**Non-UK vehicles driving in London**

Vehicles registered outside the UK need to meet emissions standards when driving in London or pay a daily charge. The following schemes are in operation in London.

**Ultra Low Emission Zone**

The Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) applies to cars, motorcycles, vans and specialist vehicles (up to and including 3.5 tonnes) and minibuses (up to and including 5 tonnes). It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year except Christmas Day (25 December). The [zone has expanded](https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/ulez-expansion-2023) and now operates across all boroughs in London, and the M25 is not in the zone.

**The ULEZ standards are:**

* Euro 3 for motorcycles, mopeds, motorised tricycles and quadricycles (L category)
* Euro 4 (NOx) for petrol cars, vans, minibuses and other specialist vehicles.
* Euro 6 (NOx and PM) for diesel cars, vans and minibuses and other specialist vehicles.

**Low Emission Zone**

The Low Emission Zone (LEZ) applies to Lorries vans or specialist heavy vehicles (all over 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight (GVW)) and bus, minibuses and coaches (all over 5 tonnes GVW). The LEZ operates across all London boroughs and is in operation 24 hours a day, every day.

**The LEZ standards are:**

* Euro 6 (NOx and PM) for HGVs, lorries, vans, buses/minibuses, coaches and specialist heavy vehicles
* Euro 3 (PM) Vans, minibuses and specialist diesel vehicles

Before driving in London, check your vehicle using our vehicle checker.

[Check your vehicle now](https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle/)

You must register your vehicle with us if:

* It is listed by TFL as NOT meeting LEZ/ULEZ emissions standards but you can provide evidence, such as vehicle registration documents, that shows it does
* It qualifies for an exemption or discount. Read more about exemptions and discounts

If TFL don't hold details for a vehicle registered outside the UK, they won't know if it meets the ULEZ and/or LEZ emissions standards. You need to register this vehicle with their partner EPC plc if you believe it meets the required emissions standards.

**Next steps**

[Register your vehicle](https://www.epcplc.com/tfl_registration/register) with TFL partner EPC plc.

**After completing your registration**

You'll receive an email when your application has been processed, detailing the outcome. This can take up to 10 working days. Until they have proof that your vehicle has been accepted as meeting the standards, you'll need to pay the charges to drive in London, or you may receive a Penalty Charge Notice. You can apply for a refund after your status has been confirmed.

[Pay to drive in London](https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/pay-to-drive-in-london)

**Other schemes**

**Congestion charge**

You need to pay a £15 daily charge if you drive within the [Congestion Charge zone](https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/congestion-charge/congestion-charge-zone) during charging times.

**Direct Vision Standard (DVS) HGV Safety Permit**

All HGVs over 12 tonnes gross vehicle weight need to hold a Direct Vision Standard (DVS) HGV safety permit.

Operators are required to apply and obtain a permit to enter or operate in Greater London, or they may receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

If you don't have a permit for your vehicle, you can [apply for one online for free](http://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/dvs-safety-permit-application/).