

## CHANGES TO VEHICLE TAX RULES

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When you buy a vehicle, the tax or SORN doesn't come with it.

You need to [tax a vehicle](#) before driving it. That includes driving home from a dealer's forecourt or a private seller's home.

You must also have motor insurance before using a vehicle on a public road.

### How to tax a vehicle you've just bought

When you tax a vehicle, you'll need either your:

- log book (V5C) if the vehicle is registered in your name - use the 11 digit reference number
- new keeper supplement slip (V5C/2) if you've just bought the vehicle or the vehicle isn't registered in your name - use the 12 digit reference number

You can't use the seller's V11 tax reminder.

You can [tax a vehicle](#) online, at your local Post Office or over the phone.

### Northern Ireland

If you're a new keeper in Northern Ireland, you need to tax your vehicle at a [Post Office branch](#) that deals with vehicle tax. You'll need an insurance certificate or cover note.

### Selling and transferring ownership of a vehicle

The tax or SORN isn't passed on when you sell a vehicle or transfer ownership to someone else. This includes giving it to a member of your family.

You must [tell DVLA when you sell or give away a vehicle](#). A logbook (V5C) will be sent to the new owner and you'll get a vehicle tax refund by cheque for any remaining months.

### Vehicle tax refunds

You'll get an automatic [tax refund](#), and your [Direct Debit](#) (if you have one) will be cancelled when you tell DVLA that you've:

- [sold or transferred](#) your vehicle
- [scrapped](#) it
- [exported](#) it
- taken your vehicle off the road and [made a SORN](#) (Statutory Off Road Notification)
- got a vehicle that's [exempt from vehicle tax](#)

You'll usually get the refund in 4 to 6 weeks.

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