

LOW EMISSION ZONES SCOTLAND

Get ready for Low Emission Zones!

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If you drive in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow you'll need to know about their planned Low Emission Zones.

Here's a snapshot of what it's all about...

Why Low Emission Zones are being introduced:

Scotland's air quality is generally good, but a number of pollution hotspots remain – mainly caused by road transport.



Hotspots are found in urban locations where polluted air can affect everyone, particularly those most vulnerable – the very young, the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions.



Low Emission Zones can help reduce pollution from vehicle emissions, tackling both poor air quality and climate change.

What are Low Emission Zones?

Low Emission Zones set an environmental limit on certain road spaces, restricting access for the most polluting vehicles to improve air quality. This protects public health within our towns and cities, making them more attractive places in which to live, work and visit.





Proposed minimum emission standards for vehicles will be:

EURO 6/VI ENGINES For diesel vehicles



If you are unsure, check your car manual or with the manufacturer Vehicles that meet these standards pollute much less than those that don't.

Based on Euro emission engine classification standards, that would

EURO 4/IV ENGINES

For **petrol** vehicles

mean, in general,
that diesel vehicles
registered from
2016 and petrol
vehicles registered
from 2006 would
be allowed into the
zone. The date of
vehicle registration is
only a guide. Please
check with your vehicle
manual or the manufacturer.



What this means for drivers:



Vehicles are not allowed into a Low Emission Zone unless they meet minimum emission standards or qualify for an exemption.



If a non-compliant vehicle enters a Low Emission Zone, the registered keeper may be fined.



It is proposed that minimum emission standards for heavy diesel engine vehicles is Euro VI (or suitably retrofitted).



When will penalty charges come into effect?



Each Low Emission Zone in Scotland is being designed based on local requirements following consultation.

As part of this, the relevant local authority develops a timetable for its introduction. Penalty charges will apply to non-exempt vehicles once any grace period for a Low Emission Zone has ended.

Glasgow has the first Low Emission Zone in Scotland.

It came into effect on 31 December 2018. At the moment It only affects buses. The timetable for Phase 2, affecting all vehicles, is currently being revised by Glasgow City Council and will be published as soon as possible.

Please register at **lowemissionzones.scot/ contact/register** to be kept up to date with progress on the roll-out of Low Emission Zones.



Keep informed and check your vehicle

See if your vehicle is likely to comply and stay informed by registering for updates at:

lowemissionzones.scot

If you have any questions, please contact enquiries@lowemissionzones.gov.scot

Low Emission Zone legislation

The Transport
(Scotland) Act 2019
provides legislation to
enable the creation and
civil enforcement of
Low Emission Zones.

Feedback and comments received from the Low Emission Zone Consultation on Regulations and Guidance (2019-2020) will help inform these regulations and how they operate across Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen.

The Scottish Government is developing consistent national regulations for a number of key aspects of Low Emission Zones, including emissions, penalties, certain exemptions and grace periods.

The regulations give local authorities the powers to create, enforce, operate or revoke a Low Emission Zone in their area and to design the shape, size and vehicle scope of their Low Emission Zone. Keep informed with the latest updates on Low Emission Zones in Scotland by registering at lowemissionzones.scot/contact/register.

Q&A

When will Low Emission Zones

operate?

It is proposed they will operate continuously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

How will Low Emission Zones be enforced?

Through Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras and checking vehicle compliance against a national database.

Non-compliant vehicles may be issued with a penalty notice.

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Will different cities have different grace periods?

The Transport Act provides provisions for grace periods of at least one year and no more than four years. Each local authority can choose a grace period for their LEZ scheme.

An electric future?

You can be sure of being allowed to drive into a Low Emission Zone if you have a fully electric vehicle.

You might be eligible for a grant or loan to help you buy.

Find out more by visiting:





Save money and get fit, while helping reduce air pollution

Avoid the worry of meeting vehicle emission standards by leaving your car at home when travelling into a Low Emission Zone and consider active travel.

You could walk, cycle or catch public transport into the zone. Be sure to check the Low Emission Zones website as you may be eligible for funding to help you do this.

Health benefits, depending on your activity levels, can include:

- Greater feeling of wellbeing
- Reduced risk of serious diseases
- A healthier weight
- Living longer

General benefits can include:

- Financial savings
- Reduced noise pollution
- Less carbon emissions and air pollution

Register to receive the latest updates on Scotland's Low Emission Zones and how they might affect you.

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