

Vehicle First Registration Fee

Since 1 January 2004, a fee is payable on the first registration and licensing of a motor vehicle in the United Kingdom. The fee, currently £55, is designed to cover the administrative costs associated with registration of the vehicle throughout its life. The fee is applicable to all vehicles except for the following exemptions:

- Those first registered and licensed in the “Disabled Exempt” taxation class,
- Historic vehicles previously registered with the old Local Authorities (Late Conversions),
- Vehicles previously registered in Northern Ireland,
- Imported vehicles previously registered under the Personal Export Scheme and New Means of Transport Scheme,
- Visiting Forces Vehicles,
- Crown Exempt Vehicles,
- Vehicles registered under the Direct Export Scheme,
- Off Road Vehicles.

Registering vehicles, and keeping the register up-to-date when keepers move and vehicles change hands, is an important weapon in the fight against vehicle related and other crime and benefits individuals directly. The fee ensures that more of the cost of this service is placed on those who call upon it.

When you first register and license a vehicle, you will be required to pay the fee in a single payment with the Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) payable, whether the vehicle is first registered and licensed at the DVLA Local Office or under the Automated First Registration and Licensing (AFRL) system.

N.B. HM Customs and Excise advise that the fee is outside the scope of V.A.T.

