

Are you the keeper of a 'Historic' vehicle?

If so:

- Was your vehicle constructed before 1 January 1973?
- Is it one of the vehicles listed below in Qualifying Vehicles?

If you can answer Yes to both questions then you may be eligible to license your vehicle in the Historic Vehicle Taxation Class.

Note: Vehicles licensed in the exempt Historic Class are not subject to Vehicle Excise Duty but must still display a vehicle licence disc (tax disc) and be licensed annually.

Qualifying vehicles

- Private/Light Goods** – including buses used for voluntary, community or other non-profit making purposes i.e. a vehicle not required to have a Public Service Vehicle Licence.
- Motorcycles and Tricycles.**
- Private HGV** – but excluding vehicles designed for, or adapted for use for, the conveyance of goods or burden and put to a commercial use on a public road e.g. unladen HGVs and HGVs used for driver training/testing purposes.
- Special Vehicles** – mobile cranes/pumps, road rollers, works trucks and digging machines (excluding showmen's goods/showmen's haulage vehicles).
- Haulage Vehicles** – not used for haulage purposes.
- Special Concessionary** – agricultural machines, mowing machines, snowploughs, gritting vehicles, electric vehicles and steam vehicles.

How do I license my vehicle in the Historic Vehicle Taxation Class?

The first time you license a vehicle in the class you must apply to a DVLA local office.

The address of your nearest local office can be found:

- on the website www.direct.gov.uk/motoring
- in our booklet V100 available from all Post Office® branches
- by calling 08702 430444 but you will be asked to provide your postcode
- in The Phone Book "classified" section under Government Offices or in the main index under DVLA.

DVLA local offices are open from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and from 9.30am to 5.00pm on the second Wednesday of every month.

What documents will I need to produce?

- **Vehicle Registration Document/Certificate (V5/V5C)** – This must clearly show a date of registration or manufacture of the vehicle prior to *1 January 1973. If the Registration Document/Certificate is not available 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.

***Note:** Where a Registration Document/Certificate indicates that the vehicle was registered up to and including 7 January 1973, we are prepared to allow entry into the Historic Class on the basis that the vehicle would have been constructed the previous year.

- **An appropriate test certificate (if applicable)**
- **A valid Certificate of Insurance**
- **Completed licence application form V10 available for download from www.direct.gov.uk/motoring, from Post Office® branches or a DVLA local office.**

What happens when my vehicle licence disc expires?

About two weeks before your vehicle licence expires, you should receive a renewal application form V11 from DVLA. The notes on the V11 explain what to do.

What if I need further information?

Further information on vehicle licensing is available on the website www.direct.gov.uk/motoring

Alternatively you can contact Customer Enquiries (Vehicles) on 0870 240 0010. Fax: 0870 850 1285.

E-mail: vehicles.dvla@gtnet.gov.uk

Customers with impaired hearing who have a textphone/minicom should phone 01792 766426.

You should be aware that this number will not respond to ordinary telephones.

