



## Taxing an MG qualifying for the VED exemption extension

Following the VED exemption extension announcement in a support document issued by HM Treasury shortly after the Budget statement in March 2013, we have been endeavouring to obtain clarification of how, when and where members with a car covered by the VED exemption extension can apply to establish "Historic" status with the DVLA and then tax their car as a VED exempt vehicle from **1st April 2014**. This note aims to set out our understating of how the DVLA application process for "Historic" taxation class will work, how DVLA will identify an "Historic" car, what documents you will need to produce in an application for "Historic" vehicle status, how you will need to go about taxing your car in that class and where you can get a dating certificate evidencing your car was manufactured before 1st January 1974?

### How will the DVLA application process work?

The view of the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) as to how the application process will work for owners wishing to make an application to claim VED exemption status and then apply for a NIL value tax disc is:

- **Cars registered prior to 1st January 1974 (and in some cases shortly afterwards by concession)**  
As there can be no doubt that these cars were built prior to 1st January 1974, when the VED is first renewed on or after 1st April 2014 the application for a tax disc at the NIL rate should be accompanied by a request to change the taxation class to "Historic". That application should be made to the DVLA at Swansea but Chris Hunt Cooke says "I do not know whether a change of taxation class is one of the things that the Post Office will be able to do in future."
- **Cars "built" before 1st January 1974 but registered later**  
The evidence that the car was manufactured prior to 1st January 1974 should be assembled and sent to the DVLA with request that the manufactured date should be noted on

the V5C, which is done on the front page in section 3. Chris Hunt Cooke says "my 1800 MGB rally car has a note there "Was registered overseas. Declared manufactured 1963." Then the date of registration on the inside page is shown as "Date of first registration in the UK"."

### How does DVLA identify a vehicle as 'Historic'?

At present the DVLA website states in a copy of form INF34 that "you may be able to tax your vehicle in the 'historic vehicle' tax class if it was built before 1st January 1973 and is one of the qualifying vehicles listed" which include PLG or "Private Lights Goods" vehicles. But as that **cut-off date was extended to 1st January 1974** in the support document issued by HM Treasury in March 2013, we expect form INF34 will be updated in due course. The post Budget 2013 statement announcement was:

*2.148 VED: classic vehicle exemption – The Government will extend the cut-off date from which classic vehicles are exempt from VED by one year. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 a vehicle manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1974 will be exempt from paying VED. (Finance Bill 2014)*

As the VED exemption extension provision was not included in the Finance Act which reached Royal Assent in July 2013 it will be included in the Finance Act 2014 following the Budget statement then.

### How do you tax your vehicle in the "Historic" vehicle tax class?

The current form INF34 on the DVLA website says "the first time you tax a vehicle in the Historic vehicle tax class you must do so by posting the documents or taking them to a DVLA local office." However the DVLA has announced that its local offices are closing before the end on December 2013. See the DVLA closure announcement and timetable at:

[www.gov.uk/government/news/dvla-local-office-closure-plan-announced](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/dvla-local-office-closure-plan-announced)

So unless other information or guidance is released by DVLA it is reasonable to assume that applications to change the taxation class to "Historic" should be sent to the DVLA at Swansea.

### What documents will you need to produce with your application to the DVLA?

The checklist of documents mentioned on form INF34 is:

- **Vehicle registration certificate (V5C)** – this must clearly show that the vehicle was made or first registered before 1st

January 1974. If you do not have a V5C or if you think the age shown on the V5C is incorrect, DVLA state on form INF34 "you will need to produce a dating certificate from a vehicle enthusiasts' club or evidence from the vehicle manufacturer."

There is a small concession - if the V5C indicates that the vehicle was first registered from 1st January 1974 up to and including 7th January 1974, DVLA is likely to let you register it as an Historic vehicle based on the assumption that the vehicle would have been made or "built" in the previous year – that is before 1st January 1974. But whilst this concession seems helpful in fact the likelihood of a car being produced and registered for the road in that 7 day period is very unlikely as the typical period between despatch of an MG from the Factory and first registration at that time was 3 to 6 months!

- **Dating certificate** – the document most likely to be accepted as authoritative evidence of the date of manufacture for your car is given on a Heritage certificate issued by the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust (BMHIT) at Gaydon who have the archived production records for the Midget and MGB and its derivatives. We understand from contacts with the archivist at BMHIT that DVLA accepts the "Build" date shown on a Heritage certificate as the date of manufacture of the car. You can obtain a BMHIT Heritage certificate online by providing the Car No or VIN of your MG.
- **MOT certificate** - if the vehicle needs one by law which will be the case with a Factory produced MG built in 1973.
- **Valid insurance certificate** for the car.
- **Application for a tax disc on form V10** duly completed - you can get a copy of form V10 from Post Office® branches that issue tax discs or online at [www.direct.gov.uk/motoringforms](http://www.direct.gov.uk/motoringforms) As a VED exempt car, the tax disc that will be issued by DVLA will be a **NIL value disc**. Once your car has been accepted by DVLA as an Historic vehicle subsequent applications for tax discs can be made either at Post Office® branches that issue tax discs or online on the [uk.gov.uk](http://uk.gov.uk) website.

Further news and notes on this topic are available at:

[www.v8register.net/subpages/gatewayVEDexemption1.htm](http://www.v8register.net/subpages/gatewayVEDexemption1.htm)

To see a copy of DVLA form INF34 at: [www.direct.gov.uk/prod\\_consum\\_dg/groups/dg\\_digitalassets/@dg/en/@motor/documents/digitalasset/dg\\_065254.pdf](http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod_consum_dg/groups/dg_digitalassets/@dg/en/@motor/documents/digitalasset/dg_065254.pdf)