

**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. 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:  
**Board of Assessors • Town of Middleton**  
**48 So. Main Street • Middleton, MA 01949**  
**978-774-2099**

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Year \_\_\_\_\_ Bill # \_\_\_\_\_

Valuation \_\_\_\_\_ Months assessed \_\_\_\_\_

Original Excise \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Abatement Allowed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adjusted Excise \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Assessor \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION**

General Laws Chapter 60A

Received

**BILL INFORMATION:**

Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Registration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Plate/Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Model \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as shown on bill) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (as shown on bill) \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Check where applicable**

Vehicle sold or traded

**You MUST provide this documentation**

Bill of sale **and** plate return receipt from Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) or new registration form if plate transferred to another vehicle  
Sold or traded to:

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, C-19 Form or new registration form

Vehicle returned (Lemon Law)

Letter from dealer certifying return **and** plate return receipt or new registration form

Moved from Middleton before January 1 of tax year

Date of move: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Proof of residency before January 1 of tax year of bill (e.g. utility bill, voter registration, lease) **and** proof RMV was notified before January 1 of address change for registration. 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.

Moved out of state

Date of move: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Registration from new state or country **and** plate return from Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV).

Exemption

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation establishing qualifications

Other

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_ Relevant documentation

Subscribed under the penalties of perjury

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_