

# Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatement Information

If you are seeking an abatement on a Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bill, please provide proof of title transfer and registration status. You may submit the documentation via email, [assessors@yarmouth.ma.us](mailto:assessors@yarmouth.ma.us), by putting in the drop Box at Town Hall or mail to:  
1146 Route 28, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664

## 1.) Proof of a title transfer is necessary. If you still own the vehicle, you are not eligible for an abatement.

- **Was the vehicle sold or given away?** Provide a dated bill of sale or a copy of the signed title showing transfer of ownership.
- **Was the vehicle traded in?** Provide a bill of sale showing your old car being traded in for your new one.
- **Was the vehicle donated?** Provide a copy of the signed title showing transfer of ownership or a donation receipt.
- **Was the vehicle totaled in an accident?** Provide the paperwork from your insurance company stating the vehicle was a total loss on the accident date.
- **Is the vehicle registered in another state in your name?** Provide a copy of the new registration from the state in which the vehicle is now registered.
- **Was the vehicle junked?** Provide a dated bill of sale, a copy of the signed title showing transfer of ownership or a receipt from the junkyard that took possession of your vehicle.
- **Was the vehicle repossessed?** Provide the paperwork from the lienholder stating the date of repossession.

Documents should list the year, make, model and VIN of the vehicle in question.

## 2.) Proof of the current status of your old license plates is necessary.

- **Were the plates cancelled?** Provide the plate cancellation receipt.
- **Were the plates transferred to another vehicle?** Provide the new registration from the vehicle the plates were transferred to.

Per Mass. General Law Ch. 60A: Without proof of **both** actions, the Assessor's Office cannot issue an abatement on a motor vehicle excise tax bill.