



Finance Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 14

PART 3

OTHER TAXES

Vehicle taxes

83 Rates for light passenger or light goods vehicles, motorcycles etc

- (1) Schedule 1 to VERA 1994 (annual rates of vehicle excise duty) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1 (general rate)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (2) (vehicle not covered elsewhere in Schedule with engine cylinder capacity exceeding 1,549cc), for “£265” substitute “£270”, and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2A) (vehicle not covered elsewhere in Schedule with engine cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,549cc), for “£160” substitute “£165”.
- (3) In paragraph 1B (graduated rates for light passenger vehicles registered before 1 April 2017), for the Table substitute—

<i>“CO₂ emissions figure</i>		<i>Rate</i>	
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(4)</i>
<i>Exceeding</i>	<i>Not exceeding</i>	<i>Reduced rate</i>	<i>Standard rate</i>
<i>g/km</i>	<i>g/km</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
100	110	10	20
110	120	20	30
120	130	115	125
130	140	140	150
140	150	155	165

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<i>“CO₂ emissions figure</i>		<i>Rate</i>	
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(4)</i>
<i>Exceeding</i>	<i>Not exceeding</i>	<i>Reduced rate</i>	<i>Standard rate</i>
<i>g/km</i>	<i>g/km</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
150	165	195	205
165	175	230	240
175	185	255	265
185	200	295	305
200	225	320	330
225	255	555	565
255	—	570	580”.

(4) In the sentence immediately following the Table in that paragraph, for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—

- “(a) in column (3), in the last two rows, “320” were substituted for “555” and “570”, and
(b) in column (4), in the last two rows, “330” were substituted for “565” and “580”.”

(5) In paragraph 1GC (graduated rates for first licence for light passenger vehicles registered on or after 1 April 2017), for Table 1 (vehicles other than higher rate diesel vehicles) substitute—

<i>“CO₂ emissions figure</i>		<i>Rate</i>	
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(4)</i>
<i>Exceeding</i>	<i>Not exceeding</i>	<i>Reduced rate</i>	<i>Standard rate</i>
<i>g/km</i>	<i>g/km</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
0	50	0	10
50	75	15	25
75	90	100	110
90	100	125	135
100	110	145	155
110	130	165	175
130	150	205	215
150	170	530	540
170	190	860	870
190	225	1295	1305
225	255	1840	1850
255	—	2165	2175”.

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(6) In that paragraph, for Table 2 (higher rate diesel vehicles) substitute—

<i>“CO₂ emissions figure</i>		<i>Rate</i>
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>
<i>Exceeding</i>	<i>Not exceeding</i>	<i>Rate</i>
<i>g/km</i>	<i>g/km</i>	<i>£</i>
0	50	25
50	75	110
75	90	135
90	100	155
100	110	175
110	130	215
130	150	540
150	170	870
170	190	1305
190	225	1850
225	255	2175
255	—	2175”.

(7) In paragraph 1GD(1) (rates for any other licence for light passenger vehicles registered on or after 1 April 2017)—

- (a) in paragraph (a) (reduced rate), for “£135” substitute “£140”, and
- (b) in paragraph (b) (standard rate), for “£145” substitute “£150”.

(8) In paragraph 1GE(2) (rates for light passenger vehicles registered on or after 1 April 2017 with a price exceeding £40,000)—

- (a) in paragraph (a), for “£440” substitute “£465”, and
- (b) in paragraph (b), for “£450” substitute “£475”.

(9) In paragraph 1J(a) (rates for light goods vehicles that are not pre-2007 or post-2008 lower emission vans), for “£260” substitute “£265”.

(10) In paragraph 2(1) (rates for motorcycles)—

- (a) in paragraph (b) (motorbicycles with engine cylinder capacity exceeding 150cc but not exceeding 400cc), for “£43” substitute “£44”,
- (b) in paragraph (c) (motorbicycles with engine cylinder capacity exceeding 400cc but not exceeding 600cc), for “£66” substitute “£67”, and
- (c) in paragraph (d) (other cases), for “£91” substitute “£93”.

(11) The amendments made by this section have effect in relation to licences taken out on or after 1 April 2020.

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84 Applicable CO₂ emissions figure determined using WLTP values

- (1) In Schedule 1 to VERA 1994 (annual rates of duty) in paragraph 1GA(5) (meaning of “the applicable CO₂ emissions figure”)—
- (a) omit “and” at the end of paragraph (a),
 - (b) in paragraph (b)—
 - (i) after “figure” insert “of a vehicle first registered before 1 April 2020”,
 - (ii) for “light-duty” substitute “light”, and
 - (iii) after “EU certificate of conformity” insert “or UK approval certificate”, and
 - (c) at the end of paragraph (b) insert “, and
 - (c) for the purpose of determining the applicable CO₂ emissions figure of a vehicle first registered on or after 1 April 2020, ignore any values specified in an EU certificate of conformity or UK approval certificate that are not WLTP (worldwide harmonised light vehicle test procedures) values”.
- (2) The amendments made by this section have effect in relation to licences taken out on or after 1 April 2020.

85 Electric vehicles: extension of exemption

- (1) VERA 1994 is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 25 of Schedule 2 (exempt vehicles: light passenger vehicles with low CO₂ emissions) omit sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) (no exemption if vehicle price exceeds £40,000 etc).
- (3) As a consequence, Part 1AA of Schedule 1 (annual rates of duty: light passenger vehicles registered on or after 1 April 2017) is amended as follows.
- (4) In paragraph 1GB (exemption from paying duty on first vehicle licence for certain vehicles)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) omit “(2) or”, and
 - (b) omit sub-paragraph (2).
- (5) In paragraph 1GD (rates of duty payable on any other vehicle licence for vehicle), in sub-paragraph (2) omit “or (4)”.
- (6) In paragraph 1GE (higher rates of duty: vehicles with a price exceeding £40,000)—
- (a) omit sub-paragraphs (3) and (4), and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (5) for “sub-paragraphs (2) and (4) do” substitute “Sub-paragraph (2) does”.
- (7) In paragraph 1GF (calculating the price of a vehicle), in sub-paragraph (1) omit “and (3)(a)”.
- (8) The amendments made by this section come into force on 1 April 2020 but do not apply in relation to licences in force immediately before that date.

86 Motor caravans

- (1) In VERA 1994, in Part 1AA of Schedule 1 (annual rates of duty: light passenger vehicles registered on or after 1 April 2017), paragraph 1GA is amended as follows.

(2) After sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) But this Part of this Schedule does not apply to a motor caravan which is first registered, under this Act or under the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, on or after 12 March 2020.”

(3) After sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1A) a vehicle is a “motor caravan” if the certificate mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) identifies the vehicle as a motor caravan within the meaning of Annex II to [Directive 2007/46/EC](#).”

87 Exemption in respect of medical courier vehicles

(1) Schedule 2 to VERA 1994 (exempt vehicles) is amended as follows.

(2) In the heading before paragraph 6, after “Ambulances” insert “, medical courier vehicles”.

(3) After paragraph 6 insert—

“6A (1) A vehicle is an exempt vehicle if—

- (a) it is used primarily for the transportation of medical items,
- (b) it is readily identifiable as a vehicle used for the transportation of medical items by being marked “Blood” on both sides, and
- (c) it is registered under this Act in the name of a charity whose main purpose is to provide services for the transportation of medical items.

(2) In this paragraph—

“charity” means a charity as defined by paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2010;

“medical items” means items intended for use for medical purposes, including in particular—

- (a) blood;
- (b) medicines and other medical supplies;
- (c) items relating to people who are undergoing medical treatment;

“item” includes any substance.”

(4) The amendments made by this section come into force on 1 April 2020.

88 HGV road user levy

(1) Section 5(2) of the HGV Road User Levy Act 2013 (HGV road user levy charged for all periods for which a UK heavy goods vehicle is charged to vehicle excise duty) does not apply where the period for which a UK heavy goods vehicle is charged to vehicle excise duty is a period that begins in the exempt period.

(2) Section 6(2) of the 2013 Act (HGV road user levy charged in respect of non-UK heavy goods vehicle for each day on which the vehicle is used or kept on a road to which the Act applies) does not apply in respect of any day in the exempt period.

(3) The exempt period is the period of 12 months beginning with 1 August 2020.

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(4) Section 7 of the 2013 Act (rebate of levy) has effect as if, after subsection (2A), there were inserted—

“(2B) A rebate entitlement also arises where HGV road user levy has been paid in respect of a non-UK heavy goods vehicle in accordance with section 6(2) in respect of any part of the exempt period within the meaning of section 88(3) of the Finance Act 2020.”