



## **Changes to Congestion Charge scheme affecting Private Hire Vehicles**

Transport for London (TfL) has today (Wednesday 19 December) announced that, following a public consultation, changes will be made to the Congestion Charge scheme to ensure it remains effective in reducing the use of cars in central London.

### **Removal of Congestion Charge exemption for Private Hire Vehicles (PHVs)**

From **8 April 2019**, PHVs will no longer be exempt from paying the Congestion Charge when driving in central London during charging hours (Monday – Friday, 7am-6pm).

PHVs that are designated as wheelchair-accessible vehicles (WAVs) will retain the exemption, but only when carrying out a private hire booking for a TfL-licensed PHV operator.

PHVs are designated as WAVs at the point of the vehicle licensing inspection and this is noted vehicle licence.

### **Cleaner Vehicle Discount**

A new, phased Cleaner Vehicle Discount (CVD) will also be introduced on 8 April 2019, replacing the existing Ultra Low Emission Discount.

The first phase will mean only certain zero-emission capable vehicles are exempt from the Congestion Charge. To qualify a PHV must be Euro 6, emit

no more than 75g/km of CO<sub>2</sub> and have a minimum zero emission capable range of 20 miles. The restrictions will tighten in October 2021, to support the Mayor's ambition for zero-emission road transport by 2050, with only pure electric vehicles qualifying for the discount. The discount will be withdrawn in December 2025.

For more information about the CVD and other discounts that a PHV might be eligible for, please visit: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/congestion-charge/discounts-and-exemptions>.

### **Paying the Congestion Charge**

Please visit our website: [www.tfl.gov.uk/congestioncharge](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/congestioncharge) to find out more about the payment options that are available to you.

### **Congestion Charge penalty charge notices (PCNs)**

If you are required to pay the Congestion Charge and don't do so beforehand or by midnight on the following charging day, a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) will be issued to the registered keeper of the vehicle.

Further details on Congestion Charge penalties and enforcement can be found here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/congestion-charge/penalties-and-enforcement>

### **Further information**

For further information on the Congestion Charge, please call 0343 222 2222 (08:00-20:00 Monday to Friday).

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*For previous Notices and additional licensing information, please visit [tfl.gov.uk/tph](https://tfl.gov.uk/tph)*