

# Certificates of good standing in matters of vehicle taxation

If there is a tax debt in connection with a motor vehicle, you must settle it before registering another vehicle. In the case of short-term payments, you will receive a clearance certificate for submission to the registration office.

## Competent Department

- [Hauptzollamt Bremen](#)

## Basic information

Since vehicle taxes in arrears cannot be "paid" at the vehicle registration office, it is important to settle them before going to the registration office. Only when the vehicle tax debt has been paid may the registration office release the vehicle for traffic. If the outstanding motor vehicle tax has been paid into the account of the main customs office at a bank at short notice, registration can only take place after presentation of a clearance certificate from the customs administration.

## Requirements

The prerequisite for the issue of a clearance certificate is the settlement of an existing vehicle tax debt.

## Procedure

- First, contact the main customs office by telephone to avoid waiting times.
- Citizens can also present themselves directly at the customs office, but must then accept waiting times for data reconciliation.
- After verification of the data and internal queries regarding the amount of tax due, citizens are forwarded by the main customs office ( Konsul-Smidt-Straße 29, 28217 Bremen ) to the payment office ( Hafestraße 49, 28217 Bremen ).
- In the paying office, either an additional payment or a release will be made after prior, short-term transfer.
- Only then is a clearance certificate issued, which can be presented to the registration office.

## Legal bases

- [Kraftfahrzeugsteuergesetz \(KraftStG\)](#)

