Information on the Vehicle Registration Tax Administration Procedure

Dear Customers,

Pursuant to the provisions of Act CX of 2003 on Vehicle Registration Tax (hereinafter Vehicle Registration Tax Act) tax is payable on passenger cars and motor homes as well as motor cycles to be entered into service in the territory of Hungary and for the lease of passenger cars by a vehicle fleet operator to any domestic tax resident person.¹

(In addition to the taxes defined in the Vehicle Registration Tax Act) the tax amount is established on the basis of the time calculated from the entry into service of the motor vehicle (wear and tear). In accordance with the wear and tear, the tax amount is reduced depending on the time that has passed since the first entry into service of the vehicle.

by using the calculator available on the following link, you can easily calculate the payable vehicle registration tax amount: http://kalkulatorlap.hu/egyszeru_adotermek_kalkulator.html

Examination of the motor vehicle prior to entry into service, establishment of the tax and entry into service

Examination of the motor vehicle prior to entry into service

The motor vehicles are inspected prior to entry into service by the transport supervisions of the competent county (Budapest) government offices.

Only such types of vehicles may be imported for the purposes of operation in the domestic territory for which the transport authority² has issued a type certificate based on a type inspection conducted in the framework of type approval or through the nationalisation of a type approval document issued abroad.³

In the course of a type inspection, the Transport Authority checks whether or not the vehicle type complies with the technical, transport safety, environmental and health and safety requirements defined in the law.

The vehicle’s category according to the Vehicle Registration Tax Act and the data of the classification of the vehicle into technical and environmental categories are established by the Transport Authority in a procedure conducted for the authorisation of the entry into service of the vehicle (inspection prior to entry into service) and the data are registered on the Technical Data Sheet defined in Annex 1 Part II. of the Decree of the Minister of Transport, Communications and Construction 5/1990 of 12 April on the Technical Inspection of Road Vehicles.

More information is available on the accessibility of transport supervisions and the inspection fees on the website of the Ministry of National Development, Transport Authority. (https://www.nkh.gov.hu/a-hatosagrol)

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¹ Section 1 (1) of Act CX of 2003 on Vehicle Registration Tax
² Ministry of National Development, Transport Authority, Transport Supervision
³ Section 22 of Act I of 1988 on Public Transport
Establishment of the tax

The customs authorities competent to proceed in the taxation tasks defined in the Vehicle Registration Tax Act as the tax authority of first instance are the county (Budapest) tax and customs directorates and, in the case of large taxpayers, who have their registered office in Budapest or in the administrative territory of Pest County, the Large Taxpayers’ Tax and Customs Directorate.\(^4\)

The contact information of the tax and customs directorates is available online at http://www.nav.gov.hu/nav/igazgatosagok.

The vehicle registration tax administration procedure is a procedure launched upon request (with the submission of a Vehicle Registration Tax Form)\(^5\) and the tax is established by the Customs Authority in a resolution. The procedure may be initiated both on paper and electronically. The procedure may be initiated electronically through the citizen portal or by using the information system operated by the Customs Authority.

Entry into service of the vehicle

The motor vehicles are entered into service by the official documentation bureaus operating as an organisational unit of the district (Budapest district) office of the respective Budapest and county government office.

A vehicle may be entered into service when the other conditions have been fulfilled and the tax has been paid for vehicles falling within the scope of the Vehicle Registration Tax Act, which is specifically checked by the official documentation bureau.\(^6\)

More information on the entry into service of motor vehicles is available on the website of the Office of the Deputy Minister of State Responsible for Keeping Records at the Ministry of Interior. (http://www.kekkh.gov.hu/hu/)

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\(^4\) Section 54 of Government Decree 485/2015 of 29 December on the Competence and Jurisdiction of the Organisations of the National Tax and Customs Administration

\(^5\) https://nav.gov.hu/nav/letoltesek/nyomtatvanykitolto_programok/nyomtatvanykitolto_programok_vam/vpop_regado.html

\(^6\) Section 42 (2) c) of Government Decree 326/2011 of 28 December on the Road Transport Administration Tasks and the Issue of Withdrawal of Road Transport Documents.