

Finance Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 1

Taxation of vehicles

10 Removal of VED exemption for electrically propelled vehicles etc

- (1) The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 is amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 2 (exempt vehicles), in paragraph 20G (electrically propelled vehicles)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (2)—
 - (i) before paragraph (a) insert—
 - "(za) it is a light passenger vehicle (within the meaning of paragraph 1A(2) or 1GA(2) of Schedule 1),
 - (zb) it is a light goods vehicle (within the meaning of paragraph 1H(2) of that Schedule), or
 - (zc) it is a motorcycle (within the meaning of paragraph 2(3) of that Schedule).", and
 - (ii) omit paragraphs (a) and (b), and
 - (b) omit sub-paragraph (3).
- (3) In that Schedule omit paragraph 25 (light passenger vehicles with low CO₂ emissions) and the italic heading before it.
- (4) In Schedule 1 (annual rates of duty)—
 - (a) omit paragraph 1GB (exemption from paying duty on first vehicle licence for certain vehicles) and the italic heading before it,
 - (b) in paragraph 1GE(1) (higher rates of duty for vehicles with a price exceeding £40,000) for paragraph (c) substitute—
 - "(c) either—
 - (i) the vehicle was so registered on or after 1 April 2025, or
 - (ii) it was so registered before that date and its applicable CO₂ emissions figure exceeds 0g/km.", and
 - (c) in paragraph 2 (motorcycles)—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (1)(a), after "centimetres" insert "or if the vehicle is electrically propelled", and
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (3), in the definition of "motorcycle", after "vehicle" insert "of a description specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State".
- (5) In consequence of the amendments made by subsections (2) to (4), in Schedule 1—
 - (a) in paragraph 1 (rates where no other rate specified)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (2), after "case of" insert "an electrically propelled vehicle or", and
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (2A), after "case of" insert "an electrically propelled vehicle or",
 - (b) in paragraph 1B (light passenger vehicles registered before 1 April 2017), in the Table, in column (1)—
 - (i) after "Exceeding" insert ", or, in the first row, equal to or exceeding", and
 - (ii) for "100" substitute "0",
 - (c) in paragraph 1GC (light passenger vehicles registered on or after 1 April 2017)
 - (i) in Table 1, in column (1), after "Exceeding" insert ", or, in the first row, equal to or exceeding", and
 - (ii) in Table 2, in column (1), after "Exceeding" insert ", or, in the first row, equal to or exceeding",
 - (d) in paragraph 1J (annual rate of duty for light goods vehicles)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), after "van" insert "or a pre-2011 electric van", and
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), after "van" insert "or a pre-2011 electric van", and
 - (e) after paragraph 1M insert—
 - "1N For the purposes of paragraph 1J, a vehicle to which this Part of this Schedule applies is a "pre-2011 electric van" if—
 - (a) the vehicle is first registered, under this Act or under the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, on or after 1 March 2003 and before 1 January 2011, and
 - (b) the vehicle is an electrically propelled vehicle."
- (6) The Graduated Vehicle Excise Duty (Prescribed Types of Fuel) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/93) are revoked.
- (7) The amendments and revocation made by this section have effect in relation to licences taken out on or after 1 April 2025.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Finance Act 2023, Section 10.