

CORONAVIRUS: MOTs DUE FROM 30 MARCH 2020

Your car, van or motorcycle's MOT expiry date will be extended by 6 months if it is due on or after 30 March 2020 - but you must keep your vehicle safe to drive.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) has confirmed that MOT expiry dates will be extended by 6 months for all MOTs due on or after 30 March 2020. This includes vehicles that are due their first MOT test and applies to cars, motorcycles, light vans, and other light vehicles.

How the 6-month extension works

Your vehicle's MOT expiry date will be automatically extended by 6 months if it is eligible. This will be done about 7 days before it is due to expire.

This means that:

- / your vehicle will still have a valid MOT certificate for an extra 6 months
- / you can still tax your vehicle - you might need to wait to do this until later in the month if both your MOT and vehicle tax run out this month
- / your insurance will still be valid
- / your vehicle's record will be updated so the police can see you have a valid MOT
- / You will not get a new paper MOT certificate with the new expiry date on it.

Example

Your vehicle's MOT was due to expire on 3 May 2020.

This will automatically be extended to 3 November 2020. You will need to get your MOT by this date.

The Department for Transport is working with insurers and the police to make sure people are not unfairly penalised for not being able to get a MOT. If you are not using your car, you can also register your vehicle as off the road by obtaining a statutory off-road notification (SORN). This will allow you to obtain a refund of any remaining full months of road fund tax previously paid.

See: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-mots-for-cars-vans-and-motorcycles-due-from-30-march-2020>