



Mayor and TfL finalise ULEZ requirements for Taxi and Private Hire Trades

- **World's first Ultra Low Emission Zone will significantly reduce the number of people living in areas with poor air quality**
- **All new taxis to be zero emission capable from 1 January 2018**
- **All new private hire vehicles to be zero emission capable from 1 January 2020**

The Mayor and Transport for London (TfL) have confirmed to the taxi and private hire trades how they will play their part in improving London's air quality when the world's first Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is introduced in the Capital in 2020.

From 1 January 2018, all taxis licensed for the first time must be zero emission capable (ZEC) while new diesel taxis will not be allowed in London.

A ZEC taxi refers to one that meets the following requirements:

- (a) It must emit no more than 50g CO₂/km.
- (b) It must be capable of being operated with zero exhaust emissions for a minimum range of 30 miles (48.28 kilometres); and
- (c) If it has an internal combustion engine then it must be a petrol engine and meet the latest emissions standards, currently Euro 6.

For private hire vehicles (PHVs) there are several milestones which will ensure that all vehicles granted a private hire licence for the first time after 1 January 2023 will be zero emission capable:

- The 10-year age limit for PHVs will remain in place.
- From 1 January 2018 the requirement that PHVs be no older than five years when licensed for the first time will be abolished.

- Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2019 all PHVs licensed for the first time must have a Euro 6 petrol or diesel engine, or a Euro 4 petrol-hybrid engine.
- From 1 January 2020 all new PHVs – defined as those under 18 months old – licensed for the first time will have to be zero emission capable and meet the Euro 6 emissions standard.
- Between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2022 all older PHVs – those over 18 months old – will need to have a Euro 6 engine (petrol or diesel) when licensed for the first time.
- From 2023 all PHVs licensed for the first time will need to be zero emission capable and be Euro 6, as a minimum.

The Mayor and TfL have secured £65m of funding to help taxi owners achieve a target of 9,000 zero emission capable taxis by 2020. Up to £5,000 will be available to taxi owners who want to decommission their vehicle once it reaches 10 years of age, with the exact amount dependant on the age of the vehicle. As well as this, a £5,000 plug-in car grant is available through the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), to which a £3,000 'top-up' grant can be added.

The £5,000 OLEV plug-in grant is also available for PHV owners.

The 15-year age limit for taxis remains in place, but the decommissioning scheme will encourage taxi owners to remove the oldest, most polluting vehicles from the fleet and upgrade to new zero emission capable taxis. The scheme is intended to tackle the problem of air quality in London in an effective and sustainable way, while also taking into account the challenges currently facing the trade.

There will be certain limited exemptions to the above maximum vehicle age limits. TfL proposes to begin a consultation with the taxi and PHV industry in early 2016 as to the categories of vehicle it proposes should be exempted. Further information on the consultation and exemption proposals will be provided in due course.



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Private Hire Vehicles which are new and/or licensed for the first time:

	1	2	3	4
	Date of grant of London PHV licence	Vehicle's age as calculated by reference to date of its first registration by the DVLA	Requirement to meet the stated Euro standard as a minimum	Requirement for the vehicle to be a ZEC vehicle as defined below.
A	Between 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019 (incl.)	All vehicles licensed for the first time.	Euro 6 Petrol or Diesel or (if a petrol-hybrid vehicle) Euro 4	No
B	On or after 1 January 2020	Under 18 months old	Euro 6 Petrol or Diesel.	ZEC only
C	Between 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2022 (incl.)	Over 18 months old	Euro 6 Petrol or Diesel (including Euro 6 hybrid)	No
D	On or after 1 January 2023	All vehicles licensed for the first time.	Euro 6 Petrol or Diesel	ZEC only

A Zero Emissions Capable private hire vehicle (ZEC) must meet the following requirements:

(a) It must emit no more than 50g/km CO₂ exhaust emissions and be capable of being operated with no (zero) exhaust emissions for a minimum range of 10 miles (16.093 km); or

(b) It must emit no more than 75g/km CO₂ exhaust emissions and be capable of being operated with no (zero) emissions for a minimum range of 20 miles (32.187 km).

(c) All ZEC vehicles must, as a minimum, meet the Euro 6 emissions standard.

Any PHV that meets the private hire ZEC requirements may be licensed before any of the above dates.