



Driver & Vehicle
Licensing
Agency

How to apply for free disabled tax

Who can apply for the free tax

The registered keeper can apply for free tax. The vehicle's registered keeper could be:

- the person with the illness or disability, or
- someone who uses their vehicle only for the purposes of the ill or disabled person.

How to apply for free tax for the first time

Applying for the first free tax is different from renewing it every year.

For new vehicles, the Certificate of Entitlement to Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP) should be taken to the dealership in order to claim the free tax. For vehicles registered with a Northern Ireland address, you should also take an insurance certificate valid on the day the tax comes into force.

For used vehicles, when free tax is first applied for, the tax class of the vehicle must be changed at a Post Office® branch that deals with vehicle tax. Take the following documents:

- full vehicle registration certificate (V5C) or the V5C/2 (new keeper's details) and a filled in 'Application for a vehicle registration certificate' (V62)
- Certificate of Entitlement to DLA or PIP or AFIP (please write the registration number of the vehicle in the top right hand corner)
- a certificate of insurance or cover note (downloaded or faxed copies are acceptable, photocopies are not), valid on the day the tax comes into force, for vehicles registered with a Northern Ireland address.
- an original MoT or GVT certificate (if your vehicle needs one).

For your nearest Post Office® branch that deals with vehicle tax go to www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder or phone 0345 722 3344.



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How to renew free tax

Once the tax class of the vehicle is shown as disabled, the 'Reminder to get vehicle tax or make a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN)' (V11) or V5C can be used in the following ways:

- online at www.gov.uk/vehicletax (Not available for AFIP customers)
- by phone on 0300 123 4321 (Not available for AFIP customers)
- textphone on 0300 790 6201 (hard of hearing customers only), or
- at a Post Office® branch that deals with vehicle tax.

For further information go to www.gov.uk/vehicletax

The use of the vehicle in the disabled tax class

The vehicle must either be used by the disabled person or, someone else who only uses their vehicle to help them, for example, to get prescriptions or shopping for the disabled person.

If the exemption no longer applies

If the vehicle is not used as described above or the disabled person is no longer entitled to free disabled tax, the vehicle must be taxed in the appropriate tax class at a Post Office® branch that deals with vehicle tax using the V5C or the V5C/2 and a V62, MoT/GVT (if applicable), and the appropriate fee (if applicable). For vehicles registered with a Northern Ireland address, you should also take an insurance certificate valid on the day the tax comes into force.

When to get a replacement Certificate of Entitlement to DLA or PIP or AFIP

A replacement Certificate is needed when:

- the registered keeper or their vehicle has changed, or
- the Certificate has been lost, stolen or damaged.

To get a replacement Certificate contact:

DLA (GB customers only)

- by phone on 0845 712 3456
- by textphone on 0845 722 4433 (speech or hearing difficulties), or

PIP (GB customers only) and AFIP (GB and NI customers)

- by phone on 0845 850 3322
- by textphone on 0845 601 6677 (speech or hearing difficulties)

DLA (NI customers only)

- by phone on 028 9090 6182, or
- By writing to Disability and Carers Service, Castle Court, Royal Avenue, Belfast BT1 1HR

Important

If you do not apply for, and receive, a new Certificate of Entitlement to DLA or PIP or AFIP when you change your vehicle, you will be unable to apply for free vehicle tax.