



# Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 22

### PART II

#### REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

##### *Registration*

#### **22 Registration regulations.**

(1) The Secretary of State may by regulations—

- (a) make provision with respect to the registration of vehicles (including, in particular, the form of and the particulars to be included in the register of trade licences),
- (b) require the Secretary of State to make with respect to registered vehicles the returns prescribed by the regulations,
- (c) provide for making any particulars contained in the register available for use by the persons prescribed by the regulations on payment, in cases so prescribed, of a fee of such amount as appears to the Secretary of State reasonable in the circumstances of the case,
- (d) require a person by<sup>F1</sup>, through] or to whom any vehicle is sold or disposed of to furnish the particulars prescribed by the regulations in the manner so prescribed,
- [<sup>F2</sup>(dd) require a person by [<sup>F3</sup>or through]whom any vehicle is sold or disposed of to furnish the person to whom it is sold or disposed of with such document relating to the vehicle's registration as may be prescribed by the regulations, and to do so at such time as may be so prescribed.]
- (e) provide for the issue of registration documents in respect of the registration of a vehicle,
- (f) provide for the transfer, surrender and production of registration documents,
- (g) provide for the inspection of registration documents by the persons prescribed by the regulations,<sup>F4</sup>...

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- (h) provide for the issue of new registration documents in place of registration documents which are or may be lost, stolen<sup>F5</sup>, surrendered], destroyed or damaged [<sup>F6</sup>or which contain any particulars which have become illegible or inaccurate],
- [<sup>F7</sup>(ha) require the destruction of a registration document where a new registration document is issued in place of it.]
- [<sup>F8</sup>(i) provide for a fee of such amount as appears to the Secretary of State to be reasonable to be paid on the issue of new registration documents in any of the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (h).]
- [<sup>F9</sup>(1A) The Secretary of State may make regulations providing for the sale of information derived from particulars contained in the register—
  - (a) to such persons as the Secretary of State thinks fit, and
  - (b) for such price and on such other terms, and subject to such restrictions, as he thinks fit,
 if the information does not identify any person or contain anything enabling any person to be identified.
- (1B) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) of subsection (1) <sup>F10</sup>... , regulations under that paragraph may require—
  - (a) any person there mentioned to furnish particulars to [<sup>F11</sup>another person there mentioned or to the Secretary of State or to another such person and to the Secretary of State;]
  - (b) any person there mentioned who is furnished with particulars in pursuance of the regulations to furnish them to the Secretary of State.]
- [<sup>F12</sup>(1C) Regulations under subsection (1)(e) may, in particular, provide that registration documents need not be issued in respect of the registration of a vehicle until the vehicle has been inspected by a person specified by the Secretary of State.]
- [<sup>F13</sup>(1D) The Secretary of State may by regulations require a person—
  - <sup>F14</sup>(a) .....
    - [ who does not renew a vehicle licence for a vehicle registered under this Act
  - <sup>F15</sup>(aa) in his name,]
  - (b) who does not renew a vehicle licence for a vehicle kept by him, or
  - (c) who keeps an unlicensed vehicle at any place in the United Kingdom,
 to furnish such particulars and make such declarations as may be prescribed by the regulations, and to do so at such times and in such manner as may be so prescribed.
- [ For the purposes of subsection (1D)(aa) a person shall be regarded as not renewing a
- <sup>F16</sup>(1DA) vehicle licence for a vehicle registered in his name if—
  - (a) a vehicle for which a vehicle licence is in force is registered in his name, and
  - (b) he does not, at such time as may be prescribed by the regulations or within such period as may be so prescribed, take out a vehicle licence to have effect from the expiry of the vehicle licence mentioned in paragraph (a).]
- (1E) For the purposes of subsection (1D)(b) a person shall be regarded as not renewing a vehicle licence for a vehicle kept by him if—
  - (a) he keeps a vehicle for which a vehicle licence is in force, and
  - (b) he does not, at such time as may be prescribed by the regulations or within such period as may be so prescribed, take out a vehicle licence to have effect from the expiry of the vehicle licence mentioned in paragraph (a).

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(1F) For the purposes of subsection (1D)(c) a vehicle is unlicensed if no vehicle licence is in force for the vehicle.

(1G) Regulations under subsection (1D) may make such transitional provision as appears to the Secretary of State to be appropriate.]

(2) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may—

- (a) extend any of the provisions as to registration (and provisions incidental to any of those provisions) to, and
- (b) provide for the identification of,  
any [<sup>F17</sup>exempt vehicles or] any vehicles belonging to the Crown <sup>F18</sup>....

[<sup>F19</sup>(2A) Regulations under subsection (2) may, in particular—

- (a) require a person applying for a nil licence—
  - (i) to make [<sup>F20</sup>any such] declaration, and
  - (ii) to furnish [<sup>F21</sup>any] such particulars [<sup>F22</sup>and any such documentary or other evidence],

(whether or not with respect to the vehicle for which the licence is to be taken out) as may be prescribed by the regulations, <sup>F23</sup>...

- (b) provide for any requirement to make such a declaration not to apply in such circumstances as may be so prescribed.

<sup>F24</sup>[  
<sup>F25</sup>(c) .....

- (d) require a person issued with a nil licence which ceases to be in force in circumstances prescribed by the regulations to furnish to the Secretary of State [<sup>F26</sup>any] such particulars [<sup>F27</sup>and any such documentary or other evidence] and make [<sup>F26</sup>any] such declarations as may be so prescribed, and to do so at such times and in such manner as may be so prescribed.]

<sup>F19</sup>(2B) The circumstances which may be prescribed by the regulations by virtue of subsection (2A)(b) include where a person applying for a nil licence agrees to comply with such conditions as may be specified in relation to him by the Secretary of State.

<sup>F19</sup>(2C) The conditions which may be specified by virtue of subsection (2B) include—

- (a) a condition that particulars for the time being prescribed by the regulations by virtue of subsection (2A)(a) are furnished by being transmitted to the Secretary of State by such electronic means as he may specify; and
- (b) a condition such as is mentioned in section 7(3B)(b) (treating the references to paragraph (a) of subsection (3B) as references to paragraph (a) of this subsection).]

<sup>F28</sup>(3) .....

<sup>F29</sup>(4) .....

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in s. 22(1)(d) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 4(1)(2)**

**F2** S. 22(1)(dd) inserted (1.5.1995) by 1995 c. 4, s. 19, **Sch. 4 Pt. IV para. 34(1)(2)**

**F3** Words in s. 22(1)(dd) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 4(1)(3)**

**F4** S. 22(1)(g): word immediately preceding para. (h) repealed (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 205, **Sch. 41 Pt. II(6)**

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- F5** Word in s. 22(1)(h) inserted (17.9.2002) by 2001 c. 3, ss. 33(1), 44; S.I. 2002/2377, **art. 2(b)**
- F6** Words in s. 22(1)(h) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 4(1)(4)**
- F7** S. 22(1)(ha) inserted (21.7.2009) by Finance Act 2009 (c. 10), s. 120
- F8** S. 22(1)(i) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 4(1)(4)**
- F9** S. 22(1A)(1B) inserted (1.5.1995) by 1995 c. 4, s. 19, **Sch. 4 Pt. IV para. 34(1)(3)**
- F10** Word in s. 22(1B) repealed (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 205, **Sch. 41 Pt. II(6)**
- F11** Words in s. 22(1B)(a) substituted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 5**
- F12** S. 22(1C) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 6**
- F13** S. 22(1D)-(1G) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 7**
- F14** S. 22(1D)(a) omitted (1.1.2009) by virtue of Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), s. 144(4)(7)
- F15** S. 22(1D)(aa) inserted (30.11.2003) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 19, **Sch. 5 para. 6(1); S.I. 2003/3086, art. 2(b)**
- F16** S. 22(1DA) inserted (24.7.2002 for the purpose of the exercise of any power to make regulations and 30.11.2003 otherwise) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 19, **Sch. 5 para. 6(2); S.I. 2003/3086, art. 2(b)**
- F17** Words in s. 22(2) substituted (19.7.2018) by Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Act 2018 (c. 19), s. 27(1), **Sch. para. 6(a)**
- F18** Words in s. 22(2) omitted (19.7.2018) by virtue of Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Act 2018 (c. 19), s. 27(1), **Sch. para. 6(b)**
- F19** S. 22(2A)-(2C) inserted (31.7.1997) by 1997 c. 58, s. 14(3)
- F20** Words in s. 22(2A)(a)(i) substituted (17.9.2002) by 2001 c. 3, ss. 32(2)(a), 44; S.I. 2002/2377, **art. 2(a)**
- F21** Word in s. 22(2A)(a)(ii) inserted (17.9.2002) by 2001 c. 3, ss. 32(2)(b)(i), 44; S.I. 2002/2377, **art. 2(a)**
- F22** Words in s. 22(2A)(a)(ii) inserted (17.9.2002) by 2001 c. 3, ss. 32(2)(b)(ii), 44; S.I. 2002/2377, **art. 2(a)**
- F23** Word in s. 22(2A)(a) repealed (31.7.1998 with effect as mentioned in Sch. 27 Pt. I(4) Note of the amending Act) by 1998 c. 36, s. 165, **Sch. 27 Pt. I(4) Note**
- F24** S. 22(2A)(c) omitted (1.10.2014) by virtue of Finance Act 2014 (c. 26), **Sch. 19 paras. 7(a), 22**
- F25** S. 22(2A)(c)(d) inserted (31.7.1998) by 1998 c. 36, s. 18
- F26** Word in s. 22(2A)(d) inserted (17.9.2002) by 2001 c. 3, ss. 43, 44, Sch. para. 4(a)(c); S.I. 2002/2377, **art. 2(c)**
- F27** Words in s. 22(2A)(d) inserted (17.9.2002) by 2001 c. 3, ss. 43, 44, Sch. para. 4(b); S.I. 2002/2377, **art. 2(c)**
- F28** S. 22(3) repealed (31.7.1997) by 1997 c. 58, s. 52, **Sch. 8 Pt. I**
- F29** S. 22(4) omitted (1.10.2014) by virtue of Finance Act 2014 (c. 26), **Sch. 19 paras. 7(b), 22**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 22(1)(a) words substituted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(5\)](#)
- s. 22(1)(d) words inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 22(1)(d) words substituted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 22(1)(d) words substituted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 22(1)(h) words substituted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(8\)](#)

**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\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)\(7\)](#)