

# KNOW YOUR EMISSION ZONES

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## WHAT CAR DRIVERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW EMISSION ZONES

### Creating cleaner, healthier cities.

- The UK Government is committed to improving the quality of the air we all breathe.
- Emission Zones are special areas coming to some towns and cities, created to help achieve this by either restricting some high-emission vehicles from entering the zone, or charging them.
- **Private cars are often not included** – and even when they are, only older models are affected. So for many drivers, there's no need to worry.
- Local Authorities decide on the rules for their zone and the vehicles it applies to, depending upon the air quality in their area. This will be very clearly signposted for drivers.

## ALL NEW CARS CAN DRIVE FREELY IN EMISSION ZONES\*

Not all Emission Zones apply to private cars; but where they do, it's only older petrol models first registered before 2006 and diesels first registered before September 2015 that are affected.

### TO CHECK IF YOUR CAR WILL BE CHARGED TO DRIVE IN A CLEAN AIR ZONE IN ENGLAND OR WALES

visit [www.gov.uk/check-clean-air-zone-charge](http://www.gov.uk/check-clean-air-zone-charge)

 **OR CALL 0345 873 6070**  
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

### TO CHECK IF YOU'LL BE CHARGED FOR DRIVING IN LONDON'S ULEZ

visit [www.tfl.gov.uk/ulez](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/ulez)

### DIFFERENT NAMES FOR EMISSION ZONES

**England and Wales**  
Clean Air Zones  
(CAZ)

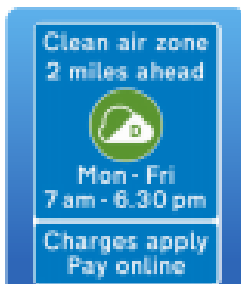
**London** Ultra Low  
Emission Zone (ULEZ)

**Scotland** Low  
Emission Zones (LEZ)

\* Refers to the current Government Clean Air Zone Framework for England and Wales only, which excludes London. Future vehicle restrictions may change and continued access to zones for these cars cannot be guaranteed. Authorities may impose additional stricter street by street restrictions.

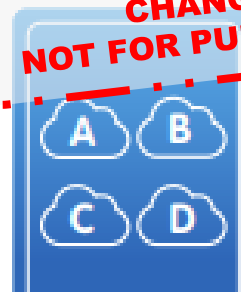
# HOW LOW EMISSION ZONES WORK

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## 1. LOOK FOR SIGNS

Carefully positioned road signs will ensure drivers always know when they are entering an Emission Zone, the hours of operation, vehicles it applies to and any payment required, which can easily be made online.



## 2. CHECK THE BAND

The Emission Zones are categorised by bands from A to D. Band D is the strictest and includes certain (but not all) older private cars, and possibly motorbikes.



## 3. CONCESSIONS FOR RESIDENTS

If you live inside the zone, you may be eligible for a concession, depending on the local authority.



## 4. PAY THE CHARGE

Vehicles will be checked using automatic number plate recognition cameras. Vehicles that don't pay their charge face a penalty charge.


# EMISSION ZONES IN 2020

This shows the Emission Zones that already exist, and those we expect to be created during 2020.

Many others are likely to appear from 2021 onwards, but have not yet been announced.

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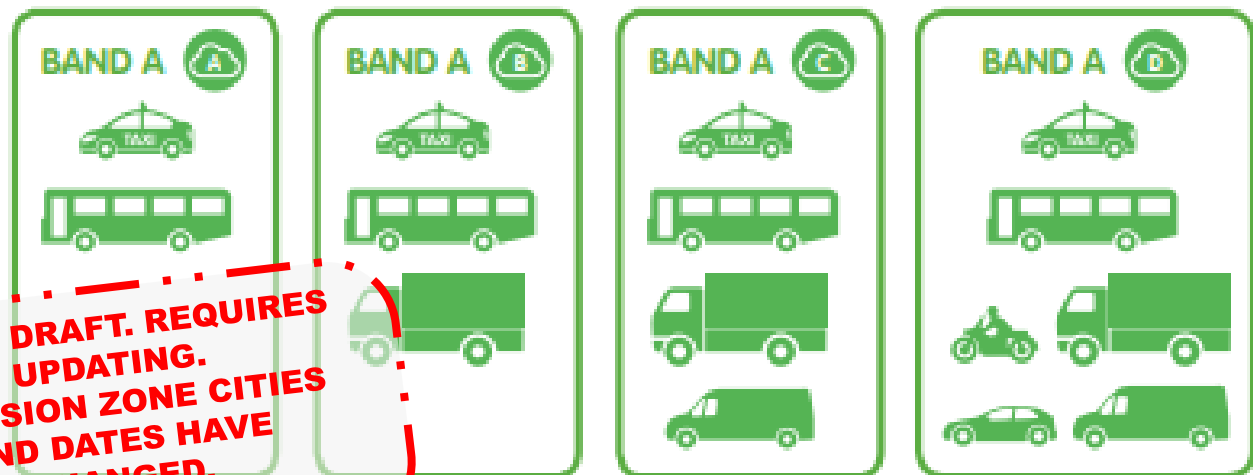


 Local Authorities will provide full details, help and advice on their Emission Zones before they are introduced. To find out more, please visit [www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone)

# VEHICLES AFFECTED:

Emission Zones use one of four standard categories to show which vehicles are affected. Only 'band D' includes certain (but not all) private cars, motorcycles and mopeds:

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## IS MY CAR AFFECTED?

Not all Emission Zones will apply to private cars; but where they do, it's only older models that are affected.

The following cars can drive freely in Emission Zones\*:



**All New Cars** (this includes all petrol, diesel, hybrid, electric and gas models)



**All Petrol Cars**  
First Sold from  
**January 2006**  
(Euro 4 standard)



**All Diesel Cars**  
First Sold from  
**September 2015**  
(Euro 6 standard)



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**England and Wales** Clean Air Zones (CAZ)

Older petrol and diesel cars may face restrictions or be liable to pay a charge. You can check your own vehicle by visiting [www.gov.uk/check-clean-air-zone-charge](http://www.gov.uk/check-clean-air-zone-charge) or talking to your vehicle manufacturer or dealer.

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Talk to your dealer to find out more about Emission Zones in your area or visit [www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone).