



## Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

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Dear Jack

Thank you for your e-mail of today's date to the Freedom of Information team, about vehicle registration requirements. I have been asked to respond

All vehicle registration and licensing is governed by the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (as amended) and the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002.

The register maintained by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) is based on vehicles and the registered keepers who are responsible for the use and licensing of vehicles on the roads. It is of course possible to be the owner of the vehicle as well as being the registered keeper. However, this is not the case for all our customers, and because of this V5C's are not documents of legal title or proof of ownership. There is a prominent note on the certificate to make it clear that the registered keeper is not necessarily a vehicle's legal owner and the fact a V5C has been issued has no bearing on the legal ownership of a vehicle.

Many registered keepers are in possession of vehicles and responsible for their day to day use on the road, but do not own that vehicle. A company or fleet who has given the registered keeper use of the vehicle, as part of their employment contract may own the vehicle. DVLA is not concerned with matters of ownership.

Further information on how to ensure that you may drive legally in on UK roads and on obtaining the necessary documents to do so can be found at [www.direct.gov.uk/motoring](http://www.direct.gov.uk/motoring)

Yours sincerely

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