



# The Ultra Low Emission Zone is coming on 8 April 2019

Operating 24/7 for central London drivers

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Ultra low emission

ULEZ

ZONE

At all times



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## Message from the Mayor

Air pollution in London is at crisis levels. Not only are thousands of Londoners dying prematurely every year, but in the worst affected parts of our city it's increasing people's risk of heart and lung disease, and asthma – and is leading to children growing up with stunted lungs. In these circumstances, inaction isn't an option.

As Mayor, I have a responsibility to do everything I can to protect the health of Londoners. So we're pushing ahead with some of the boldest and most ambitious plans of any city in the world to help tackle poor air quality.

We know traffic emissions are the biggest source of toxic air. That's why I've already delivered the T-Charge (Emissions Surcharge) and have been rolling out new, greener buses and taxis. From 8 April 2019, we'll also be introducing the new Ultra Low Emission Zone in central London, operating 24 hours a day, every day of the year. It will then expand to the North and South Circular roads in October 2021.

This action is crucial because every Londoner – and every child in our city – has the right to breathe clean air.

**Sadiq Khan**

## Introduction

This guide gives an overview of the upcoming Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) for interested organisations, groups and political representatives. For more details and to check a vehicle, visit [tfl.gov.uk/ulez](https://tfl.gov.uk/ulez)

London's toxic air contributes to thousands of early deaths each year and is damaging Londoners' health, especially among children, older people and people who live and work in the most polluted areas.

From 8 April 2019, the ULEZ will operate in central London, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, in the same area as the Congestion Charging zone. It will contribute to improved air quality for millions of people in London.

This will help to protect children from lung damage, to reduce the risk of breathing illnesses and heart disease in adults, and to improve the health of people exposed to the highest levels of pollution.

Vans, lorries, coaches, buses, cars, motorbikes and all other vehicles will need to meet the new, stricter emission standards, or pay the daily ULEZ charge. This is in addition to the weekday Congestion Charge. It will replace the T-Charge (officially known as the Emissions Surcharge) which was introduced in October 2017.

From 25 October 2021, the ULEZ will be expanded to include the inner London area, bounded by the North and South Circular roads.

From 26 October 2020, throughout London, the most heavily polluting vehicles (including buses, coaches, lorries and other specialist vehicles) will need to meet even tougher standards as part of the London-wide Low Emission Zone (LEZ). This is in addition to the central London ULEZ charge. To find out more, visit [tfl.gov.uk/lez](https://tfl.gov.uk/lez)

Use the online vehicle checker to see if a vehicle meets the new ULEZ standards at [tfl.gov.uk/ulez](https://tfl.gov.uk/ulez)

## ULEZ standards

To comply with ULEZ, vehicles must meet the following emissions standards. These vary according to vehicle and fuel type.

- Euro 3 for motorcycles, mopeds, motorised tricycles and quadricycles
- Euro 4 for petrol cars, vans, minibuses and other specialist vehicles
- Euro 6 for diesel cars, vans and minibuses, and other specialist vehicles
- Euro VI for lorries, buses and coaches, and other specialist heavy vehicles

## The ULEZ charge

From 8 April 2019, if a vehicle does not meet the ULEZ standard the driver will need to pay the following charge:

- £12.50 per day for cars, motorcycles and vans (up to and including 3.5 tonnes)
- £100 per day for heavier vehicles, including lorries (more than 3.5 tonnes) and buses/coaches (more than five tonnes)

This is on top of the Congestion Charge, where it applies.

To check if you will have to pay the ULEZ charge, visit [tfl.gov.uk/ulez](https://tfl.gov.uk/ulez)

Alternatively, people can avoid the charge by taking public transport, cycling or walking.

For essential journeys, drivers should use vehicles that meet the emission standards rather than pay a daily charge.

Fleet owners should check the emission standards of all vehicles travelling into the central London zone.

## Discounts and exemptions

Some drivers and vehicles qualify for a temporary discount or full exemption from the ULEZ charge.

These include:

- Residents living in the zone
- Vehicles registered with a 'disabled' or 'disabled passenger vehicles' tax class
- Not-for-profit minibuses

For more information, including a full list of the discounts and exemptions available, visit [tfl.gov.uk/ulez](https://tfl.gov.uk/ulez)

# Central London

8 April 2019

# Inner London

25 October 2021

# 24

hours a day

Every day  
of the year



# How will the Ultra Low Emission Zone or Low Emission Zone affect you?

Operating 24/7

## ULEZ central London from 8 April 2019

in the same area as the Congestion Charge

## ULEZ extension to inner London from 25 Oct 2021

up to North and South Circular roads, including existing central London zone (all vehicles)



## LEZ London-wide from 26 Oct 2020

(lorries and other vehicles more than 3.5 tonnes)



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