



# Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 22

### PART I

#### VEHICLE EXCISE DUTY AND LICENCES

##### *Main provisions*

#### **1 Duty and licences.**

[<sup>F1</sup>(1) A duty of excise (“vehicle excise duty”) shall be charged in respect of every mechanically propelled vehicle that—

- (a) is registered under this Act (see section 21), or
- (b) is not so registered but is used, or kept, on a public road in the United Kingdom.

(1A) Vehicle excise duty shall also be charged in respect of every thing (whether or not it is a vehicle) that has been, but has ceased to be, a mechanically propelled vehicle and—

- (a) is registered under this Act, or
- (b) is not so registered but is used, or kept, on a public road in the United Kingdom.

(1B) In the following provisions of this Act “vehicle” means—

- (a) a mechanically propelled vehicle, or
- (b) any thing (whether or not it is a vehicle) that has been, but has ceased to be, a mechanically propelled vehicle.

(1C) Vehicle excise duty charged in respect of a vehicle by subsection (1)(a) or (1A)(a) shall be paid on a licence to be taken out—

- (a) by the person in whose name the vehicle is registered under this Act, or
- (b) if that person is not the person keeping the vehicle, by either of those persons.

(1D) Vehicle excise duty charged in respect of a vehicle by subsection (1)(b) or (1A)(b) shall be paid on a licence to be taken out by the person keeping the vehicle.]

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(2) A licence taken out for a vehicle is in this Act referred to as a “vehicle licence”.

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 1(1)-(1D) substituted (30.11.2003) for s. 1(1) by [Finance Act 2002 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 19, [Sch. 5 para. 2](#); [S.I. 2003/3086](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** [S. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#) excluded by 1988 c. 52, s. 12E (as inserted (10.3.2017) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 73\(3\)](#), 115(7); [S.I. 2017/273](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#))

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