

How we identify a vehicle as 'historic'

You may be able to tax your vehicle in the 'historic vehicle' tax class if it was built before 1 January 1973 and is one of the qualifying vehicles listed below.

Qualifying vehicles

Private or light goods vehicles – this includes buses used for voluntary, community or other non-profit-making purposes.

Motorcycles and tricycles.

Private heavy goods vehicle (HGV) – this does not include vehicles designed for, or adapted for, transporting goods on a public road for business purposes, including HGVs used for driver training or testing purposes.

Special vehicles – this includes mobile cranes and pumps, road rollers, works trucks and digging machines (except showmen's goods and haulage vehicles).

Haulage vehicles – not used for haulage purposes.

Special concessionary – including agricultural machines, mowing machines, snowploughs, gritting vehicles, electric vehicles and steam vehicles.

Note: you will not have to pay vehicle tax if you have a historic vehicle, but you must still tax and insure it every year and display a 'nil value' tax disc.

How you tax your vehicle in the historic vehicle tax class

The first time you tax a vehicle in the historic vehicle tax class you must do so by posting the documents or taking them to a DVLA local office.

You can get the address of your nearest local office:

- on the website www.direct.gov.uk/dvlocal, or
- by phoning 0300 123 1277 (you will have to give your postcode).

DVLA local offices are open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (9.30am to 5pm on the second Wednesday of every month).

The documents you will need to produce

- **Vehicle registration certificate (V5C)** – this must clearly show that the vehicle was made or first registered before 1 January 1973. If you do not have a V5C, 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.
(If the V5C indicates that the vehicle was registered from 1 January 1973 up to and including 7 January 1973, we will let you register it as a historic vehicle, based on the assumption that the vehicle would have been made in the previous year).
- **An appropriate test certificate (for example, an MoT certificate, if the vehicle needs one by law)**
- **A valid insurance certificate**
- **A filled-in 'Application for a tax disc' (V10), which you can get from www.direct.gov.uk/motoringforms, Post Office® branches that issue tax discs, or a DVLA local office.**

What happens when your tax disc runs out

About two weeks before your tax disc runs out, we will send you a 'Renewal reminder for a tax disc or Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN)' (V11) from DVLA. The notes on the V11 explain what you need to do.

If you need further information

There is more information on how to tax your vehicle on the website at www.direct.gov.uk/vehicletax

If you need to speak to us you can phone DVLA Customer Enquiries on 0300 790 6802.

Fax: 0300 123 0798.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and have a textphone, phone 0300 123 1279. (This number will not respond to ordinary phones.)

