


London's air quality schemes and Congestion Charge

	Scheme	Launch date	Geographical area	Vehicle types	Emission standards PM = Particulate Matter NOx = Nitrogen Oxides	Daily charge amount	Operational hours
Current ULEZ	Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) (Diesel and petrol vehicles)	8 April 2019 This scheme will be expanded on 25 October 2021 to include a much wider zone	Central London	Motorcycles, motor tricycles and quadricycles	Euro 3 (NOx)	£12.50 if standard not met	24 hours a day, every day of the year, including weekends and bank holidays except Christmas Day
				Cars and private hire vehicles. Vans and other specialist vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes and minibuses up to 5 tonnes**	Euro 4 Petrol (NOx) Euro 6 Diesel (NOx & PM)		
				Buses, coaches and minibuses over 5 tonnes*** HGVs, lorries, vans, and specialist heavy vehicles over 3.5 tonnes***	Euro VI (NOx & PM)		
Future ULEZ	Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) – expansion (Diesel and petrol vehicles)	25 October 2021	Expansion from central London, up to but not including the North and South Circular Roads, to create one single enlarged zone	Motorcycles, motor tricycles and quadricycles	Euro 3 (NOx)	£12.50 if standard not met	24 hours a day, every day of the year, including weekends and bank holidays except Christmas Day
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Current LEZ	Low Emission Zone (LEZ) (Diesel vehicles only)	4 February 2008 The LEZ emissions standards are getting tougher from 1 March 2021	Greater London	Vans and specialist vehicles (1.205 tonnes unladen weight – 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight) and minibuses up to 5 tonnes**	Euro 3 (PM)	£100 if vehicle does not meet Euro 3 standard (PM). Additional ULEZ charges may apply †	24 hours a day, every day of the year, including weekends and bank holidays and the entire Christmas period
				Buses, coaches and minibuses over 5 tonnes*** HGVs, lorries, vans, and specialist heavy vehicles over 3.5 tonnes***	Euro IV (PM)	£200 if vehicle does not meet Euro IV standard (PM). Additional ULEZ charges may apply †	
Future LEZ	Low Emission Zone (LEZ) (Diesel vehicles only)	1 March 2021	Greater London	Vans and specialist vehicles (1.205 tonnes unladen weight – 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight) and minibuses up to 5 tonnes**	Euro 3 (PM) 	£100 if vehicle does not meet Euro 3 standard (PM). Additional ULEZ charges may apply †	24 hours a day, every day of the year, including weekends and bank holidays and the entire Christmas period
				Buses, coaches and minibuses over 5 tonnes*** HGVs, lorries, vans, and specialist heavy vehicles over 3.5 tonnes***	Euro VI (NOx & PM) Euro VI is the same emission standard as the central London ULEZ so there will be no additional ULEZ charge to drive these vehicles in the ULEZ.	No charge if vehicle meets Euro VI standard (NOx and PM) – these vehicles meet the new tougher LEZ standards £100 if vehicle meets Euro IV or V standard (PM only) £300 if vehicle does not meet Euro IV standard (PM only) No additional ULEZ charge to drive these vehicles in the central London ULEZ	

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Congestion Charge	Congestion Charge (Diesel and petrol vehicles)	17 February 2003	Central London	Motor tricycles* and quadricycles, cars and private hire vehicles, small vans, larger vans, lorries and specialist heavy vehicles	N/A	£15 (£17.50 Pay Next Day Charge) (£10 annual Auto Pay registration fee)	07:00–22:00 seven days a week, except Christmas Day

* Motor tricycles over one metre wide or two metres long are subject to the Congestion Charge. A 100% discount is available for smaller motor tricycles

** Vans and other specialist vehicles including 4x4 light utility vehicles, motorised horse boxes, breakdown and recovery vehicles and dual purpose vehicles exceeding 1.205 tonnes unladen weight (ULW) and not exceeding 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight (GVW)

Motor caravans, ambulances and motorised hearses exceeding 2.5 tonnes GVW and not exceeding 3.5 tonnes GVW

Minibuses: passenger vehicles with more than eight seats, plus the driver's seat, not exceeding 5 tonnes GVW

*** The following vehicles exceeding 3.5 tonnes GVW: HGVs, lorries, vans, motor caravans, motorised horseboxes, breakdown and recovery vehicles, snow ploughs, gritters, refuse collection vehicles, road sweepers, concrete mixers, fire engines, tippers, removal lorries and other specialist vehicles

Buses, coaches and minibuses applies to passenger vehicles with more than eight seats, plus the driver's seat, exceeding 5 tonnes GVW

† The central London ULEZ standards are higher for these vehicles, so if you drive these vehicles in the ULEZ and don't meet the higher standards you will need to pay an additional ULEZ charge. Check the ULEZ section for details