



Congestion Charging & Low Emission Zone Key Fact Sheet

01 April 2019 to 30 June 2019

Congestion Charging General Scheme Information	
Original Go Live Date	17-Feb-03
Current Zone Size	21 sq km

Congestion Charging Scheme Users / Call Centre / Web	
Average valid charges (for each charging day)	59,682
Average Standard charges	10,244
Average Standard Auto Pay charges	23,735
Average Resident charges	1,456
Average Resident Auto Pay charges	3,318
Average Fleet charges	20,930
Average daily unique captures during Charging Hours ¹	159,118
Average daily unique VRMs during Charging Hours ²	88,030
Average charging day calls handled	6,752
Average charging day web hits	20,271

There are a range of charges that can be purchased and details of the charge amounts can be found on our website.

Congestion Charging Charge Payment Channel Usage	
Auto Pay	41.83%
Fleet	37.24%
Web	17.26%
Phone	1.84%
Mobile App ³	1.27%
IVR	0.57%
Post	0.00%

We offer a number of ways to pay the charge and more information can be found on our website.

Average Number Of Licenced Taxis & Private Hire Vehicles Detected In The Congestion Charge Zone During Charging Hours On Charging Days	
Taxis	9,405
Private Hire Vehicles	13,729

Congestion Charging Diplomatic Debt	
Current Diplomatic Debt ⁴	£119.3m

We and the UK Government are clear that the Congestion Charge is a charge for a service and not a tax. This means that diplomats are not exempt from paying it. Around three quarters of embassies in London do pay the charge, but there remains a stubborn minority who refuse to do so, despite our representations through diplomatic channels.

We will continue to pursue all unpaid Congestion Charge fees and related penalty charge notices and are pushing for the matter to be taken up at the International Court of Justice.

Congestion Charging Active Discounts (not vehicles) ⁵	
Blue Badge	94,521
Cleaner Vehicle Discount ⁶	18,343
Resident	17,117
Fleet	13,800
9+ Seater	3,576
Recovery Vehicle	187
Motor Tricycles	113
Selected Partner	110
Accredited Breakdown	29

There are a range of exemptions and discounts available to certain categories of vehicles and individuals.

Congestion Charging Enforcement	
Average daily PCNs issued	3,143
Average daily Foreign PCNs issued	55
PCN Representations rate ⁷	14.66%
PCN Appeals rate ⁷	1.03%

A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) is the formal notification sent when our records show that a vehicle was photographed in the Congestion Charging zone and we have no record of payment of the Congestion Charge and it is neither exempt nor registered for a 100 per cent discount.

Should you receive a PCN you have a right to contest it. This may be done through the Representation and Appeals process. Further details of how to make representations against the PCN will be provided on all PCNs issued. If the representation is rejected, you can then make an appeal to London Tribunals, an independent body.

Low Emission Zone General Scheme Information	
Go Live Date - Phase 3&4	01-Jan-12
Zone Size	1,580 sq km

Low Emission Zone Compliance Rates	
Phase 3 Compliance Rate	99.4%
Phase 4 Compliance Rate	97.2%

TfL monitors the compliance rates of vehicles within the Low Emission Zone.

¹ Prior to validation and verification.

² Confirmed vehicles post validation and verification. Revised methodologies for data extraction and analysis have been applied since April 2017.

³ Mobile App went live on 12/12/2017

⁴ Please refer to separate CC Embassy Debt sheet for further details on Embassy Debt.

⁵ Some discounts can have multiple vehicles registered against them.

⁶ Ultra Low Emissions Discount (ULED) introduced on 01/07/2013. Replaced by the Cleaner Vehicle Discount on 08/04/2019.

⁷ Relate to PCN contraventions in the previous financial year.