



---

## How To Apply For A Motor Vehicle Abatement

**NOTE: You are not entitled to an abatement if (1) cancel registration and retain ownership of the vehicle or (2) move to another Massachusetts city or town, during a calendar year**

If you no longer own the vehicle we need the following **two** types of documentation **plus** the completed abatement application to process your abatement request.

If vehicle was:

Sold or Traded: 1. Bill of Sale **or** Trade in Paperwork (must identify vehicle being sold/traded) **Or** Copy of Both sides of signed over title **and**  
2. Plate Return Receipt **or** Registration of the vehicle in which the plate was Transferred to.

Vehicle Junked: 1. Receipt from Junkyard **or** Copy of Both sides of signed over title **and**  
2. Plate Return Receipt **or** Registration of the vehicle in which the plate was Transferred to.

Moved From: 1. Registration from new state or country **and**  
Massachusetts 2. Plate Return Receipt

Donated: 1. Receipt of Donation (must identify vehicle being donated) **or**  
Copy of Both sides of signed over title **and**  
2. Plate Return Receipt **or** Registration of the vehicle in which the plate was Transferred to.

Repossessed: 1. Notice from Lien holder (must identify vehicle being repossessed) **and**  
2. Plate Return Receipt **or** Registration of the vehicle in which the plate was Transferred to.

Vehicle Stolen  
Or Total Loss: 1. Police report that states vehicle was total loss **or** Insurance settlement letter  
(must identify vehicle being totalled) **and**  
2. Plate Return Receipt **or** Registration of the vehicle in which the plate was Transferred to.

Please return the required documentation with the completed Abatement application:

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