

Claim for Exemption from Goods Vehicle Testing Requirements and Vehicles outside the scope of the 1988 regulations, but having an allocated Plate

**Declaration** Please read the appropriate notes below and overleaf before completing this form.

I claim that the vehicle Registration Mark

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for which I have applied for a vehicle licence disc to commence on

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is exempt from the provision of section 53(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 under the Goods Vehicle (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988. The vehicle falls into one of the following four categories:-

- it is exempt under Regulation 44(1)(e) because it is used on the public road by an Order made under section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 \*
- it is used on certain off-shore islands or other specified areas which are exempted by Regulation 44(2) \*
- it is a vehicle of a class listed in Schedule 2 (*see overleaf*) which exempts it from the testing requirement
- it is outside the scope of Schedule 2, i.e. being a heavy/light locomotive or motor tractor within the meaning of the Road Traffic Act 1988, but has an allocated revenue weight.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are signing for a partnership, limited company or other legal entity, give your position in the firm*

\* See Note 3 below

**Test Certificates**

**Notes**

1. A current test certificate or certificate of temporary exemption must be produced with an application for a heavy goods vehicle if the vehicle is one to which section 53(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 applies by virtue of the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988. In cases of doubt, the Regulations should be consulted, but their general effect is that goods vehicles over 3500kgs gross weight (revenue weight for Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) purposes) are subject to testing.
2. Classes of vehicle to which Section 53(2) does not apply are specified in the Schedule to the Regulations (*see overleaf*).  
If you consider your vehicle meets one of these descriptions, you must complete the declaration on the relicensing application (V10/V11) and submit one of these forms for exemption on each occasion that a licence is applied for.

3. Some vehicles which would normally require to have test certificates may be specially exempted if used on a road for a purpose set out in Regulation 44(1) or within the limits set out in Regulation 44(2) of the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988.

**Regulation 44(2) reads as follows:**

"The provisions of section 53(1) and (2) of the 1988 Act shall not apply to the use of a vehicle in so far as such use occurs in any place (excluding the Isle of Wight, the islands of Lewis, Mainland (Orkney), Mainland (Shetland) and Skye) being an island or to any area mainly surrounded by water, being an island or area from which motor vehicles not constructed for special purposes can at no time be conveniently driven to a road in any other part of Great Britain by reason of the absence of any bridge, tunnel, ford or other way suitable for the passage of such motor vehicles".

In either of these circumstances a claim for exemption and a Declaration must be made before a vehicle licence disc can be issued.



# Classes of vehicle exempted under Schedule 2 of the Goods Vehicles (Plating & Testing) Regulations 1988)

1. Dual purpose vehicles not constructed or adapted to form part of an articulated vehicle.
2. Mobile cranes as defined in Schedule 3 of the 1971 Act.
3. Breakdown vehicles
4. Engineering plant and plant not being engineering plant, which is movable plant or equipment being a motor vehicle or trailer (not constructed to carry a load) especially designed and constructed for the special purposes of engineering operations.
5. Trailers being drying or mixing plant designed for the production of asphalt or of bituminous or tar macadam.
6. Tower wagons as defined in:
  - a. paragraph 8 of schedule 1 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 as originally enacted; or
  - b. paragraph 17 of schedule 2 to that Act as originally enacted.
7. Road construction vehicles as defined in Section 62 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 as originally enacted; and road rollers.
8. Vehicles designed and used solely for fire fighting or fire salvage purposes.
9. Works trucks straddle carriers used solely as works trucks and works trailers.
10. Electrically-propelled motor vehicles.
11. Vehicles used solely for one or both of the following purposes:-
  - a. Clearing frost, ice or snow from roads by means of a snow plough or smaller contrivance, whether forming part of the vehicle or not, and
  - b. spreading material on roads to deal with, ice or snow.
12. Motor vehicles used for no other purposes than the haulage of lifeboats and the conveyance of the necessary gear of the lifeboats which are being hauled.
13. Living vans the Design Gross Weights of which does not exceed 3500kgs.
14. Vehicles constructed or adapted for, and used primarily for the purpose of carrying equipment permanently fixed to the vehicle which equipment is used for medical, dental, veterinary, health, educational, display, clerical or experimental laboratory purposes, such use
  - a. not directly involving the sale, hire or loan of goods from the vehicle; and
  - b. not directly or indirectly involving drain cleaning or sewerage or refuse collection.
15. Trailers which have no other brakes than a parking brake and brakes which automatically come into operation on the over-run of the trailer.
16. A motor vehicle at a time when it is being used on a public road during any calendar week if:
  - a. it is being used only in passing from land in the occupation of the person keeping the vehicle to other land in his occupation; and
  - b. it has not been used on public roads for distances exceeding an aggregate of six miles in that calendar week; and a trailer drawn by a motor vehicle that is being used on a public road in such circumstances.
17. Agricultural motor vehicles and agricultural trailed appliances.
18. Agricultural trailers and agricultural trailed appliance conveyors drawn on roads only by an agricultural motor vehicle.
- 18a. Convertor dollies used solely for the purposes of agriculture, horticulture and forestry, or for any one or two of these purposes.
19. Public Service Vehicles (as defined in Section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (b)).
20. Licensed taxis (as defined in Section 13(3) of the Transport Act 1985 (c)).
21. Vehicles used solely for the purpose of funerals.
22. Goods vehicles to which any of the prescribed construction and use requirements do not apply by virtue of either of the following items in the Table in Regulation 4(4) of the Construction and Use Regulations namely:-
  - a. item 1 (which relates to vehicles proceeding to a port for export);
  - b. item 4 (which relates to vehicles in the service of a visiting force or of a headquarters).
23. Vehicles equipped with a new improved equipment or types of equipment and used solely by a manufacturer of vehicles or their equipment or by an importer of vehicles, for or in connection with the test or trial of any such equipment.
24. Motor vehicles brought into Great Britain and displaying a registration mark mentioned in regulation 5 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1971 (a), a period of 12 months not having elapsed since the vehicle in question was last brought into Great Britain.
25. Motor vehicles in respect of which a test certificate issued in accordance with Article 34 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) is in force or which are for the time being licensed under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (b).
26. Vehicles having a base or centre in any of the following islands, namely Arran, Bute, Great Cumbrae, Islay, Mull, Tiree or North Uist from which the use of the vehicle on a journey is normally commenced.
27. Trailers brought into Great Britain and having a base or centre in a country outside Great Britain from which the use of the vehicle on a journey is normally commenced, a period of 12 months not having elapsed since the vehicle in question was last brought into Great Britain.
28. Track-laying vehicles.
29. Steam propelled vehicles.
30. Motor vehicles first used before 1st January 1960, used unladen and not drawing a laden trailer, and trailers manufactured before 1st January 1960 and used unladen.

For the purposes of this paragraph any determination as to when a motor vehicle is first used shall be made as provided in regulation 3(3) of the Construction and Use Regulations.
31. Motor vehicles constructed, and not merely adapted, for the purpose of street cleansing, or collection or disposal of waste or the collection or disposal of the contents of gullies and which are either:
  - a. three-wheeled vehicles, or
  - b. vehicles which:-
    - (i) are incapable by reason of their construction of exceeding a speed of 20 miles per hour on the level under their own power; or
    - (ii) have an inside track width of less than 1100 millimetres.
32. Vehicles designed and used for the purposes of servicing or controlling or loading or unloading aircraft while so used
  - a. on an aerodrome as defined in Section 105 (1) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c)
  - b. on roads outside such an aerodrome if, except when proceeding directly from one part of such an aerodrome to another part thereof the vehicles are unladen and are not drawing a laden trailer.
33. Vehicles designed for use, and used on an aerodrome mentioned in paragraph 32, solely for the purpose of road cleansing, the collection or disposal of refuse or the collection or disposal of the contents of gullies and cesspools.
34. Vehicles provided for police purposes and maintained in work shops approved by the Secretary of State as suitable for such maintenance, being provided in England and Wales by a police authority or the Receiver for the metropolitan police district, or, in Scotland, by a police authority or a joint police committee.
35. Heavy motor cars or cars constructed or adapted for the purpose of forming part of an articulated vehicle and which are used for drawing only a trailer falling within a class of vehicle specified in paragraph 13, 14 or 15 of this schedule or a trailer being used for or in connection with any purpose for which it is authorised to be used on roads by an order under Section 44(1) of the 1988 Act, being an order authorising that trailer or any class or description of trailers comprising that trailer to be used on roads.
36. Play buses.