

LONDON LOW EMISSION ZONE **INFORMATION FOR TENDER VEHICLES**

LOW EMISSION ZONE

What is the LEZ?

The Low Emission Zone (LEZ) was introduced in 2008 to encourage the most polluting heavy diesel vehicles driving in London to become cleaner. The LEZ covers most of Greater London. To drive within it without paying a daily charge these vehicles must meet certain emissions standards that limit the amount of particulate matter (a type of pollution) coming from their exhausts.

Despite significant improvements in recent years, London's air pollution is still a concern.

So much so that on 3 January 2012, the LEZ emissions standards became more stringent. More vehicles are affected, and those that were already affected need to meet tighter emissions standards.

Where does it operate?

The LEZ covers most of Greater London.

All roads within Greater London, those at Heathrow and parts of the M1 and M4 are included. However, the M25 is not included (even where it passes within the Greater London Authority boundary). Look out for signs at the boundary and side of the road to see where it applies.

When does it operate?

The LEZ operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including weekends and public Bank Holidays.

Charging days run from midnight to midnight. So if you were to drive, for example, within the LEZ between 11.30pm and 01.00am the next day, you would need to pay for two days.

Vehicles parked in the zone but not driving are not subject to the LEZ requirements for that day.

Remember, the LEZ isn't the same as the central London Congestion Charging Zone. The congestion charge applies 7.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday, excluding public and Bank Holidays. If you drive within the Congestion Charging Zone during these times you will have to pay the congestion charge, even if you meet the LEZ emissions standards or have paid the LEZ daily charge.

How does it work?

There are no barriers or tollbooths within the LEZ. Instead, cameras will read your number plate as you drive within the LEZ and check it against their database of registered vehicles.

This database is compiled using information from The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA), DVANI, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA - formerly VOSA), generic vehicle weight data typical of the make and model, and drivers and operators who have registered with Transport for London.

This tells TfL automatically whether your vehicle meets the LEZ emissions standards, is exempt, is registered for a discount or if you've already paid the daily charge.

Vehicles registered outside of Great Britain

If you're driving a vehicle registered outside of Great Britain (this includes vehicles registered in Northern Ireland), you'll need to register it with TfL to let them know that it meets the LEZ emissions standards so they can add your vehicle to their database.

It is important that you do this, because if you drive in the LEZ without registering, even if your vehicle meets the standards, you'll have to pay the daily charge or may receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

WHICH VEHICLES ARE AFFECTED?

Cars and motorcycles are NOT affected.

Lorries, buses and coaches and heavy specialist vehicles

If you want to drive a lorry, bus, coach or other specialist heavy diesel vehicle in the LEZ without paying a daily charge, it needs to meet certain emissions standards.

From 3 January 2012, these vehicles need to meet the Euro IV standard for particulate matter (PM), whether your vehicle is used for commercial or for private purposes.

What emissions standards will my vehicle need to meet?

The LEZ emissions standards are based on Euro standards for the emission of particulate matter (PM). PM is very fine particles of soot emitted by vehicles, which have an effect on health. This type of pollution can contribute to asthma, heart and lung disease, other respiratory illnesses and even early death.

The age and weight of a vehicle indicate the level of particulate matter (PM) it produces.

For a list of the vehicles affected, please review diesel vehicles that do not meet the LEZ standard emissions on TfL's website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone/check-if-your-vehicle-is-affected/hgvs-lorries-buses-and-coaches>

Larger vans, minibuses and specialist diesel vehicles

Larger vans, minibuses and other specialist diesel vehicles are affected by the LEZ. If you own this type of vehicle, it must meet certain emissions standards to be driven within the LEZ without paying a daily charge.

It doesn't matter whether your vehicle is used for commercial or private purposes - it will still need to meet the standards.

The age and weight of a vehicle indicate the level of emissions it produces.

For a list of the vehicles affected, please review vehicle types that won't meet the LEZ emissions standards from 3 January 2012 on TfL's website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone/check-if-your-vehicle-is-affected/lgvs-vans-minibuses-and-4x4s>

Check if your vehicle is affected

If you are unsure if your vehicle is affected, you are able to check your vehicle by registration plate or type of vehicle on the TfL website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone/check-if-your-vehicle-is-affected>

EXEMPTIONS

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A small number of vehicles are entitled to an exemption from the LEZ. These are:

- Specialist non-road going vehicles designed and built for mainly off-road use, but which may use the road for limited purposes (including agricultural and forestry tractors, mowing machines, agricultural and farm machinery and equipment, mobile cranes and road and building construction machinery)
- Historic vehicles built before 1 January 1973

If your vehicle meets any of the above criteria and is registered in Great Britain, it is automatically exempt and you don't need to register with TfL.

If your vehicle meets any of the above criteria but is registered outside Great Britain (including Northern Ireland) you are also exempt, but will need to register with TfL. To register visit the TfL website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/account-create-account-29278>

FEES

If your vehicle does not meet the set standards and you travel within the LEZ you will be subject to a charge of £100 - £200 per day. Failure to pay may result in a fine. To make a payment, please log on to TfL's website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/lez-paying-the-low-emission-charge-select-vehicle-26462>

Veteran Car Run Recommendations

Albeit not a complete solution we offer the following as possible measures of assistance:

- Unload outside the M25 and drive your veteran vehicle to your London destination;
- Restrict the use of your transporter, within the LEZ, to just one day by taking advantage of the Tender Vehicle Pack and parking in Brighton immediately after unloading in London, ready for your return journey after the Veteran Car Run.

TfL Website

For full terms and conditions about the Low Emission Zone, please visit Transport for London's website:
<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/lez/17678.aspx>

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