

Driving in London Guide

Congestion Charge

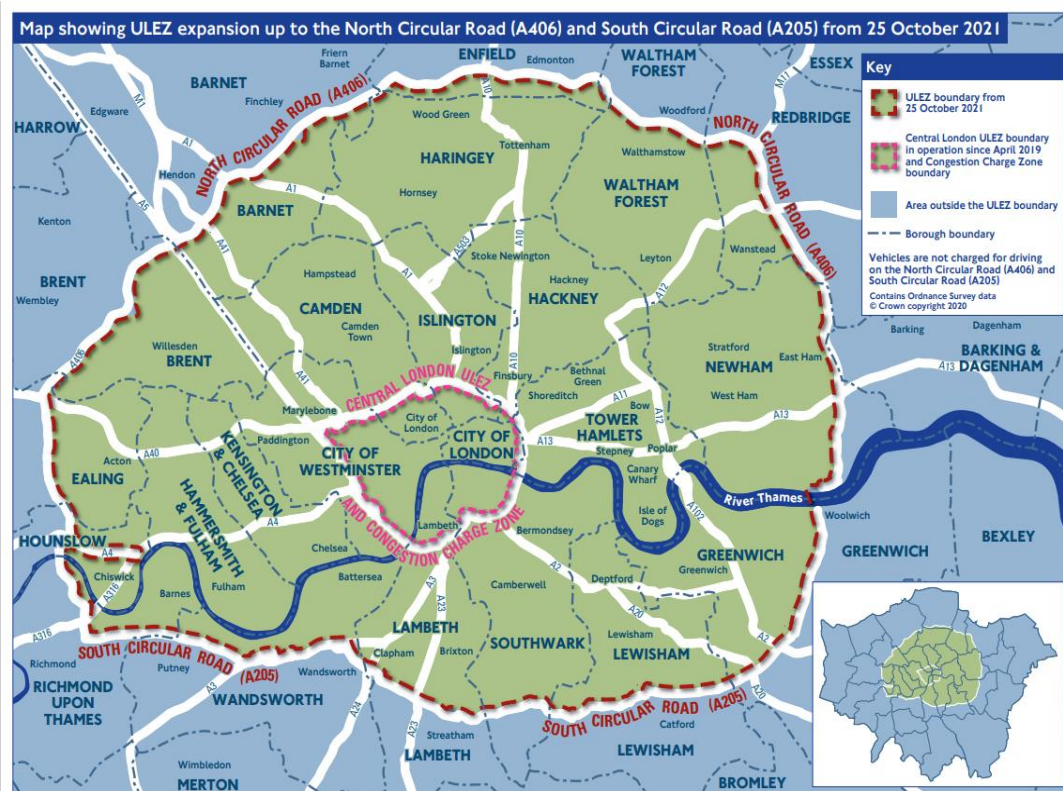
What is it?	A charge introduced to help reduce congestion in London during peak times.
Applies to	ALL VEHICLES
Operating times	7 days a week from 07:00 - 22:00
Charge	£15 daily charge
Fine	Yes - If the charge is not paid by midnight of the day following the day of travel, a Penalty Charge Notice (PCNs) will be issued.
Website	https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/congestion-charge



Ultra Low Emission Zone

What is it?	To help improve the air quality in London, vehicles that produce high emissions will incur a charge to discourage driving in London
Applies to	<p>ALL VEHICLES that do not conform to the ULEZ specification</p> <p>* In line with the existing LEZ discount, all vehicles registered before 1 January 1973 will be exempt from the ULEZ, regardless of commercial use or otherwise.</p> <p>If your vehicle meets the above criteria and is registered in the UK, it is automatically exempt and you do not need to take any further action. Veteran cars not registered in the UK are also exempt BUT, the vehicle must be registered with Transport for London, (further instructions below).</p> <p>Please note that the ULEZ zone will be changing from 25 October 2021 (updated zone shown below), which will include the start of the</p>

	Run at Hyde Park. Any tender vehicle that does not qualify for exemption must pay the ULEZ charges under this change of zone.
<u>Operating times</u>	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
<u>Charge</u>	£12.50 for most vehicle types. £100 for heavier vehicles.
<u>Fine</u>	Yes - If the charge is not paid by midnight of the day following the day of travel, a Penalty Charge Notice (PCNs) will be issued.
<u>Website</u>	https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone
	<p>1) To register your vehicle with Transport for London you will first need to create a London Road User Charging Account with Transport for London, https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/account-create-account-29278.</p> <p>2) Make sure you have your vehicle registration document (V5C or foreign equivalent) available in an uploadable format before you start as this will be required later in the registration process.</p> <p>3) At the end of the process you will be issued with a Customer ID, a Password and a PIN.</p> <p>4) Now you can register, free of charge, your veteran vehicle for exemption from the ULEZ fee, https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone</p> <p>5) Click on 'Register your vehicle' then scroll down and then Start.</p> <p>6) Click on 'A vehicle that is exempt from the schemes', then Continue.</p> <p>7) Enter vehicle registration number and opt for 'Non-UK' under Country of registration. Then 'Find vehicle'.</p> <p>8) The message on screen will advise that 'we do not hold details for this vehicle'. Click on 'Yes, this is the correct vehicle', confirm & continue.</p> <p>9) The reason that your veteran vehicle is exempt from the London Ultra Low Emission Zone scheme is that it falls into the Transport for London category 'historic vehicle'. So scroll down and click on 'My vehicle is a showman's vehicle or should be exempt from the scheme' - Do NOT click on 'registered outside the UK' as this only applies to modern vehicles.</p> <p>10) You will then be asked to sign in to continue the application.</p> <p>11) Enter your London Road User Charging Account Customer ID and Password and the PIN.</p> <p>12) You now need to upload proof of the veteran vehicle's age which is the vehicle's registration document then follow further instructions</p>



Red Routes

What is it?	To help ease congestion on the major routes around London, 'Red routes,' marked with either single or double red lines indicate that vehicles are prohibited from stopping to park, load/unload or to allow passengers to board or alight.
Applies to	ALL VEHICLES
Operating times	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Charge	No charge unless found to be contravening restrictions of the red routes.
Fine	Yes - A penalty charge may be issued to those seen to offend via a Civil Enforcement Office or on CCTV.
Website	https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/red-routes/rules-of-red-routes



Parking in London

What is it?	Q-Park and NCP both operate car parks around London. It is best to book your space in advance to guarantee a space furthermore, it is important to check the height restrictions and whether they accept trailers. In London streets, parking restrictions typically apply between 08.30 and 18.30 Monday to Saturday. Always check the signs for exact details of parking restrictions and payment methods.
Applies to	ALL VEHICLES
Operating times	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Charge	Varies depending on car park
Fine	Yes - A parking fine may be issues if you are contravening the rules of the car park.
Website	Q Park - https://www.q-park.co.uk/en-gb/ NCP - https://www.ncp.co.uk/parking-solutions/cities/london/

Parking Fines

What is it?	If your vehicle is parked in contravention of parking or traffic restrictions, you will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). And in some areas, your vehicle may be clamped. These parking fines and penalties are administered by the London borough in which the offence occurs.
Applies to	ALL VEHICLES
Operating times	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Charge	No charge unless contravening parking restrictions
Fine	Yes - Typically between £80-£130. If the fine is paid within 14 days of issue a 50% discount applies.
Website	https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/red-routes/rules-of-red-routes/parking

Yellow Box Junctions

What is it?	Yellow box junctions keep the junction clear for through-traffic, in order to avoid traffic jams. Yellow box junctions are indicated by criss-cross yellow lines painted on the road. They are usually found at the junction of two or more roads and occasionally at roundabouts or outside fire and ambulance stations. A yellow box junction may not have any additional signage. You may enter a yellow box junction when your exit is clear and there is enough space on the other side of the junction for your vehicle to clear the box completely without stopping. The only time you can stop in a yellow box junction is when turning right, if you are prevented from turning by oncoming traffic, or by other vehicles waiting to turn right.
Applies to	ALL VEHICLES
Operating times	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Charge	No charge unless found to be contravening restrictions of the yellow box junctions.
Fine	Yes - A penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) will be issued to those caught, on CCTV, stationary in the yellow box.
Website	https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/red-routes/rules-of-red-routes/yellow-box-junctions



Speed Limits

What is it?	A speed limit of 20mph has been imposed on all central London roads managed by Transport for London (TfL) in a bid to reduce road deaths.
Applies to	ALL VEHICLES
Operating times	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Charge	No charge unless caught breaking the speed limit.
Fine	Yes, Failure to stick to the speed limit may result in Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs)

	https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/safety-and-security/road-safety/safe-speeds#on-this-page-1
Website	http://content.tfl.gov.uk/digital-speed-limit-map.pdf

Bus Lanes

What is it?	Bus lanes aren't always just for buses. Taxis, motorcyclists and cyclists can use many of them too. Anyone can use a bus lane outside the hours of operation but, be aware, some bus lanes are operational 24/7. It is important to check the sign to see whether you are able to use the bus lane at any given time.
Applies to	ALL VEHICLES - For Veteran Cars entered on the Run only, some exceptions are listed below.
Operating times	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Charge	No charge unless found to be contravening restrictions of the bus lanes.
Fine	Yes - Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) may be issued if you are caught driving in a bus lane.
Website	https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/red-routes/rules-of-red-routes/bus-lanes
	The event organisers have arranged with Transport for London that veteran cars participating in the Run may use the designated bus lanes between Hyde Park and Croydon. We have secured the use of the bus lanes on the A23 into Brighton from Preston Circus south all the way to Marlborough Place and Grand Parade for all veteran cars. Overtaking will NOT be allowed in these bus lanes under any circumstances unless directed to do so by a traffic steward. Brighton Bus Company and the Highways Authorities will be observing driving behaviour. RAC Motoring Services will also be on hand to assist. We urge you to follow the rules set in place as this route eases congestion for the veteran cars (less stopping and starting) and allows you to arrive at Madeira Drive earlier. The Metro bus lanes on the entrance to and exit from Crawley MUST NOT BE USED by veteran cars. This will be indicated by signage.



Dartford Crossing

What is it?	The Dartford Crossing on the M25 Motorway east of London consists of two tunnels (carrying northbound traffic) and the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge (carrying southbound traffic).
Applies to	ALL VEHICLES
Operating times	06:00 - 22:00 , 7 days a week.
Charge	£2.50 - £6.00 *Please note there are no facilities to pay at the crossing, payment must be made online.
Fine	Yes - If the charge is not paid by midnight of the day following the day of travel, a fine will be issued.
Website	https://www.gov.uk/pay-dartford-crossing-charge