

Road Tax Exemption for People with Disabilities

1. Who can get exemption?

All vehicles on the road are liable to **Vehicle Excise Duty**, better known as road tax. However, exemption from **VED** (including the £50 first Registration Fee) for one car only, is given to some disabled people:

Mobility component:

If you get the higher rate mobility component of disability living allowance or War Pensioners' mobility supplement you, or your appointee, or someone you choose to nominate in your place, can apply for exemption from **VED**. Long stay hospital patients with transitional protection can still get the exemption.

However, technically the vehicle is only exempt whilst it is being used "*solely by or for the purposes of the disabled person*". Neither the DWP nor the Department of Transport have defined exactly what this means. The disabled person does not necessarily have to be in the car; instead, it could be used to do their shopping or running errands: However, the use of an exempt car for purposes totally unconnected with the disabled person is technically illegal. The probability of being prosecuted is low and is only likely to occur where there is flagrant abuse of the exemption, for example where a non-disabled person uses the vehicle to drive to work. The DWP have implied that, where the car is used substantially for the purposes of the disabled person, there is nothing to worry about. But note these dangers.

Anyone receiving higher rate mobility component (or war pensioner's mobility supplement) should automatically have been sent a **VED** exemption by the DWP.

You can then use the certificate issued by the DWP as proof of exemption when applying for a 'tax exempt disc' from the Vehicle Licensing Centre. If you are getting higher rate mobility component and have not been sent an application form, or want guidance on it, write to or telephone, the Disability Contact and Processing Unit.

The Disability Contact and Processing Unit
Warbreck House, Warbreck Hill, Blackpool FY2 0YE

Telephone: 0845 712 3456

If you are getting war pensioner's mobility supplement and have not been sent an exemption form write to or telephone:

Veterans Agency
Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3WP

Telephone: 0800 169 2277

2. Nominating another persons vehicle

Someone getting the higher mobility component of DLA can nominate another person's vehicle to be exempt from road tax. This may also apply to a company car registered in the name of the company - the person receiving mobility component 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 get your own car, the exemption can be returned to you.

3. If you are refused exemption

Even if you have an exemption certificate from the DWP, it is within the discretion of the Vehicle Licensing Centre to refuse to grant exemption from road tax if they think that 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 for which the vehicle will be used, etc to:

Driver Vehicle and Licensing Agency

Vehicle Enquiry Centre, Longview Road, Swansea SA99 1BL

Telephone: 0870 240 0010

How do I get my Free Licence Disk?

If you already have a vehicle, you should apply for your first Free Licence Disk to:

DVLA Worcester

Clerkenleap Barn, Broomhall, Worcester WR5 3HR

Telephone: 0870 240 0010

You will need to send or take the following documents with you:

1. The appropriate Certificate of Entitlement (i.e. **DLA 404** or **WPA 442**) with the declaration filled in.
2. Either Registration Document (**V5C**) for the vehicle, (the vehicle **must** be registered in the name of the disabled person or the nominee named on the certificate of entitlement. If this is not the case, you should complete the keeper changes section on the Registration Document before you produce it with your application).

OR

3. New Keeper Supplement (**V5C12**) for the vehicle showing the correct taxation class (if this is not the case you will need to complete form **V62**).
3. If you do not have a Registration Document (**V5C**) or New Keepers Supplement (**V5C12**) showing the correct taxation class for the vehicle, a completed form **V62** (available from the Post Office) must be sent.
4. Vehicle Licence Application form **V10** (available from the Post Office).
5. Certificate of Insurance or a valid cover note (not the policy, receipt or schedule).
6. Valid test certificate (if the vehicle needs one).

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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 him have your Entitlement Certificate and Certificate of Insurance and he will make the application on your behalf.

How do I renew my free licence disk when it runs out?

About two weeks before your current exempt licence disk runs out, **DVLA** will send you a reminder form which you can use to re-licence your vehicle in the exempt class. Alternatively, if you do not receive your reminder or your details have changed you should complete form **V10** (available at the Post Office). You should take or send your completed reminder form or form **V10** with the appropriate supporting documents to a licence issuing **POST OFFICE - NOT TO DVLA**.

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