



Tax Year: _____

Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Tax Assessor's Office

Affidavit for Exemption of Personal Property Tax

Leased vehicles do not qualify for this exemption.

Name: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Social Security #: _____ State Issuing License: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Spouse: _____ Spouse's Driver's License #: _____

Expected Rotation Date: _____ *(If the date changes, please provide an extension notice or early termination of duty document.)*

Legal Residence

Street Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the exemption provided for in Section 511 (50 U.S.C. app 571) of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), I, the undersigned applicant, hereby state under penalty of perjury that:

- 1) I am/was a temporary resident of the State of Rhode Island.
- 2) I am a legal resident of the State of _____
- 3) I have not claimed a Veteran's Exemption in any community in Rhode Island, nor have I registered to vote in Rhode Island.
- 4) I am serving in the U.S. _____ and have served continuously from _____ to the present date. If discharged, give the date of discharge: _____
- 5) This application for exemption is made on motor vehicles in my name, located/ formally located at:

Street Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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- 6) I understand that the exemption does not apply to my dependents. I also understand that my motor vehicles are exempt only as long as I am stationed in Rhode Island under military orders. Once I transfer, or am discharged from military service, I must turn the Rhode Island plates over to the DMW within thirty (30) days after leaving R.I. The address to return plates is: *Department of Motor Vehicles, 600 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920*. I will request a plate return receipt (TR-3) for documentation purposes.
- 7) In order to prove residency and active duty status, the Assessor's Office will require a copy of your orders stationing you in Rhode Island and your latest Leave & Earning Statement (LES). If you have already left the area/military services and are applying for this exemption retroactively, you will also need to submit a copy of your orders to new duty station or your discharge.
- 8) I fully understand that this exemption is only effective for the time period that I am stationed in Rhode Island under military orders. Should I choose to keep the Rhode Island plates after my orders are fulfilled, I become liable for the applicable taxes.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Date Signed: _____

For Tax Assessor's Use Only

Date Received: _____

Date Approved: _____

Date Denied: _____

Tax Assessor's Signature: _____

Required Application Attachments

- 1) Proof of residency outside of Bristol, Rhode Island (*Example: most recent income tax return*)
- 2) Valid Driver's License/ State Identification Card (*either Rhode Island or state of residence or domicile*)
- 3) Most recent Leave and Earning Statement (LES)
- 4) Spouse's Driver's License (*If applicable and spouse is applying for this exemption.*)
- 5) Proof that spouse resided in Servicemembers residence or domicile prior to current address.

For Your Information

The Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles requires you to physically cancel your registration by returning the license plates to them. Moving to another state and registering your vehicle(s) there, selling your vehicle(s), junking your vehicle(s), gifting your vehicle(s), etc. does not constitute properly cancelling your registration and you will be assessed and taxed on your vehicles after your rotation.

Tax bills on motor vehicles are ALWAYS for the previous calendar year. For example, the bill you receive in the fall of 2020 is for the time your vehicle(s) were registered in Bristol during the 2019 calendar year.

You will be solely responsible for the outstanding taxes if you do not cancel your registration(s). Outstanding bills that the Tax Collector's Office deems uncollectible will be sent to an outside collection agency. The Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) retains records about your vehicle(s) for a maximum of three (3) years. After that timeframe, it is impossible for them to research any records on your behalf. Without written authorization from the Rhode Island DMV, this office will be unable to adjust your outstanding bill, and any principal & accrued interest will be deemed a valid claim due in full to the Town of Bristol, RI.

The purpose of this exemption is to waive the excise taxes on your motor vehicle(s) because you are under military orders to live in this area on a temporary basis and claim another state as your residence or domicile. When you rotate out of this area, it is then the obligation of your new duty station to carry the burden of exempting you once you are transferred to that area.

You will be considered a resident of the State of Rhode Island if you file your federal income tax return listing Rhode Island as your residence, are registered to vote in the State of Rhode Island, or file for a Veteran's Exemption for your temporary residence.

If you have any questions in regards to the DMV rules & regulations, please contact them at 401-462-4368.

If you have an outstanding tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 401-253-7000 ext. 142.