



Dear

### Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail dated 11 December requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for:

**The legislation if any that requires that a registered keeper to surrender the excise duty, when the owner sells the vehicle even if no change in the registered keeper is made.**

This information is not held as legislation governing this scenario does not exist. DVLA is concerned with the registered keepers of vehicles and not their owners (i.e. those with legal title to the vehicle).

However, the legislation that governs the registration and licensing of vehicles is The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (VERA).

**The legislation if any that requires that a registered keeper to surrender the excise duty when there is a change of registered keeper.**

The Finance Act 2014 recently amended VERA (in particular sections 7A, 10, 29 & 31A) so that any existing vehicle excise duty will automatically end when a vehicle is sold to a new keeper or is transferred to the motor trade. The amendments came into force on 1 October 2014 and relevant extracts (as highlighted) can be found in the attached Annex.

While section 10 of VERA previously provided for the transfer of vehicle licences, DVLA no longer holds information on section 10 because it was repealed by the Finance Act 2014 on 1 October 2014.

**Where the identity of the owner of a vehicle is recorded by the DVLA.**

This information is not held. As already mentioned, DVLA is not concerned with the owner of a vehicle and therefore does not record the identity of a vehicle's owner.

The information which follows concerns the procedures for making any complaint you might have about the reply. Please quote the reference number of this letter in any future communications about it.

Yours sincerely

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## **Your right to complain to DVLA and the Information Commissioner**

If you are not happy with the reply to your request, you can ask DVLA to re-consider the response you received by writing (within two calendar months of receiving this response) to either [foi@dvla.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@dvla.gsi.gov.uk) or DVLA Freedom of Information Team, DSPG/FOI, D16, DVLA, Swansea SA6 7JL.

DVLA will acknowledge and consider your request, re-visiting the response provided. This is known as an Internal Review and will be considered by a staff member not involved with the original reply.

If you disagree with the outcome of the Internal Review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information can be found via: [www.ico.org.uk/concerns/getting](http://www.ico.org.uk/concerns/getting) Alternatively you may wish to write to: Customer Contact, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.