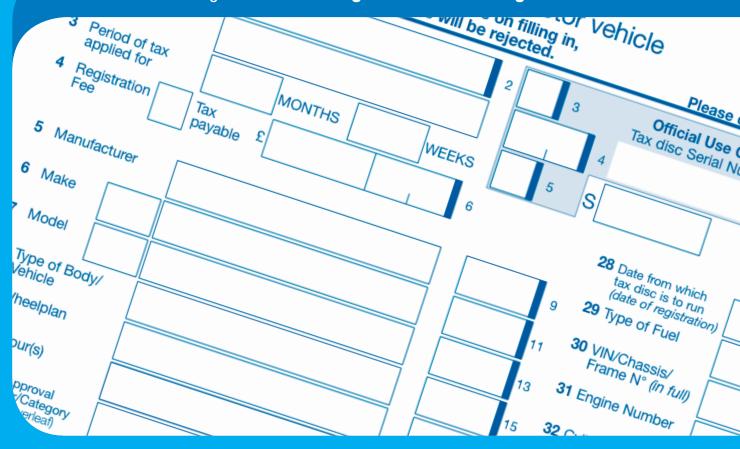




# Registering a brand new invalid carriage (mobility scoter)

For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk/invalidcarriages





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## Do I need to register my Invalid Carriage?

If the vehicle has been previously registered with DVLA please notify us of any changes using the Registration Certificate (V5C) (or an 'Application for a vehicle registration certificate' (V62) if you have not been given a V5C).

| Manual Wheelchairs (not propelled by electric, petrol or diesel) |                                  | <b>No</b> – You do not need to register or tax as this type of vehicle is for footpath use only. |
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| Powered wheelchairs an   | d scooters                       |  |
| Speed  | Unladen Weight*                  | Do I Need to Register/Tax?   |
| 4mph or less   | 113.4kg or less                  | <b>No</b> – You do not need to register or tax this type of vehicle.                             |
| 5 to 8mph  | 113.4kg or less**                | <b>Yes</b> – You need to register and display a nil duty disabled tax disc.                      |
| 5 to 8mph  | Over 113.4KG                     | <b>Yes</b> – You need to register and display a nil duty disabled tax disc.                      |
| * The unladen weight of ar                                       | ny vehicle is the vehicles own w | reight when not carrying any goods or burden. This weight  |

will include vehicle batteries.

\*\* For vehicles with a speed of between 5 to 8 mph **and** weighing 113.4kgs or less please see the check list below for the evidence of speed required.

# How to fill in your application

Please follow the instructions on how to fill in the 'Application for a first tax disc and registration of a new motor vehicle' (V55/4) – example over the page.

Send or take your filled in application to your nearest DVLA local office. (Do not send your filled in application to DVLA Swansea)

Local office addresses can be found:

- on the website www.direct.gov.uk/dvlalocal
- by phoning 0300 123 1277 (you will be asked for your postcode.)

## **Check list for your application**

#### Application Form V55/4

(see example over the page for how to fill in)

# Documented evidence to show that the vehicle is new

This must be a certificate or written declaration from the manufacturer confirming newness. The evidence must include the frame/identity number of the vehicle.

#### Evidence of speed from manufacturer -

For vehicles with a speed of 5 to 8mph **and** weighing 113.4kgs or less please see checklist below for the evidence of speed required.

- Confirmation from the manufacturer that the vehicle can travel over 4mph (i.e. a letter/printed email confirming the details).
- An extract (original or photocopy) of the vehicle manual, detailing the speed of the vehicle.
- A printed extract from the vehicle manufacturers website, detailing the speed of the vehicle.

# Documentation to show the unladen weight of the vehicle.

#### Proof of ID

You must also provide, either your photocard driving licence or one original document which confirms your name and one original document which confirms your address.

Documentation confirming your name:

- current DVLA paper driving licence
- United Kingdom or European Union or foreign passport
- marriage certificate
- decree nisi or absolute, or
- birth certificate.

Documentation confirming your address:

- utility bill valid within the last three months e.g. gas, electricity, water, landline telephone
- bank or building society statement valid within the last three months
- medical card, or
- council tax bill for current year.

The documentation listed above should be provided where possible. If you are unable to provide this information please submit the following instead.

- A verbal declaration (or written in the case of postal applications) for the registered keeper.
- Evidence of the registered keeper's address (see list above). The evidence of address does not necessarily need to be in the name of the registered keeper but there must be some link to the registered keeper (for example; it must be in the name of a spouse/relative or carer who is content for evidence of their address to be used to support the individual's application).

For applications from business and companies (including fleet operators) see our leaflet 'Guide to filling in the V55/4' (V355/4) for further guidance.

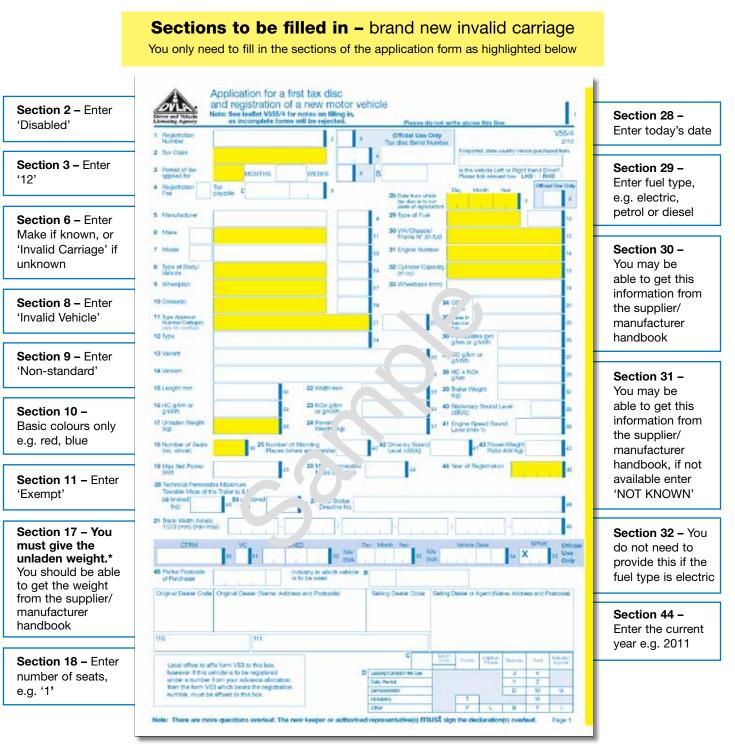
# **Please Note**

- **No** registration fee is required.
- Insurance is not a legal requirement for an invalid carriage, however, we strongly advise that you get insurance. Suitable schemes are available to cover your personal safety, other people's safety and the value of the vehicle.
- Invalid carriages do not need to display number plates.
- A disabled exemption certificate **is not** required to tax the vehicle.
- Users of invalid carriages are exempt from driver licence requirements.
- The tax disc will be renewed every year.

### What happens next

- **DVLA local office** will issue a nil duty (free) tax disc. This **must** be displayed on the vehicle.
- DVLA Swansea will issue a Registration Certificate (V5C) within 4 weeks which will explain how to tell us if you sell the vehicle or change your address.

Further information about the use of invalid carriages can be found on the following website **www.direct.gov.uk/invalidcarriages** 



\* documentation showing the unladen weight of the vehicle must be provided with your application.

