



Abolition of the tax disc

– what does it mean for you if you're thinking of **buying or selling a vehicle?**

From 1 October 2014, DVLA will no longer be issuing tax discs but you will still need to tax your vehicle. DVLA will still send a renewal reminder when your vehicle tax is due to expire. This applies to all types of vehicles including those that are exempt from payment of vehicle tax.

Buying a used vehicle?

- Vehicle tax will no longer be transferable from 1 October onwards. This means that if you're thinking of buying a vehicle, be careful and don't be fooled into buying it – thinking that any remaining tax is part of the deal, it's not – vehicle tax is not transferable.
- As the new keeper you must tax your vehicle before you use it on the road. You can tax using the New Keeper Supplement (V5C/2) online at www.gov.uk/vehicletax by using our automated phone service 0300 123 4321 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or at a Post Office® branch that deals with vehicle tax. Due to insurance legislation in Northern Ireland (NI), new keepers in NI must tax at a Post Office® branch that deals with vehicle tax.
- From 1 October 2014 (5 October if setting up at a Post Office®), Direct Debit will be offered as an additional way to pay for vehicle tax. This will be available for customers who need to tax their vehicle from 1 November 2014:
 - 12 monthly (one-off payment)
 - 6 monthly (one-off payment)
 - monthly (12 months tax paid for on a monthly basis).
- Your Direct Debit will renew automatically provided there is a valid MOT (and insurance for Northern Ireland) unless you have told us you no longer have the vehicle or have declared a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN).

- If you're buying a car and are not sure how much the tax costs you can find out by going to Gov.uk.

Selling a vehicle? What's changing?

- You can no longer include any remaining tax when selling your vehicle. Vehicle tax is not transferable from the 1 October 2014.
- If you sell your vehicle ON/OR after the 1 October you no longer need to apply for a refund of vehicle tax. DVLA will automatically issue a refund from the date of receipt for any full remaining months of vehicle tax when you tell them you have sold/transferred, scrapped, exported the vehicle, made a SORN or if the vehicles tax class has changed to an exempt class. You need to make sure that your details are correct as the refund will be sent to the name and address held on DVLA records.
- If you are in the motor trade then you can remove the tax disc from any vehicles in your stock from 1 October. This will help new buyers from not being caught out.

Buying a vehicle?

From 1 October 2014 the tax is no longer transferable so you must tax it before you use it.

www.gov.uk/dvla/nomoretaxdisc