

Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) scrappage scheme key statistics

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Introduction

Scrappage key stats by scheme type	Car and motorcycle	Van and minibus	Total*
Applications received to date	77,672	63,260	140,932
Applications approved to date (following proof of eligibility)	36,538	18,178	54,716
Total funds committed to date	£70,617,800	£118,182,000	£188,799,800

* these figures include 409 vehicles that have been accepted for donation to Ukraine to date (since this option became available from 15 March 2024). Please note that these donation figures are sourced from British-Ukrainian Aid (BUA), the registered charity which supports the transfer of vehicles to Ukraine to be used for humanitarian purposes.

From 30 January 2023, the Mayor of London launched a new £110m scrappage scheme (increased to £160m in August 2023 and increased further to £210m in February 2024) providing financial assistance to help eligible Londoners scrap their highest polluting vehicles to prepare for the expansion of the ULEZ across all London boroughs which was implemented on 29 August 2023. The ULEZ scrappage scheme provided grant payments to successful applicants to scrap, donate or retrofit vehicles that did not meet the emissions standards and switch to cleaner, greener modes of transport. The scheme closed to new applicants from 08 September 2024.

The application process had two stages:

- Stage 1: Check and apply online - the applicant provided evidence that they/their organisation and their vehicle qualified for the scheme. This stage of the scheme closed from 08 September 2024.
- Stage 2: Scrap, donate or retrofit the vehicle - if the application is approved, applicants are asked to provide evidence their vehicle has been scrapped, donated, or retrofitted. Depending on the type of application, applicants have between one to six months to complete Stage 2 of the application process. Grant payment cheques (and travel passes where relevant) are processed once this evidence has been received and verified. This stage of the scheme is still ongoing and will continue until all eligible applicants have completed Stage 2 of the application process.

An evaluation report with a more detailed breakdown of application types and outcomes will be published following the full closure of the scheme.

If you received scrappage grant funding from the previous scrappage schemes that supported the inner London ULEZ you were not eligible to receive further funding under this scheme (apart from charities).

For further information, please visit the dedicated [scrappage scheme page](#) on our website.

Car and motorcycle stats

Car & Motorcycle Stats by Type of Applicant	Child benefit (31/07/2023 to 20/08/2023)	Low Income Benefits excluding Child Benefit (up to 20/08/2023)	Disability Benefits (up to 20/08/2023)	All applications since benefit eligibility removed (from 21/08/2023)	Total
Applications received to date	2,066	11,520	3,318	60,768	77,672
Applications approved to date (following proof of eligibility)	1,008	4,616	1,447	29,467	36,538
Total funds committed to date	£1,925,400	£8,807,800	£2,879,000	£57,005,600	£70,617,800

Car & Motorcycle Stats by Application Type	Retrofit a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV)	Scrap/Donate a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV)	Scrap/Donate a car	Scrap/Donate a car (with travel pass(es))	Scrap/Donate a motorcycle	Scrap/Donate a motorcycle (with travel pass(es))	Total
Applications received to date	14	795	75,372	867	616	8	77,672
Applications approved to date (following proof of eligibility)	2	220	35,800	311	203	2	36,538
Total funds committed to date	£11,000	£1,970,000	£68,016,000	£433,600	£186,000	£1,200	£70,617,800

The ULEZ car and motorcycle scrappage scheme was for Londoners with cars, motorcycles and wheelchair accessible vehicles that did not meet the ULEZ emissions standard. Eligible applicants could receive up to £2,000 for scrapping/donating a car or up to £1,000 for scrapping/donating a motorcycle. For wheelchair accessible vehicles there was a payment of £10,000 to scrap/donate or £6,000 to retrofit to the ULEZ standard. Options were available to receive a higher value package that included one or two adult-rate Annual Bus & Tram Passes and a lower cash payment.

Up to 20 August 2023, eligible applicants were required to be in receipt of certain low income or disability benefits, including a widening of the eligibility criteria from 31 July 2023 to allow all Londoners receiving child benefit to apply for the scheme. However, from 21 August 2023 to 07 September 2024, the benefit eligibility criteria were removed, and the car and motorcycle scrappage scheme was opened up to all Londoners with an eligible non-compliant vehicle.

From 04 August 2023 to 07 September 2024, the wheelchair accessible vehicle grant values were increased from £5,000 to £10,000 to scrap/donate a WAV, and from £5,000 to £6,000 to retrofit a WAV.

For further information, visit the [ULEZ car and motorcycle scrappage scheme page](#) on our website.

Van and minibus stats

Van & Minibus Stats by Type of Applicant	Charity	Micro business	Small business (added from 31/07/2023)	Sole trader	Not provided	Total
Applications received to date	827	14,647	9,877	37,901	8	63,260
Applications approved to date (following proof of eligibility)	236	5,646	3,335	8,961	0	18,178
Total funds committed to date	£1,732,500	£35,729,000	£22,675,000	£58,045,500	£0	£118,182,000

Van & Minibus Stats by Application Type	Retrofit a minibus	Retrofit a van	Scrap/ Donate a minibus	Scrap/ Donate a van	Scrap/Donate and replace minibus with Electric Vehicle	Scrap/Donate and replace van with Electric Vehicle	Total
Applications received to date	65	1,385	1,565	58,685	65	1,495	63,260
Applications approved to date (following proof of eligibility)	7	389	263	17,126	5	388	18,178
Total funds committed to date	£30,000	£1,794,000	£2,202,000	£111,215,000	£23,000	£2,918,000	£118,182,000

The ULEZ van and minibus scrappage scheme was for eligible sole traders, micro businesses, or charities with a registered address in London, to scrap, donate or retrofit a van or minibus that did not meet the ULEZ emissions standard. Depending on the type of application, grant payments ranged from £6,000 - £11,500.

From 31 July 2023 to 07 September 2024, the eligibility criteria were widened to allow small businesses to apply for the scheme. And from 04 August 2023 to 07 September 2024, the range of grant payments were increased from £5,000 - £9,500, to £6,000 - £11,500.

Small businesses, micro businesses and sole traders could apply to scrap, donate, or retrofit up to 3 vans or minibuses in total. Charities could apply to scrap, donate, or retrofit up to 3 vans or minibuses, even if they received a grant under the previous scheme.

For further information, visit the [ULEZ van and minibus scrappage scheme page](#) on our website.

Grace period stats

ULEZ Grace Periods by Type	Minibuses used for community transport	Wheelchair-accessible private hire vehicles (PHVs)	Disabled Benefit	Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV)	Business and charity (short-term)	Total
Grace Period applications received to date	2,097	-	11,778	1,996	624	16,495
Grace Period applications approved to date	1,184	394	4,966	796	184	7,524

Minibuses used for community transport (available from 01 March 2021): many not-for-profit organisations that operate minibuses used for community transport can register for a temporary 100% discount of the ULEZ charge until 26 October 2025. Once you have registered your vehicle and your eligibility has been confirmed, you will not be charged the ULEZ charge until after the end date of the grace period on 26 October 2025.

Wheelchair-accessible private hire vehicles (PHVs) (available from 08 April 2019): designated wheelchair accessible PHVs used to carry out a private hire booking are granted a grace period until 24 October 2027, during which they will be exempt from the ULEZ daily charge. These vehicles will only be exempt when carrying out a private hire booking for a TfL-licensed PHV operator.

Disabled Benefits grace period (available from 30 January 2023): to be eligible, the vehicle needs to be registered to the benefit holder (or their nominated driver) and must not meet ULEZ emissions standards. Successful applicants will not need to pay the ULEZ charge until 25 October 2027.

Wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV) grace period (available from 30 January 2023): this grace period is open to wheelchair-accessible cars and vans that do not meet ULEZ emissions standards and that have been converted by mobility experts to allow a disabled person to access the vehicle as driver or passenger. Successful applicants will not need to pay the ULEZ charge for their vehicle until 25 October 2027.

Business and charity short-term grace period (available from 31 July 2023 to 29 May 2024): this ULEZ short-term grace period was open to small businesses, micro businesses, charities and sole traders with a registered address in London, who had either; (i) ordered a newly manufactured light van or minibus that met the ULEZ emissions standards; or (ii) booked their light van or minibus, that did not meet the ULEZ emissions standards, to be retrofitted by a Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS) approved fitter to meet the ULEZ emissions standards. If the delivery of the new vehicle or the retrofit wasn't due before 29 November 2023, an eligible organisation could apply for a short-term exemption from the ULEZ daily charge for their current vehicle that did not meet ULEZ emissions standards, for a maximum of six months up to 29 May 2024. This grace period has now ended.

These options are in addition to the 'Disabled' and 'Disabled Passenger Vehicle' Tax Class grace period which has been in place since the original implementation of the central London ULEZ in April 2019. Disabled people whose vehicles are registered with the DVLA as having one of these tax classes benefit from a grace period which exempts them from paying the ULEZ charge until 24 October 2027. Eligible vehicles registered in the UK do not need to be registered with us to benefit from the grace period, so there is no formal application process for this exemption.