

## TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE, Massachusetts MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION General Laws Chapter 60A

**INSTRUCTIONS.** To apply for an abatement (or refund if excise has been paid), complete this form and provide the specified documentation.

Abatement applications **MUST** be received by the assessors within three years after the excise was due, or one year after the excise was paid, whichever is later. To preserve your right to appeal, you must file on time. By law, assessors may only act on late applications in limited circumstances where the excise is still unpaid and their decision in those cases is final.

Filing an application does not stay the collection of your excise bill. To avoid interest, charges and collection action, including non-renewal of your registration, you must pay the bill in full within 30 days of its issue date. You will receive a refund if an abatement is granted.

**NOTE.** You are NOT entitled to an abatement if you (1) cancel your registration and retain ownership of the vehicle, or (2) move to another Massachusetts city or town during the calendar year. No excise may be reduced to less than \$5.00. No abatement or refund of less than \$5.00 may be made.

**Return this completed form to:**

**West Stockbridge Board of Assessors  
21 State Line Road, PO Box 257  
West Stockbridge, MA 01266  
413-232-0300 x 303**

----- DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE -----

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Bill # \_\_\_\_\_  
Valuation \_\_\_\_\_ Months Assessed \_\_\_\_\_  
Amt of Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Abatement Allowed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Balance Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Plus interest and cost, if any Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Assessor \_\_\_\_\_  
Assessor \_\_\_\_\_  
Assessor \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL INFORMATION:**

Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Plate/Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (as shown on bill) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (as shown on bill) \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**REASON YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN ABATEMENT:**

- | <u>Check where applicable</u>  | <u>You must provide this documentation</u>   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle sold or traded                        | Bill of sale <b>and</b> plate return receipt from Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) <b>or</b> new registration form if plate transferred to another vehicle   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle stolen or total loss                  | Police report or insurance settlement letter <b>and</b> plate return receipt, C-19 Form (Affidavit of Lost or Stolen Plate from RMV) or new registration form  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle repossessed                           | Notice from lienholder <b>and</b> plate return receipt, C-19 Form or new registration form Receipt   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle junked                                | Receipt from junk yard <b>and</b> plate return receipt, C-19 Form or new registration form   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle returned (Lemon Law)                  | Letter from dealer certifying return <b>and</b> plate return receipt or new registration form  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moved from _____ before January 1 of tax year | Date of move: ___/___/___<br>Proof of residency before January 1 of tax year of bill (e.g., utility bill, voter registration, lease) <b>and</b> proof RMV was notified before January 1 of address change for registration<br><br>NOTE: You must notify the RMV within 30 days of moving and before January 1 to be billed by your new city or town next year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moved out of state                            | Date of move: ___/___/___<br>Registration from new state or country  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption                                     | Type: _____ Documentation establishing qualifications  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other   | Explain: _____ Relevant documentation  |

Subscribed under the penalties of perjury

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_