



STATE OF INDIANA

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VEHICLE EXCISE TAX AND/OR SURTAX REFUND

Application Checklist

If you have sold or destroyed (total loss) a vehicle or moved from Indiana to another state, you may apply to receive a refund of any remaining Indiana vehicle excise tax or surtax.

Only vehicle charged Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET), Recreational Vehicle Excise Tax (RVET), and Trailer Excise Tax (TET) are eligible to receive a vehicle tax refund.

Vehicle excise tax and surtax refunds may be mailed for processing by the BMV Central Office. Prior to submitting each application, verify all required information is included. Contact (888) 692-6841 with any questions.

Applicants must submit the following:

Completed and signed [Application for Vehicle Excise Tax and/or Surtax Refund – State Form 55296](#)

Proof that the vehicle was: *(one of the following)*

- **Sold:** Applicant must provide proof of sale or trade-in and a copy of the Indiana certificate of registration (if available).

(Approved refunds for sold vehicles will be placed as a credit on the registrant's record until the registration expiration date. The credit may be applied toward the tax due on any other vehicle registered. Remaining credit after the registration expiration date will be issued a refund check.)

- **Destroyed:** Applicant must provide a statement from the insurance company that states the vehicle was a total loss. The statement must include the vehicle's VIN, Year, Make, and Model. If the vehicle was not replaced with another vehicle, the applicant must also include the Indiana Certificate of Registration and license plate. If the license plate is not available, the Application for Replacement or Duplicate License Plate, State Form 37135, must be completed by law enforcement and mailed with this application.
- **Moved Out-of-State:** Applicant must be a previous Indiana resident who moved out-of-state and the vehicle is:
 - **Registered in New State of Residence:** Must provide a photocopy of the vehicle's permanent registration or registration receipt from that state and a copy of the Indiana certificate of registration (if available).
 - **Sold or Destroyed:** Must provide proof the vehicle was sold or destroyed, as indicated above, and one (1) proof of the applicant's new out-of-state address. Acceptable proofs of address include, but are not limited to, a valid/not expired out-of-state driver's license or identification card or any billing or bank statement. Proof of address must be dated within sixty (60) days.

For your convenience, the required forms are included with this checklist. The forms are also available at myBMV.com. Mail the completed packet to:

**Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Central Office Title Processing
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N417
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

If the BMV determines that sufficient credible evidence exists to substantiate the applicant's claim of tax refund, a refund check will be issued. **If all required documents are not submitted or information is incomplete, the entire application will be returned.**

Please include this checklist with your application.



APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX AND SURTAX REFUND

State Form 55296 (R / 10-15)
Approved by State Board of Accounts, 2015
INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
Central Office Title Processing
100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N417
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(888) 692-6841

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Complete in blue or black ink or print form.
 2. Only vehicles charged Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET), Recreational Vehicle Excise Tax (RVET), and Trailer Excise Tax (TET) are eligible to receive a vehicle tax refund.
 3. Print the mailing address you wish the refund check to be mailed to.
 4. Select the reason you are applying for the refund and mail in the required proof with this application.
 5. If you are signing on behalf of the registrant, you must provide a photocopy of the document that authorizes you to do so (e.g. POA, executor).
 6. A refund for a "Sold" vehicle must be at least \$4.00 to be eligible to receive a refund check.
 7. If registration has more than one (1) registrant, only one (1) registrant is required to sign as applicant.
 8. Mail this application and all required documents to the address listed at the top of this form.

SECTION 1: REGISTRANT INFORMATION			
Registrant(s) Name (as printed on Indiana Certificate of Registration)			
Mailing Address (street number and name)			
City	State	ZIP Code	
Contact Telephone Number ()	Email Address		
SECTION 2: REFUND REASON (check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sold: Applicant must provide proof of sale or trade-in and a copy of the Indiana certificate of registration (if available). <i>(Approved refunds for sold vehicles will be placed as a credit on the registrant's record until the registration expiration date. The credit may be applied toward the tax due on any other vehicle registered. Remaining credit after the registration expiration date will be issued a refund check.)</i>			
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SECTION 3: VEHICLE INFORMATION (one vehicle per form)			
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN): (please enter in spaces below)			License Plate Number
SECTION 4: APPLICANT AFFIRMATION			
I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am requesting a refund of vehicle Excise Tax and/or Surtax on the vehicle listed above, that a refund has not been previously issued for this vehicle, and that the above mailing address is correct and is the address I request the BMV mail the refund check to.			
Signature of Applicant			Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)
Printed Name of Applicant		Relationship to Registrant(s) (if other than registrant) (Example: agent, POA, executor of estate, etc.)	