

Go to www.direct.gov.uk. Type "Apply for car tax refund" into the search box at the top and click [Go]. Select **How to apply for a refund on your vehicle tax** from the results to view this information.

You can claim a refund of vehicle tax if you're taking your vehicle off the road, selling it or if it's been scrapped, exported or stolen. You can get a refund for each full month still to run on the tax disc.

When to apply

The tax disc and refund application must be posted to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) in Swansea or handed into your nearest DVLA local office before the first day of the month you are claiming. You must not apply for a refund if your vehicle is in the process of having its registration number transferred or retained.

How to apply for a refund with a tax disc

To get a refund you'll need:

- a completed form V14 'refund/SORN application'
- the tax disc
- to send the form and disc to Refund Section, DVLA, Swansea SA99 1AL

If you're taking your vehicle off the road, you'll need to make a SORN (Statutory Off Road Notification) on the V14 refund form.

How to apply for a refund without a tax disc

To get a refund you'll need:

- a completed form V33 'Refund application where no licence disc is surrendered'
- to send the form to Refund Section, DVLA, Swansea SA99 1AL

If you're taking your vehicle off the road, you'll need to make a SORN on the V33 refund form.

Vehicle has been stolen

Since most vehicles are recovered within a few days of theft, wait at least seven days before applying for a refund. If the tax disc is not recovered, you'll need to provide details of the theft and crime reference number given by the police on the V33 form. If the tax disc is found after a refund has been paid, you must return the disc with a covering letter to Refund Section, DVLA, Swansea SA99 1AL.

Application forms V14 and V33

You can download form V14 or collect it from any Post Office® branch or your nearest DVLA local office. Form V33 is only available at a DVLA local office or by telephoning 0870 240 0010.

- [Download Vehicle licence refund - form V14 \(PDF, 221K\)](#)
- [Help with PDF files](#)
- [Find your nearest DVLA local office](#)

When to expect your refund

Refunds take three to six weeks to process. Please allow up to six weeks for a refund to arrive if your vehicle has recently been registered, taxed, involved in a registration mark transfer, changed hands, changed to the disabled tax class or the refund application has been made by a third party.

How much refund you'll get

A refund is paid for each full month left to run on the tax disc at the time you apply for a refund. If you have a six-month tax disc, you paid an extra ten percent handling charge at the time of purchase. This is not included as part of your refund. An administration fee of £7 is charged where the tax disc has not been surrendered.

Backdated refund

A refund is only paid for full months left to run on the tax disc at the time you apply. A refund cannot be backdated.

If you make a SORN

If you make a SORN at the time you apply for a refund, an acknowledgement letter should be sent to you within four weeks. This is sent separately to the refund. If you don't receive an acknowledgement letter, please contact DVLA Customer