



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 the Low
Emission Zones
that were introduced
in May 2022.

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 several pollution hotspots remain – mainly caused by road transport. LEZs will help protect public health by improving air quality and addressing these hotspots.



Low Emission Zones contribute to Scotland's carbon reduction targets, by encouraging greater use of public transport, cleaner vehicles and more active travel such as walking, cycling and wheeling.



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.





**The Scottish Government
has introduced
Low Emission Zones
in Scotland's
four major
cities on
31 May 2022:**

ABERDEEN

DUNDEE

GLASGOW

EDINBURGH

**Proposed
minimum
emission
standards
for vehicles
will be:**

**EURO 6/VI
ENGINES**

For diesel
vehicles



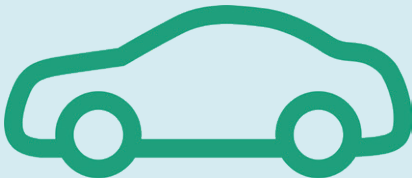
If you are unsure,
check your car
manual or with
the manufacturer

Vehicles that meet these standards pollute much less than those that don't. The aim of LEZs is not to ban all vehicles, but to stop the most polluting ones from entering the zone.

EURO 4/IV ENGINES

**For petrol
vehicles**

Based on Euro emission engine classification standards, that would mean, in general, that diesel vehicles registered from September 2015 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 will be liable for a penalty charge.



The confirmed minimum emission standards for heavy diesel engine vehicles is Euro VI (generally vehicles registered from January 2013) (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. All were introduced in May 2022.

There will be a grace period before enforcement begins. Enforcement begins from 1 June 2023 in Glasgow (with an additional year for residents within the zone), from 30 May 2024 in Dundee and 1 June 2024 in Aberdeen and Edinburgh.

Penalty charges will apply to non-exempt vehicles once any grace period for a Low Emission Zone has ended.

Please register at [lowemissionzones.scot/register](https://www.lowemissionzones.scot/register) to be kept up to date with how Low Emission Zones might affect you.





Keep informed and check your vehicle

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

[lowemissionzones.scot](https://www.gov.scot/topics/transport/low-emission-zones)

Low Emission Zone legislation

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

The national standards for Low Emission Zones have been confirmed following the publication of The Low Emission Zones (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, and The Low Emission Zone (Scotland) Regulations 2021. Both regulations came into force on the 31 May 2021.

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

Local authorities have used these regulations to design their own proposed Low Emission Zone based on their specific, local requirements.

Penalty charges are set nationally.

Keep informed with the latest updates on Low Emission Zones in Scotland by registering at [lowemissionzones.scot/contact/register](https://www.lowemissionzones.scot/contact/register)

Q&A

When will Low Emission Zones operate?



Low Emission Zones will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year including all Public Holidays such as Christmas.

Local authorities will have the flexibility to set operational hours based on the specific requirements of each zone, where appropriate.

How will Low Emission Zones be enforced?

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras will be used, which are linked to local and national vehicle licencing databases, to monitor all vehicles driving in a Low Emission Zone. They will detect vehicles which do not comply with the minimum Euro emission standards. There will be a grace period before enforcement begins. Enforcement begins from 1 June 2023 in Glasgow (with an additional year for residents within the zone), from 30 May 2024 in Dundee and 1 June 2024 in Aberdeen and Edinburgh.





What are the penalty charges?

The initial penalty charge for all non-compliant vehicles is set at £60, reduced by 50% if it is paid within 14 days. The penalty amount doubles with each subsequent breach of the rules detected in the same LEZ. The penalty charges are capped at £480 for cars and light goods vehicles and £960 for buses and HGVs.

Where there are no further breaches of the rules detected within the 90 days following a previous violation, the surcharge rate is reset to the base tier of charge, i.e. £60.



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:

[energysavingtrust.org.uk/
scotland/grants-loans](https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans)





Save money and get fit, while helping reduce air pollution

You can avoid the worry of meeting vehicle emission standards. Leave your car at home when travelling into a Low Emission Zone and think about active travel instead.

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

Health benefits of active travel, 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:

- Saving money
- Reduced noise pollution
- Less carbon emissions and air pollution

**Register to receive
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Scotland's Low Emission
Zones and find out how
they might affect you.**

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