

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – ABATEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Assessors require paper documentation for: **a) transfer of ownership**, and **b) registration plate status**, in accordance with the following:

**What happened to your car?**

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**What happened to your Registration Plates?**



**Provide the following:**

- **Sold Privately or Traded:**  
Bill of Sale, Purchase and Sale Agreement, Completed Reassignment of Title or Odometer Reading Statement (All documents must list the vehicle identification number [VIN] and both the buyers and sellers signature).
- **Moved:**  
Moved out of state: Copy of your new registration showing date of issue.  
Moved within Massachusetts: Proof of residency prior to January 1 of tax year of bill, (e.g.: insurance policy coverage selection sheet) and proof RMV was notified before January 1 of address change for registration.
- **Total Loss/Stolen:**  
Letter from the Insurance Co. showing Date of Settlement (**payment date**) & Vehicle Identification Number [VIN], or Completed Reassignment of Title.
- **Donated/Junked/Salvaged:**  
Receipt must list Vehicle Identification Number [VIN]
- **Gifted:**  
Registration of the new owner

**Provide the following:**

- **Plates transferred:**  
Copy of new registration
- **Plates returned:**  
Copy of Plate Return Receipt
- **Plates lost:**  
Copy of Lost Plate Affidavit

**MA Dept. of Revenue – Law Bureau**  
Phone number: (617)626-2400

**Registry of Motor Vehicles – Customer Service**  
Phone number: (857)368-8000

**Documents for BOTH the Vehicle and the Registration Plates must be provided in order to file for an abatement.**

**All documents for the Vehicle must identify the vehicle by the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).**