



Driving in clean air zones

When and where do emission zone
charges apply?

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A driver's guide to clean air zones

Clean air zones and emissions charges are gradually being introduced to improve air quality and reduce emissions. This includes London's Ultra Low Emission Zone and congestion charge, but also other cities across the UK.

Make sure you don't get caught out with extra charges if you drive for work. Find out when and where the charges apply if you drive a polluting vehicle.

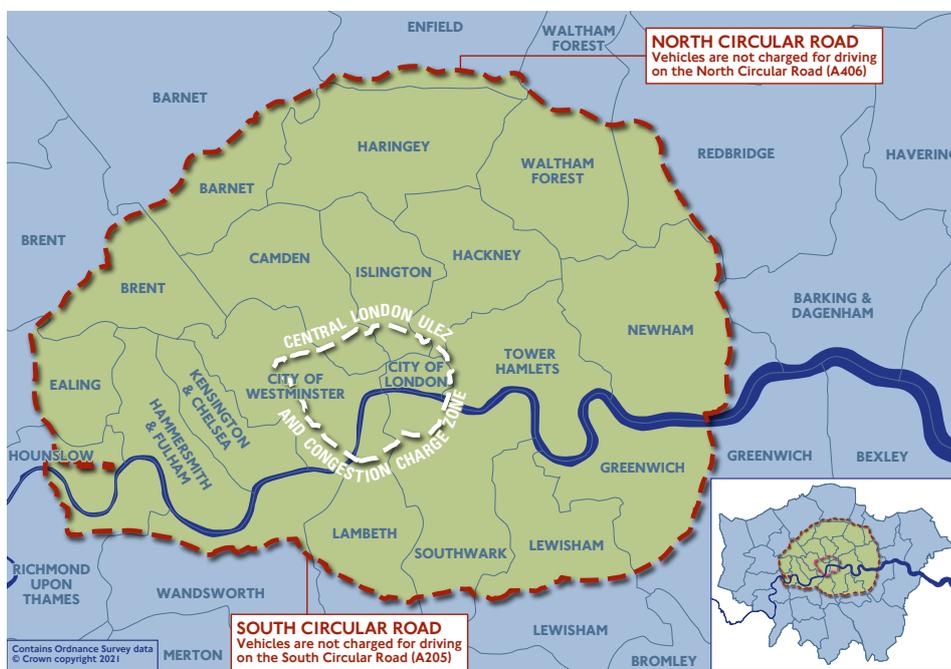


Driving in London

The ULEZ clean air charges were introduced in London in 2019 to manage air pollution that causes environmental and health risks. Here's everything you need to know about the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) and congestion charge

Where do ULEZ charges apply?

ULEZ boundary map



ULEZ boundary map with local detail



For the latest information visit the [Transport For London website](https://www.tfl.gov.uk).

When do ULEZ charges apply?

- midnight to midnight
- seven days a week
- every day of the year (except Christmas Day)

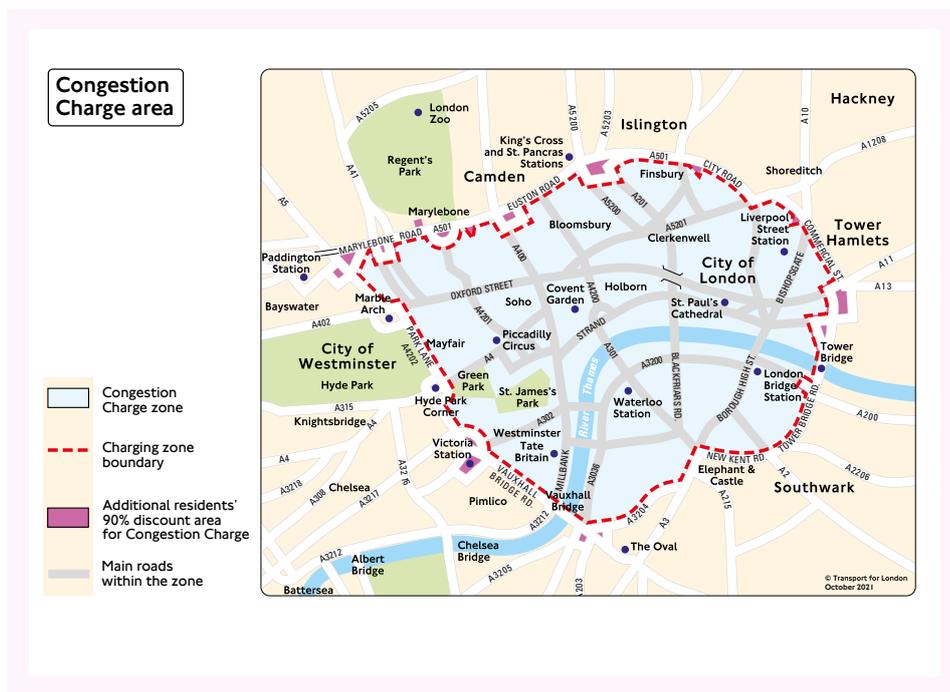
How to pay the ULEZ charge in London

You can pay the charge in a number of ways:

- [pay online](#)
- [set up Auto Pay](#) – this gives you the option to register up to five vehicles if your business regularly uses multiple vehicles, and you'll be charged automatically so you won't have to worry about forgetting to pay the charges
- TFL app – using the app you can set up to auto-pay, make payments, and view your balance
- by phone – call 0343 222 2222 to pay the charge over the phone



Congestion charge in London



When does the congestion charge apply?

- 7am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)
- 12pm to 6pm on weekends and bank holidays
- Charges don't apply between Christmas Day and New Year's Day bank holiday

Clean air zones across the UK

Check where you might need to pay a charge if you drive a polluting vehicle.

Where else do clean air charges apply?

The map below shows the current locations where you may have to pay clean air charges, depending on the type of vehicle you drive.



For the latest information and to check if you need to pay for your vehicle, [visit the government's clean air zone page](#). There's a dedicated page for [Scotland's low emission zones](#).

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