vehicle tax. You can do this:

Online

www.gov.uk/tax-disc

By phone

0300 123 4321

At the Post Office (a branch that deals with vehicle tax)

You will need the following:

- Your exemption certificate serial number
- The surname, date of birth and National Insurance number of the exemption certificate holder

To claim for Vehicle Tax Reduction you will need to send **all** of the following to DVLA Swansea, SA99 1DZ:

- Your statement of entitlement (this can be found at the end of your PIP award letter)
- The vehicle registration certificate (V5C)
- A V10 form
- An original MOT or GVT certificate (if your vehicle needs one)
- A cheque or postal order (made out to DVLA Swansea) for 50% of the full rate of car tax for the vehicle. The current rates can be found at www.gov.uk/vehicle-tax-rate-tables

You will need to request a replacement certificate if your has been lost, stolen or damaged or the details of the registered keeper/vehicle has changed. You should contact the relevant department below:

DLA 03457 123456

PIP 0345 8503322

Veterans UK 0808 1914218

If you claim the War Pensioners Supplement or Armed Forces Independence Payment

If you claim either the War Pensioners Mobility Supplement or AFIP, you will need to apply for an exemption certificate WPA0442. This will show your name and that of the nominee if you have nominated someone to drive for you.

To do this, contact the Veterans UK and ask for exemption certificate WPA0443.

Veterans UK
Norcross
Thornton-Cleveleys
Lancashire
FY5 3WP
Tel: 0808 1914218
Email: veterans-uk@mod.uk

Motability Schemes

If you hire a vehicle through the Motability Scheme they will arrange to tax your vehicle each year, for the whole of the lease.

Buying a new vehicle

If you are buying a new vehicle and it is being registered for the first time, the dealer may licence it for you. If this is the case you will need to let them have your Entitlement Certificate and Certificate of Insurance and the application will be made on your behalf.

Certificate of Entitlement

The DWP will automatically send you a Certificate of Entitlement every year to show you qualify for road tax exemption. They will only do this if you continue to be entitled to the higher rate mobility component of DLA or the enhanced mobility component of PIP.

What do I do if I sell my vehicle or I'm no longer entitled to Road Tax Exemption?

If you sell your vehicle or your entitlement ends, you should contact the DVLA on 0300 790 6802.

Vehicle tax reduction

Eligibility

You can get a 50% reduction in vehicle tax if you get the PIP standard rate mobility component.

You cannot get a reduction for getting the DLA lower rate mobility component.

How to claim

You must include the following with your application:

- a letter or statement from the Department for Work and Pensions that shows your PIP rate and the dates you are getting it
- the vehicle log book (V5C)
- a V10 form
- an original MOT or GVT certificate (if your vehicle needs one)
- a cheque or payable order (made out to 'DVLA, Swansea') for 50% of the full rate of car tax for the vehicle
- an insurance certificate or cover note (if you live in Northern Ireland)

Do not send your PIP assessment or any other medical information with your application.

If you have just bought the vehicle and it is not registered in your name yet, you will need to download and complete a V62 form and include the V5C/2 new keeper supplement with your application.

Send the documents to:

DVLA
Swansea
SA99 1DZ