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ULEZ 2023 expansion

The London Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) covers vehicles weighing up to 3.5t including Cars, motorcycles, vans and specialist vehicles, and minibuses (up to and including 5 tonnes). Lorries, vans or specialist heavy vehicles (all over 3.5 tonnes) and buses, minibuses and coaches (all over 5 tonnes) do not need to pay the ULEZ charge. They will need to pay the LEZ charge if they do not meet the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) emissions standard.

London's Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is expanding London-wide this year. The expansion will come into effect on Tuesday 29 August 2023 and will operate across all London boroughs up to the existing Low Emission Zone boundary. This will help tackle the triple threats of air pollution, the climate emergency and congestion, and ensure five million more Londoners can breathe cleaner air.

- The expanded ULEZ will operate London-wide across all London boroughs, up to the current Low Emission Zone (LEZ) boundary.
- The LEZ for heavy vehicles will continue to operate.
- It will continue to operate 24 hours a day, every day of the year (except Christmas Day).

Vehicles must meet strict emission standards to drive in the ULEZ area:

- Euro 4 for petrol cars and vans (widely available since 2006)
- Euro 6 for diesel cars and vans (widely available since 2016)
- Euro 3 for motorcycles and mopeds (widely available since 2007)

Vehicles that do not meet the standards must pay the £12.50 daily charge.

TfL is removing the annual £10 per vehicle Auto Pay registration fee to make it easier for people with non-compliant vehicles to pay the charge. It is also increasing the PCN level for the ULEZ to £180 (reduced to £90 if paid within 14 days) to maintain the deterrent effect of the scheme and achieve the scheme's air quality and health objectives.

Toxic air pollution is a matter of life and death – with around 4,000 Londoners dying prematurely each year as a result. The ULEZ has already been hugely successful London, helping to reduce roadside pollution levels by 44 per cent in central London and 20 per cent in inner London.

Expanding the zone London-wide will reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions from cars and vans in outer London by 10 and 7 percent respectively and reducing PM2.5 car exhaust emissions in outer London by nearly 16 per cent, benefitting five million outer London residents.

The expansion is accompanied by a new £110 million scrappage scheme to support Londoners on lower incomes, disabled Londoners, charities and small businesses and sole traders.

Compliance within the current ULEZ area is now at 94 per cent, and compliance in outer London is already around 85 per cent. This means that most drivers in outer London will not be impacted by expansion.

The planned expansion of the scheme follows a public consultation which ran between May and July 2022, in which 59 per cent of respondents agreed that more needed to be done to tackle toxic air.

Information on the changes is available here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone>.

Individuals or businesses who need to pay the charge can register for an account here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/account-create-account-29278>

If you have any queries, you can contact Transport for London using the information on this page: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/contact-ule>

Map showing Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) expansion from 29 August 2023

