

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – ABATEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Assessors require paper documentation for: a) transfer of ownership, and b) registration plate status, in accordance with the following:

What happened to your car?

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What happened to your vehicle's
Registration Plates?



Provide the following:

- **Sold Privately or Traded:**
Bill of Sale, Purchase and Sale Agreement, Completed Reassignment of Title or Odometer Reading Statement (All documents must list the vehicle identification number [VIN] and both the buyers and sellers signature).
- **Moved:**
Moved out of state: Copy of your new registration showing date of issue.
Moved within Massachusetts: Proof of residency prior to January 1 of tax year of bill, (e.g.: insurance policy coverage selection sheet) and proof RMV was notified before January 1 of address change for registration.
- **Total Loss/Stolen:**
Letter from the Insurance Co. showing Date of Settlement (**payment date**) & Vehicle Identification Number [VIN], or Completed Reassignment of Title.
- **Donated/Junked/Salvaged:**
Receipt must list Vehicle Identification Number [VIN]
- **Gifted:**
Registration of the new owner

Provide the following:

- **Plates transferred:**
Copy of new registration
- **Plates returned:**
Copy of Plate Return Receipt
- **Plates lost:**
Copy of Lost Plate Affidavit

MA Dept. of Revenue – Law Bureau
Phone number: (617)626-2400, then press #1

Registry of Motor Vehicles – Customer Service
Phone number: (857)368-8000, then press #2

Massachusetts RMV website for assistance on-line:
<https://secure.rmv.state.ma.us/reginquiry/intro.aspx>

Documents for **BOTH** the Vehicle and the Registration Plates must be provided to file for abatement.

All documents for the Vehicle must identify the vehicle by the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).