



# Exemption from Vehicle Excise Duty for Historic Vehicles



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## Are you the keeper of a 'Historic' vehicle?

If so:

- Was your vehicle constructed before 1 January 1973?
- Is it one of the vehicles listed below in Qualifying Vehicles?

If you can answer Yes to both questions then you may be eligible to license your vehicle in the Historic Vehicle Taxation Class.

**Note:** Vehicles licensed in the exempt Historic Class are not subject to Vehicle Excise Duty but must still display a vehicle licence disc (tax disc) and be licensed annually.

## Qualifying vehicles

- Private/Light Goods** – including buses used for voluntary, community or other non-profit making purposes i.e. a vehicle not required to have a Public Service Vehicle Licence.
- Motorcycles and Tricycles.**
- Private HGV** – but excluding vehicles designed for, or adapted for use for, the conveyance of goods or burden and put to a commercial use e.g. unladen HGVs and HGVs used for driver training/testing purposes.
- Special Vehicles** – mobile cranes/pumps, road rollers, works trucks and digging machines (excluding showmen's goods/showmen's haulage vehicles).
- Haulage Vehicles** – not used for haulage purposes.
- Special Concessionary** – agricultural machines, mowing machines, snowploughs, gritting vehicles, electric vehicles and steam vehicles.

## How do I license my vehicle in the Historic Vehicle Taxation Class?

The first time you license a vehicle in the class you must apply to a DVA local office.

The address of your nearest local office can be found on the website [www.dvani.gov.uk](http://www.dvani.gov.uk)

You can also find the address in The Phone Book "classified" section under Government Offices or in the main index under DVA.

DVA local offices are open from 9.15am to 4.00pm (with exception to the 3rd Tuesday in every month, when they will not open until 10am. This is for staff training).

## What documents will I need to produce?

- **Vehicle Registration Document/Certificate (V5(NI)/V5C(NI))** – This must clearly show a date of registration or manufacture of the vehicle prior to \*1 January 1973. If the Registration Document/Certificate is not available or if you think the age shown is incorrect, you will need to produce a dating certificate from a vehicle enthusiasts club or evidence from the vehicle manufacturer.

**\*Note:** Where a Registration Document/Certificate indicates that the vehicle was registered up to and including 7 January 1973, we are prepared to allow entry into the Historic Class on the basis that the vehicle would have been constructed the previous year.

- **An appropriate test certificate (if applicable)**
- **A valid Certificate of Insurance**
- **Completed licence application form V10(NI) available for download from [www.dvani.gov.uk](http://www.dvani.gov.uk), from Post Office® branches or a DVA local office.**



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## What happens when my vehicle licence disc expires?

Before your vehicle licence expires, you should receive a renewal application form V11(NI) from DVA. The notes on the V11(NI) explain what to do.

## What if I need further information?

Further information on vehicle licensing is available on the website [www.dvani.gov.uk](http://www.dvani.gov.uk)

Alternatively you can contact Vehicle Enquiry Section on 0845 402 4000  
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Customers with impaired hearing who have a textphone/minicom should phone 028 7034 1351.  
You should be aware that this number will not respond to ordinary telephones.

