

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 1999 TRANSPORT ACT 2000

Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging (Variation) Order 2022

Made

16 May 2022

Coming into force

In accordance with articles 1(2) and 2

Whereas—

- (1) the Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging Order 2004 (“the Principal Order”) imposes charges for the using and keeping of motor vehicles on specified roads in Greater London during specified hours and on specified days;
- (2) it appears to Transport for London expedient for the purposes of facilitating the achievement of policies and proposals in the Mayor of London’s Transport Strategy published pursuant to section 142 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999(a) that it should make an Order for the purpose of varying the Principal Order:

Now, therefore, Transport for London, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 295 and 420(1) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, by Schedule 23 to that Act, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging (Variation) Order 2022.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the day following the day on which the Mayor confirms it.

(3) In this Order “the Principal Scheme” means the Scheme contained in the Schedule to the Principal Order as varied and in force immediately before this Order comes into force.

Variation of the Principal Scheme

2.—(1) Articles 6 and 9 of the Scheme set out in the Schedule to this Order (“the Variation Scheme”), which varies the Principal Scheme, shall come into force on 30 January 2023.

(2) The remainder of the Variation Scheme shall come into force on the day following the day on which the Mayor confirms this Order.

Signed by authority of Transport for London



Dated: 16 May 2022

Deputy Commissioner

(a) 1999 c.29; Schedule 23 was amended by the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38), Schedule 13

THE SCHEDULE

Article 2

SCHEME VARYING THE PRINCIPAL SCHEME

Preliminary

1.—(1) Article 1 of the Principal Scheme shall apply, so far as material, for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of the Principal Scheme.

(2) The Principal Scheme shall be further varied in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

Arrangement of Instrument of the Principal Scheme

2.—(1) Omit the following headings—

“5A. Emissions surcharge vehicles”

“5B. Emissions surcharge register”

“1. Ultra low emission vehicles”.

(2) Renumber heading “1A. Electric vehicles” as “1. Electric Vehicles”

Interpretation

3.—(1) Article 1(2) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit sub-paragraphs (ab), (ia) to (ic), (jb), (ka), (kb), (oc), (xa), (y), (z) and (zb).

(3) Renumber sub-paragraph (kc) as (ka), sub-paragraph (xb) as (xa), sub-paragraph (za) as (z) and sub-paragraph (zc) as (za).

(4) In sub-paragraph (q) omit “1A,”.

(5) At the end of sub-paragraph (4)(a) insert “and”.

(6) In sub-paragraph (4)(b) for “; and” substitute “.”.

(7) Omit sub-paragraph (4)(c).

Emissions surcharge vehicles

4.—(1) Omit articles 5A and 5B.

(2) In paragraph 4 of Annex 2 omit “, and is not an emissions surcharge vehicle”.

Payment of charges and period licences

5.—(1) Article 6 is amended as follows.

(2) Omit sub-paragraphs (3)(b) to (3)(d).

(3) Insert the following new sub-paragraph (3)(b)—

“(b) in the case of a licence for a resident’s vehicle purchased otherwise than by CC Auto Pay, a period of charging days specified in sub-paragraph 3(3)(b) of Annex 3; or”.

(4) Insert the following new sub-paragraph (3)(c)—

“(c) in all other cases, a period of consecutive charging days.”.

(5) In sub-paragraph (5)(c) omit “7, 31 or 365”.

(6) In sub-paragraph (6)(a)(ii) for “post, call centre, App or on-line” substitute “such payment method as Transport for London may accept”.

(7) In sub-paragraph (6)(a)(iii) for “call centre, App or on-line” substitute “such payment method as Transport for London may accept”.

(8) For sub-paragraph (6)(b) substitute—

“(b) a charge for a licence consecutive charging days as set out in article 6(3), by such payment method as Transport for London may accept;”.

(9) Omit sub-paragraph (6)(ba).

(10) For sub-paragraph (6)(c) substitute—

“(c) charges payable by fleet operators as specified in article 6(12)(a) (charge for a daily licence), by direct debit;”.

(11) In sub-paragraph (6)(f) for “call centre or online” substitute “such payment method as Transport for London may accept”.

(12) In sub-paragraph (6)(g) for “post or online” substitute “such payment method as Transport for London may accept”.

(13) In sub-paragraphs (6)(h)(ii), (iii) and (iv) for “post or call centre” substitute “such payment method as Transport for London may accept”.

(14) In sub-paragraphs (7)(c), (d) and (e) for “credit or debit card” substitute “such payment method as Transport for London may accept”.

(15) In sub-paragraph (7)(g) for “.” substitute “;”.

(16) After sub-paragraph (7)(g) insert the following new sub-paragraph—

“(h) Transport for London will accept a payment if it is made by a method which is for the time being specified by Transport for London on its congestion charging web site as being acceptable to it.”

(17) In paragraph (8) after “debit card payment” insert “or other payment method”.

(18) In sub-paragraph (12)(a) omit “, in respect of a standard rate vehicle,”.

(19) In paragraph (9) of article 9 after “debit card payment” insert “or other payment method”.

CC Auto Pay and annual fleet charge

6.—(1) Article 6A is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (5)(c) for “; and” substitute “;”.

(3) Omit sub-paragraph (5)(d).

(4) Omit paragraph (7) and renumber paragraphs (8) to (11) as paragraphs (7) to (10) respectively.

(5) In paragraphs (8) and (9) as renumbered for “(8)” wherever it appears substitute “(7)”.

(6) In paragraph (9) as renumbered for sub-paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) the “automatic payment” means in respect of each CC Auto Pay Account a payment comprising the costs of the purchase of a licence for each charge imposed under article 4 in respect of each specified vehicle that is a relevant vehicle registered to that CC Auto Pay Account that have been incurred and that Transport for London has identified as being payable during the billing period immediately preceding the billing period within which the billing day concerned falls;”.

(7) Omit sub-paragraph (12)(c) of article 6.

Amount of charge payable by the purchase of a licence

7.—(1) Article 7 is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) The charge for a licence where the charge is paid by CC Auto Pay shall be £15 per charging day.”.

(3) For paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) The charge for a licence where the charge is paid other than by CC Auto Pay on or before the charging day concerned or, in the case of a licence for a period of charging days, on or before the first charging day of the period concerned, shall be £15 per charging day.”.

(4) For paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) The charge for a licence where the charge is paid other than by CC Auto Pay after the charging day concerned but on or before the third day following the charging day concerned shall be £17.50 per charging day.”.

Refunds of charges and amendment of licences

8.—(1) Article 10 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1) for “7, 31 or 365” substitute “consecutive”.

(3) For paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) An application for a refund shall be made by such means as Transport for London may specify on its congestion charging web site as being acceptable to it, and—

- (a) may not be made in relation to a licence of 7 charging days for a resident’s vehicle;
- (b) must, in the case of an application made by telephone or on-line, be made on or before the working day immediately preceding the first charging day to which the refund application relates;
- (cc) must, in the case of an application by post or e-mail, be received by Transport for London no later than 10 working days before the first charging day to which the refund application relates.”.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3)(c) for “31 or 365” substitute “consecutive charging”.

(5) For paragraph (4) substitute—

“(4) The amount of the refund for a charge shall be, in the case of a licence for a period of consecutive charging days, the product of the number of unexpired charging days multiplied by the charge paid per day, less £10.”.

(6) In paragraph (5) omit “(b)”.

(7) Article 11 is amended as follows.

(8) In paragraph (2) after “debit card payment” insert “or other payment method”.

(9) In sub-paragraph (3)(a) for “on-line, by post or by telephone” substitute “by such means as Transport for London may specify on its congestion charging web site as being acceptable to it”.

Penalty charge for non-payment of charge

9.—(1) Article 12 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (3) for “£160” substitute “£180” and for “£80” substitute “£90”.

(3) In paragraph (4) for “£240” substitute “£270”.

Ultra low emission vehicles and electric vehicles

10.—(1) Omit paragraph 1 of Annex 2.

(2) Renumber paragraph 1A of Annex 2 as paragraph 1 of Annex 2.

(3) In sub-paragraph 1(1) of Annex 2 as renumbered for “From 25 October 2021 up to” substitute “Up to”.

Disabled persons’ vehicles

11. In sub-paragraph 6(13) of Annex 2 after “debit card payment” insert “or other payment method”.

Vehicles used by certain NHS employees

12.—(1) Paragraph 8 of Annex 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) omit sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) and insert—

- “(a) the charge imposed by article 4 of this Scheme in respect of the use of the vehicle on that occasion was duly paid by CC Auto Pay and the relevant NHS employer subsequently issued a certificate to Transport for London that the condition referred to in sub-paragraph (4) was met; or
- (b) the charge imposed by article 4 of this Scheme in respect of the use of the vehicle on that occasion was duly paid otherwise than by CC Auto Pay; and
 - (i) the charge was reimbursed to the employee by the relevant NHS employer;
 - (ii) the condition referred to in sub-paragraph (4) was met; and
 - (iii) the relevant NHS employer subsequently issued a certificate to Transport for London that the conditions in this sub-paragraph (b) were met.”.

(3) Renumber sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) as sub-paragraphs (3) to (5) respectively.

(4) Insert the following new sub-paragraph (2)—

“(2) Where sub-paragraph (1)(a) applies and Transport for London is satisfied that a vehicle falls to be treated as having been a non-chargeable vehicle in accordance with this paragraph, it shall refund the charge concerned by means of a credit to the relevant CC Auto Pay account.”.

(5) In sub-paragraph (3) as renumbered for “such a certificate” substitute “a certificate under sub-paragraph (1)(b)(iii)”.

(6) In sub-paragraph (4) as renumbered for “(1)(c)” substitute “(1)(a) and (1)(b)(ii)”.

Vehicles used for transporting certain NHS patients

13.—(1) Paragraph 9 of Annex 2 is amended as follows.

(2) For sub-paragraphs (1)(c) and (d) substitute—

“(c) the relevant NHS body subsequently issued a certificate to Transport for London that condition (b) was met; and

(d) where the NHS body has reimbursed the patient for the charge concerned, it has issued a certificate to Transport for London confirming this.”.

(3) For sub-paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) Where Transport for London, on receiving such a certificate issued pursuant to paragraph (1)(c) and, where relevant, (1)(d), is satisfied that a vehicle falls to be treated as a non-chargeable vehicle in accordance with this paragraph, it shall—

(a) where the charge concerned was paid by CC Auto Pay, refund the charge by means of a credit to the relevant CC Auto Pay account; or

(b) where the relevant NHS body has reimbursed the patient for the charge concerned, refund the charge incurred to the relevant NHS body.”.

Vehicles used by certain care home employees

14.—(1) Paragraph 11 of Annex 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) omit sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) and insert—

“(a) the charge imposed by article 4 of the Scheme in respect of the use of the vehicle on that occasion was duly paid by CC Auto Pay and the relevant care home employer subsequently issued a certificate to Transport for London that the condition referred to in sub-paragraph (4) was met; or

(b) the charge imposed by article 4 of this Scheme in respect of the use of the vehicle on that occasion was duly paid otherwise than by CC Auto Pay; and;

(i) the charge was reimbursed to the relevant care home employee by their relevant care home employer in relation to that occasion;

- (ii) the condition referred to in sub-paragraph (4) was met; and
 - (iii) the relevant care home employer subsequently issued a certificate to Transport for London that the conditions in this sub-paragraph (b) were met.”.
- (3) Renumber sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) as sub-paragraphs (3) to (5) respectively.
- (4) Insert the following new sub-paragraph (2)—
- “(2) Where sub-paragraph (1)(a) applies and Transport for London is satisfied that a vehicle falls to be treated as having been a non-chargeable vehicle in accordance with this paragraph, it shall refund the charge concerned by means of a credit to the relevant CC Auto Pay account.”.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (3) as renumbered for “such a certificate” substitute “a certificate under sub-paragraph (1)(b)(iii)”.
- (6) In sub-paragraph (4) as renumbered for “(1)(c)” substitute “(1)(a) and (1)(b)(ii)”.

Purchase of licences for residents’ vehicles

15.—(1) Paragraph 3(3) of Annex 3 is amended as follows.

(2) For sub-paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) where the charge is paid by CC Auto Pay, £1.50 per charging day;”.

(3) In sub-paragraph (b)(i) omit the words after “£10.50”.

(4) In sub-paragraph (b)(ii) omit the words from “in respect of” to “surcharge vehicle” inclusive.

(5) In sub-paragraph (b)(iii) omit the words after “£1.50 per charging day”.