



Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 22

PART III

OFFENCES

[^{F1}Offence in respect of incorrectly registered vehicles]

45 False or misleading declarations and information.

- (1) A person who in connection with—
 - (a) an application for a vehicle licence or a trade licence,
 - (b) a claim for a rebate under section 20, or
 - (c) an application for an allocation of registration marks,makes a declaration which to his knowledge is either false or in any material respect misleading is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person who makes a declaration which—
 - (a) is required by regulations under this Act to be made in respect of a vehicle which is an exempt vehicle under paragraph 19 of Schedule 2, and
 - (b) to his knowledge is either false or in any material respect misleading,is guilty of an offence.

- ^{F1}(2A) A person who makes a declaration or statement which—
- (a) is required to be made in respect of a vehicle by regulations under section 22, and
 - (b) to his knowledge is either false or in any material respect misleading,
- is guilty of an offence.]
- (3) A person who—
 - (a) is required by ^{F2}virtue of] this Act to furnish particulars relating to, or to the keeper of, a vehicle, and

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- (b) furnishes particulars which to his knowledge are either false or in any material respect misleading,

is guilty of an offence.

[^{F3}(3A) A person who, in supplying information or producing documents for the purposes of any regulations made under section 61A ^{F4} ... —

- (a) makes a statement which to his knowledge is false or in any material respect misleading or recklessly makes a statement which is false or in any material respect misleading, or
- (b) produces or otherwise makes use of a document which to his knowledge is false or in any material respect misleading,

is guilty of an offence.

(3B) A person who—

- (a) with intent to deceive, forges, alters or uses a certificate issued by virtue of section 61A ^{F4} ... ;
- (b) knowing or believing that it will be used for deception lends such a certificate to another or allows another to alter or use it; or
- (c) without reasonable excuse makes or has in his possession any document so closely resembling such a certificate as to be calculated to deceive,

is guilty of an offence.]

(4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, and
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or (except in Scotland) to both.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 45(2A) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 11(1)(2)**
- F2** Words in s. 45(3) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 11(1)(3)**
- F3** S. 45(3A)(3B) inserted (1.5.1995 with effect as mentioned in **Sch. 4 para. 29** of the amending Act) by 1995 c. 4, s. 19, **Sch. 4 Pt. IV paras. 24, 29**
- F4** Words in s. 45(3A)(3B) omitted (1.1.2017) by virtue of **Finance Act 2014 (c. 26), Sch. 18 paras. 3(a), 19**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 45 applied (28.7.2000) by 2000 c. 17, **s. 20(10)**
S. 45 applied (1.7.2001) by 2001 c. 9, **s. 8(10)(11)(12)**
- C2** S. 45 excluded (8.2.2007) by **Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (c. 36), ss. 51(6), 126(2)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 45(1) words inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(12\)](#)
- s. 45(2A) words inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(13\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 45(2A) words substituted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(13\)\(b\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 7(1A) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(2\)](#)
- s. 7(5)(za) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 22(1)(aa) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(6\)](#)
- s. 22(1AA) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(9\)](#)
- s. 22(1BA) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1N inserted by [2023 c. 1 s. 10\(5\)\(e\)\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 20G(2)(za)-(zc) inserted by [2023 c. 1 s. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)\(7\)](#)