

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 filed with the board of assessors within 3 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 the 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 registration, 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,
(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 and
Documentation to:
Sterling Board of Assessors
Butterick Municipal Bldg.
1 Park Street
Sterling, MA 01564
978.422.8111 x 2313**

↓ **Do not write below this line** ↓

Bill Year _____ Bill # _____ Tax Date _____

Adjusted Months _____ Adjusted Tax _____

Amount of Tax \$ _____

*Adjusted Tax \$ _____

(*new Balance Due)

Abatement \$ _____

*Plus interest and cost, if any

**TOWN OF STERLING
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION**
General laws chapter 60A

Bill Information:

Tax Year _____ Issue Date ____/____/____ Bill Number _____

Plate/Registration Number _____ Make _____ Year _____

Vehicle Identification Number _____

Name (as shown on bill) _____

****Private Sale / New Vehicle Owner:** _____

Street, City, State: _____

Date of Sale/Transfer of Ownership: _____

**REASON YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN ABATEMENT:
Check where applicable and YOU MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION**

___ Vehicle is Sold or Traded

Bill of Sale AND one of the following:

1. Plate return receipt from the RMV. OR

2. Copy of your new registration if you transferred your plate to another vehicle.

___ Vehicle Stolen or Total Loss

Police report or insurance settlement letter AND plate return receipt, C-19 Form (Affidavit of Lost or Stolen Plate from RMV) OR New Registration form.

___ Vehicle Repossessed or
Junked

Notice from lienholder or receipt from junk yard And plate return receipt, C19 Form OR new registration form.

___ Vehicle Returned (Lemon Law)

Letter from dealer certifying return AND plate return receipt OR new registration form.

___ Moved from Sterling Before
January 1 of Tax Year

Date of Move: _____ Proof of residency before January 1 of tax year of bill (eg., utility bill, voter registration, lease) AND proof RMV was notified before January 1 of address change for registration.

___ Moved Out of State

Date of Move: _____ Copy of Registration from New State or Country.

___ Exemption

Type: _____ Provide Documentation establishing Qualifications.

___ Other

Explain: _____

Provide Relevant Documentation

****Subscribed under the penalties of perjury**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____