

## Reappointments and extension to the term of non-executive members to the pharmaceutical society of Northern Ireland

The Department of Health has announced the reappointment of five Non-Executive Members and an extension to the term of appointment of a sixth Non-Executive Member to the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (PSNI).

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## Public Consultation – Civil Service Pensions – Phase Two of the 2015 Remedy (McCloud)

The Department of Finance has published a Consultation on Phase Two of the 2015 Remedy (McCloud).

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## “The water industry cannot continue to be rewarded for failure”: Green Party responds to new sewage figures



Green Party

31 March 2023

Responding to new data from the Environment Agency which show that there was a total of 301,091 sewage discharges in 2022, Green Party co-leader Adrian

Ramsay said:

“It is nothing short of a national scandal that our rivers should be treated in this way. There is simply no excuse for raw sewage to be spilled into rivers 824 times a day – especially in a year when most of the country faced a drought.

“The situation we currently have across the country where water companies can, almost with impunity, dump sewage into our rivers, waterways and coastal waters cannot go on. The Green Party wants to see a halt to all dividend payouts to shareholders until these companies sort their sewage out and ultimately for the water supply to be brought back into public ownership at the earliest practicable opportunity.

“After years of failing to invest adequately in infrastructure, the private monopoly model is broken with rivers facing an assault from all directions, made all the worse by inaction from the government.

“The water industry cannot continue to be rewarded for failure.”

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## [Green Party reacts to government plans to house migrants on barges and in army camps](#)



Green Party

29 March 2023

Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

“Detaining desperate people on boats, barges and disused military bases is the latest outrage in a calculated attempt by government to dehumanise asylum seekers as part of its election strategy.

“Together with the Illegal Immigration Bill that will cast adrift thousands of people seeking protection in this country, these proposals will cause real harm to already vulnerable people.

“The humane alternative is an asylum system that works. That is one with clear, open, safe and legal routes for applicants, quick and efficient determinations and support for resettlement into local communities with properly funded local services.”

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## [5 myth-busting facts about taxing your vehicle](#)

By law, you must [tax your vehicle](#) if you're using it or keeping it on a public road. If you're keeping the vehicle off the road, you must either tax it or register it as off the road by making a [‘Statutory Off Road Notification’ \(SORN\)](#).

If you do not tax your vehicle, you could find your vehicle clamped or impounded. You could also face financial penalties or court action. So, remember to tax your vehicle on time – it's never been easier!

In this blog, we tackle several of the biggest myths about vehicle tax.

### **MYTH 1: I need to pay vehicle tax up front every year**

Wrong! You can [set up a Direct Debit](#) when you tax your vehicle online (your vehicle must be insured and have a valid MOT in place if it needs one). By setting up a Direct Debit, you can spread the cost by paying your vehicle tax annually, 6 monthly or monthly – whatever works best for you!

Your Direct Debit will renew automatically when your vehicle tax is due to run out (providing you're shown as the registered keeper and the vehicle has a valid MOT and insurance). So, there's no need to worry! Find out more about [setting up a Direct Debit for vehicle tax](#).

## **MYTH 2: I've just bought a car – I cannot tax my vehicle because I do not have a V5C registration certificate (log book) in my name**

If you're the new keeper, you can use the green 'new keeper' slip from the log book to tax your vehicle straight away.

## **MYTH 3: My vehicle is exempt from vehicle tax, so I do not need to do anything**

In fact, you must still tax your vehicle even if you do not need to pay anything.

Some types of vehicles are 'exempt' from vehicle tax, which means you do not need to pay, but you still need to tax the vehicle. The quickest way to do this is using [our online service](#).

If you're unsure if your vehicle is exempt from vehicle tax, [read our guidance on GOV.UK](#). To tax your vehicle as exempt for the first time, for example as disabled, you need to [change your vehicle's tax class](#).



## **MYTH 4: I cannot drive a vehicle registered off the road, sometimes called [a Statutory Off Road Notification](#) (SORN), to an MOT test**

Wrong. If you've pre-arranged an MOT test you can drive a SORN vehicle to its appointment.

## **MYTH 5: I've not received a V11 vehicle tax reminder form so I cannot tax my vehicle**

If you haven't received your V11 vehicle tax reminder, you can use your V5C registration certificate (log book) instead. Your V5C will have a reference number which you can use to tax your vehicle.

If you've changed address, let us know by [updating the address on your V5C](#). If your vehicle needs taxing in the next 4 weeks, you'll need to [tax your vehicle](#) using your current V5C before changing your address.

## **Tax on time, tax online**

Use GOV.UK to [check if your vehicle is taxed](#). If you need to tax your vehicle, you can do so [quickly and securely online](#) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on GOV.UK.

Simply visit [www.gov.uk/vehicle-tax](http://www.gov.uk/vehicle-tax) and read the information on the page. Check you have everything you need and click 'Start now'. Answer the questions on each page and complete the required information to tax your vehicle – sorted. So, tax it, don't risk it!

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