

Age-related registrations

An age-related registration mark can be issued to an old vehicle when there is no evidence of a previous registration. This applies to:

1. Pre-1977 vehicles that have been out of use since 1983, or earlier, with no (or insufficient) documentary evidence of their original registration
2. Imported vehicles
3. Vehicles that have been in use but not registered (usually agricultural, industrial or off-road vehicles).
4. Vehicles that have never been used.



If a vehicle in the first category is issued with an age-related mark, this does not prevent its original registration mark being reclaimed later, should documentary evidence be found.

Procedure

There is no need to register a vehicle with an age-related number until you are ready to put it on the road. You will need to apply to DVLA by completing a form *V55/5 - Application for first licensing and registration of a motor vehicle*. You will need all the usual documents for licensing a vehicle. In addition, you will need to provide evidence of the age of the vehicle so that an 'age-related' registration can be issued.

MoT and Insurance

Because the vehicle does not yet have a registration mark, the MoT certificate (if required) and the Insurance certificate (if required) will be issued on the frame number of the vehicle instead. When the vehicle is registered, the DVLA will endorse the MoT certificate with the new registration mark. Insurance companies can be reluctant to insure an unregistered vehicle. However, they will insure it but will insist on being notified of the registration mark within a specified period. You don't need to insure the vehicle to register it, but it will have to be insured if you ride it to its MoT test.

Evidence of age

The evidence of age can be a foreign registration document in the case of an imported vehicle. For the rest, DVLA requires a statement from the vehicle's manufacturer. Of course, many manufacturers have disappeared over the years, while others will no longer have information about vehicles they made long ago. If the manufacturer is unable to assist or the vehicle is over 25 years old, the DVLA will consider evidence from an enthusiasts' club, like the EACC. The EACC specialises in cyclemotors, autocycles, mopeds, light motor cycles, scooterettes and other small capacity machines and can issue dating certificate for vehicles of these types. We may refuse applications relating to vehicles outside area of expertise. We will need as much information as possible about the vehicle, including at least three photographs of the vehicle: one of the complete machine, one of the frame number and one of the engine number. These photographs will be incorporated into the dating certificate and must, therefore, clearly show the appropriate numbers.

Imported vehicles

DVLA will not register a vehicle originating from outside the UK until an HMRC NOVA application has been completed to show that any VAT due has been paid. This does not apply to vehicles of less than 49cc. It does not apply to British-built vehicles unless there is evidence to show that they have been exported and re-imported.

Cyclemotors

There can be particular problems with cyclemotors. A cyclemotor engine can be fitted to any bicycle so it is often the case that the cycle and engine date from different years. The DVLA requires that the cycle is of 'an appropriate age' for the engine. In particular, this means that an old engine fitted to a modern cycle

will not be issued with an age-related registration. In addition, because of the huge numbers of cycle manufacturers, dating the frame can be problematic so, the more information you can provide, the better.

Inspections

We may ask to inspect the vehicle. The purpose of an inspection is to provide us with the confidence to confirm that the vehicle meets all the DVLA's requirements.

We will agree the date, time, place and cost of inspection with you in advance.

As part of the inspection we will:

- ◆ Check and record the identification numbers on the vehicle.
- ◆ Assess whether or not the vehicle is substantially complete and genuine.
- ◆ Prepare a brief report containing the details of date and place of inspection; vehicle make and model; registration mark being claimed; frame number and engine number and a statement of current vehicle condition.

Fees

The EACC charges a fee of £10 for issuing a dating certificate. You do not have to be a club member to use this service. There will be an additional charge if we decide to inspect the vehicle. We will endeavour to keep inspection cost to a minimum and will agree the fee with you in advance. Dating certificates are valid for one year; an out-of-date certificate can be re-issued for a fee of £5.

Final check

This is what you need to send to **First Registration Team, DVLA, SWANSEA, SA99 1BE.**

1. Overseas registration document **OR** manufacturer's dating letter **OR** club dating certificate
2. Completed V55/5
3. Photos of complete vehicle, frame number & engine number
4. MoT certificate or V112 MoT Exemption form
5. The first registration fee (currently £55)
6. Proof of personal ID (eg: driving licence, utility bill—a photocopy is acceptable)
7. HMRC NOVA acknowledgement (only if vehicle is subject to NOVA).

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