

New Road Tax Rules for 2017/18



From 1st April 2017, new rules about cars' road tax (vehicle excise duty, VED) came into force and with the effects of that about to hit home after April 2018, we return to this question for some clarification....

First of all, **nothing** will change for **existing** cars. Any cars registered **BEFORE** 1st April 2017 will continue to be taxed on the old system.

For vehicles registered on or after 1st April 2017 the rules are different: -

- During their first year following registration a vehicle's VED is charged according to their CO₂ emissions and for some vehicles, this is a hefty charge. The table of charges is given below.
- After the first year following registration, **nearly all** cars will be charged a flat rate of £140 per year. The only cars to get £0 VED are zero emission cars, that is electric and hydrogen cars.

Current tax band letter	CO ₂ emissions (g/km)	First year rate	Standard Rate After the 1 st yr
A	0	£0	£0
B	1-50	£10	£140
C	51-75	£25	£140
D	76-90	£100	£140
E	91-100	£120	£140
F	101-110	£140	£140
G	111-130	£160	£140
H	131-150	£200	£140
I	151-170	£500	£140
J	171-190	£800	£140
K	191-225	£1200	£140
L	226-255	£1700	£140
M	Over 255	£2000	£140

If the car has a list price of £40,000 or more, there will be an additional charge of £310 on top of the standard rate for the 2nd to the 6th year of the car's life (i.e. £450 /year)

This new tax system does not apply to vans, but does apply to class M1SP such as Minibuses with up to 9 seats, motor-homes and wheelchair accessible vehicles.

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