

New V5C to be introduced from 15th August 2010

Copy of information released by the DVLA on 21st and 23rd July 2010

From: Karen Hughes [mailto:Karen.Hughes1@dvla.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 23 July 2010 17:13
To: Karen Hughes
Subject: The Vehicle Registration Certificate (V5C) is changing

Good afternoon

The following e-mail and attachment were sent on Wednesday 21 July. I am sending again as I have become aware that some addressees may not have received this because of technical difficulties. I am sorry if that is the case and I apologise also if you have now received this twice!

From the 15 August 2010 all V5C's that are issued by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) will have a new look. The new V5C will make it clear that the registration certificate is not proof of ownership and will provide details of where you can get advice on buying a used vehicle.

The 'scrap' box has also been removed because all cars, light vans and three-wheeled motor vehicles - excluding motor tricycles, must be taken to an Authorised Treatment Facility, who should issue a Certificate of Destruction (CoD). Vehicles other than those already mentioned, should still be taken to an ATF to ensure they are destroyed to environmental standards. Anyone keeping the vehicle but breaking it up for parts, etc, should make a Statutory off Road Notification (SORN) to let DVLA know that the vehicle is being kept unlicensed and off the road.

Anyone with the existing blue version need not do anything as both types of document are still valid.

DVLA's 'Buyer Beware' message advises that the V5C is only one of the things that buyers of used vehicles need to check. By making buyers aware of the risks, our aim is to help them to protect themselves and reduce the risk of getting caught out by criminals.

For more information on the V5c and our Buyer Beware consumer protection initiative, go to www.direct.gov.uk/buyerbeware

The attached PDF document shows the new-look V5C. If possible, your assistance in disseminating this to staff, members, and customers would be much appreciated. The PDF can be printed off and used as a poster if you wish.

Karen Hughes
Strategic Communications Manager
DVLA
email: karen.hughes1@dvla.gsi.gov.uk

Correspondents should note that all communications to DVLA may be automatically logged, monitored and/or recorded for lawful purposes. Please visit: www.direct.gov.uk/motoring for government information on all aspects of motoring, ranging from log books and driving licences to driving tests and vehicle tax.

The original of this email was scanned for viruses by the Government Secure Intranet virus scanning service supplied by Cable&Wireless Worldwide in partnership with MessageLabs. (CCTM Certificate Number 2009/09/0052.) On leaving the GSi this email was certified virus free. Communications via the GSi may be automatically logged, monitored and/or recorded for legal purposes.

New V5C to be introduced from 15th August 2010



The Vehicle Registration Certificate (V5C) is changing

For more information and advice on buying a used vehicle go to www.direct.gov.uk/buyer beware



Both documents **are** valid



INF236
7/10

An executive agency of the
Department for
Transport

Directgov Accessibility | Help | Site index | **A A A**
Public services all in one place Search Directgov **Go**

Buyer beware... Know the risks of buying a used vehicle

Buying a used vehicle is a serious business and, while there's no way to guarantee that you won't be a victim of vehicle crime, you can reduce the risks. Make sure you know which questions to ask about the seller, the registration certificate (V5C) and the identity of the vehicle. Use the tips on this site to help you.

V5C Registration Certificate

The V5C (often known as the vehicle's 'logbook') is changing. A new version is being introduced to reduce the risk of buying stolen vehicles and to make it easier to use. Find out more about the new-style certificate.

Q Information about the V5C

Top vehicle buying tips

You need to be careful of stolen vehicles, forged registration certificates and vehicles with outstanding finance.

Q Advice on buying a vehicle
Q Download our checklist (PDF, 46K)

More useful information

Q Before you buy - advice from Consumer Direct

More from Directgov

Q Advice on buying and selling a vehicle
Q Vehicle crime
Q Buying a car: your consumer rights
Q Check a vehicle's MOT status and history online

About Directgov | Linking to Directgov | Terms and conditions | Your privacy | © Crown copyright

A useful website at www.direct.gov.uk/buyer beware