

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE AND TYPES OF EXEMPTIONS

What are the types of exemptions does the Town allow for motor vehicle excise?

LIMIT: 1 vehicle for personal, non-business use (applied to vehicle of choice), except for non-domiciliary servicemembers and their spouses (see below)

OWNERSHIP: a vehicle owned jointly with his/her spouse or with some other person(s) satisfies the ownership requisite for a full exemption

TYPES OF EXEMPTIONS

Disabled and Blind Veterans: vehicles owned and registered by some disabled or blind veterans. To qualify:

- A veteran who was honorably discharged from peacetime or wartime military service and is disabled due to that service according to the following standards:
 - Actually lost or have the permanent loss of use of at least one foot or hand – need VA certificate, or
 - Have permanent legal blindness in at least one eye - need VA certificate, or
 - Have been determined by the RMV Medical Advisory Board (MAB) to be permanently disabled due to his/her military service as documented by the RMV MAB. A veteran with a DV plate is qualified for the exemption.

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Disabled and Blind Non-Veterans: vehicles owned and registered by some disabled or blind non-veterans. To qualify:

- Actually lost or have the permanent loss of use of both legs or both arms or the sight in both eyes – need Doctor's certificate, or
- Have permanent legal blindness in both eyes – need Division of Blind certificate.

Prisoners of Wars and Surviving Spouses: vehicles owned and registered by former prisoner of war, or their surviving spouses (until remarriage). To qualify:

- The Veterans Administration, or the veteran's discharge, documents that the veteran was held as a prisoner of war.

Massachusetts Servicemembers: vehicles owned and registered by active military personnel whose domicile is in Massachusetts and is on active duty outside the continental United State for at least 45 days of the excise calendar year. To qualify:

- As documented by the servicemember's Commanding Officer

Non-domiciliary Servicemembers and Their Spouses: **all** vehicles owned and registered by active military personnel whose domicile is in a state other than Massachusetts and is stationed in Massachusetts or elsewhere due to military orders and a spouse of a servicemember domiciled in a state other than Massachusetts if the spouse is domiciled in the same state as the servicemember and the spouse is in Massachusetts solely to reside with the servicemember. To qualify:

- As documented by the servicemember's Commanding Officer