

Certificates of good standing in matters of vehicle taxation

If you have a tax debt in connection with a motor vehicle, you must settle this before registering another vehicle. In the case of short-term payments, you will receive a clearance certificate for presentation at the registration office.

Competent Department

- [Hauptzollamt Bremen](#)

Basic information

As overdue vehicle taxes cannot be "paid in" at the vehicle registration office, it is important to pay them before going to the registration office. Only when the vehicle tax debt has been settled may the registration office release the vehicle for use. If the outstanding vehicle tax has been paid into the account of the main customs office at short notice, the vehicle can only be registered once a clearance certificate from the customs administration has been presented.

Requirements

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

Procedure

- You should first contact the main customs office by telephone to avoid waiting times.
- Citizens can also visit the office directly, but will then have to wait for their data to be checked.
- After checking the data and internal queries about the amount of tax owed, citizens are forwarded from the main customs office (Konsul-Smidt-Straße 29, 28217 Bremen) to the payment office (Hafenstraße 49, 28217 Bremen).
- At the paying office, either an additional payment is made or a release is issued after a prior, short-term transfer.
- Only then will a clearance certificate be issued, which can be presented at the registration office.

Legal bases

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

