

Operating freight in London

Operational information

	Direct Vision Standard (DVS)	Safer Lorry Scheme (SLS)	Low Emission Zone (LEZ)	Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)	Congestion Charge (CC)	London Lorry Control Scheme (LLCS)	Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS)	Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS)
Type of scheme	Traffic Order	Traffic Order	Schedule 23 road user charging scheme	Schedule 23 road user charging scheme	Schedule 23 road user charging scheme	Traffic Order	Voluntary accreditation	Voluntary accreditation
Where	Most of Greater London	Most of Greater London	Most of Greater London	Most of Greater London	Central London	Only restricted routes	N/A	N/A
When	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except Christmas Day	07:00-18:00 Monday to Friday, and 12:00-18:00 Saturday to Sunday and public holidays ¹	21:00-07:00 Monday to Friday, and 13:00 Saturday to 07:00 Monday morning	N/A	N/A
Further information	Direct Vision Standard and HGV Safety Permit webpage	Safer Lorry Scheme webpage	Low Emission Zone webpage	Ultra Low Emission Zone webpage	Congestion Charge webpage	London Lorry Control webpage	FORS website	CLOCS website

Summary of schemes by vehicle type

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HGVs over 18 tonnes	Apply for DVS permit: comply with minimum DVS star rating	Safety standards: Class V and Class VI mirrors and side guards	Euro VI (NOx and PM) or £100 if Euro VI (NOx and PM) standard not met or £300 if Euro IV (PM) standard not met	N/A	£15 daily charge	Need to apply for a permit if using restricted routes	Voluntary FORS Gold, Silver or Bronze accreditation	Only for construction operators
HGVs over 12 and under 18 tonnes	Apply for DVS permit: comply with minimum DVS star rating	Safety standards: Class V and Class VI mirrors and side guards	Euro VI (NOx and PM) or £100 if Euro VI (NOx and PM) standard not met or £300 if Euro IV (PM) standard not met	N/A	£15 daily charge	N/A	Voluntary FORS Gold, Silver or Bronze accreditation	Only for construction operators
HGVs over 3.5 and under 12 tonnes	N/A	Safety standards: Class V and Class VI mirrors and side guards	Euro VI (NOx and PM) or £100 if Euro VI (NOx and PM) standard not met or £300 if Euro IV (PM) standard not met	N/A	£15 daily charge	N/A	Voluntary FORS Gold, Silver or Bronze accreditation	Only for construction operators
Cars and vans under 3.5 tonnes	N/A	N/A	Euro 3 (PM) or £100 daily charge ²	Petrol: Euro 4 (NOx) Diesel: Euro 6 (NOx and PM) or £12.50 daily charge	£15 daily charge	N/A	Voluntary FORS Gold, Silver or Bronze accreditation	Only for construction operators

Penalty for non compliance

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Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for non compliance ³	£550	£50 Fixed PCN, potential £1,000 fine at Magistrate's court	Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes: £1,000-2,000. Vehicles under 3.5 tonnes: £500	£180	£180	Operator: £550 and driver: £130	N/A (mandatory for TfL contractors)	N/A (mandatory for TfL contractors)

¹ Except from Christmas Day to New Year's Day

² Only vans and specialist diesel vehicles over 1.205 tonnes

³ Penalties can be reduced by 50 per cent if paid within 14 days