Transport for London



Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) Key Fact Sheet

01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021

ULEZ General Scheme Information			
Original Go Live Date	08-Apr-19		
Current Zone Size (Central London) 1	21 sq km		

ULEZ Scheme Users / Call Centre / Web			
	Jan	Feb	Mar
Average daily valid charges	5,123	5,744	6,068
Average daily Low charges 2	5,049	5,669	6,068
Average daily High charges 3	73	75	0
Average daily unique vehicles detected in zone 4	60,123	67,637	73,829
Average daily calls handled (all schemes) 5	4,432	4,046	4,148
Average daily web hits (ULEZ Home page)	2,723	3,015	3,779

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

ULEZ Charge Payment Channel Usage			
	Jan	Feb	Mar
Auto Pay / Fleet	72.3%	72.5%	71.2%
Web	24.9%	24.7%	25.9%
Mobile App	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%
IVR	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%
Phone	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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

ULEZ Compliance			
	Jan	Feb	Mar
ULEZ Compliance Rate	86.1%	86.3%	86.6%
Average daily unique Compliant vehicles	51,770	58,376	63,940
Average daily unique Non-Compliant vehicles	8,353	9,260	9,889
Average daily Non-Compliant charge payers	5,123	5,744	6,076
Average daily Non-Compliant contraveners	995	810	850
Average daily Non-Compliant exempt/100% discount	2,236	2,706	2,963

ULEZ Compliance by Vehicle Type			
	Jan	Feb	Mar
CAR - ULEZ Compliance Rate	88.6%	89.0%	89.1%
CAR - Average daily unique Compliant vehicles	35,914	40,485	44,454
CAR - Average daily unique Non-Compliant vehicles	4,604	5,017	5,441
VAN - ULEZ Compliance Rate	76.2%	76.6%	76.8%
VAN - Average daily unique Compliant vehicles	10,779	12,386	13,411
VAN - Average daily unique Non-Compliant vehicles	3,373	3,782	4,045
HGV - ULEZ Compliance Rate	94.0%	94.3%	95.4%
HGV - Average daily unique Compliant vehicles	2,121	2,435	2,663
HGV - Average daily unique Non-Compliant vehicles	136	148	130
NON-TfL BUS/COACH - ULEZ Compliance Rate 6	85.7%	83.1%	90.6%
NON-TfL BUS/COACH - Average daily unique Compliant vehicles 6	35	29	54
NON-TfL BUS/COACH - Average daily unique Non- Compliant vehicles 6	6	6	6
OTHER - ULEZ Compliance Rate 7	97.6%	97.4%	97.4%
OTHER - Average daily unique Compliant vehicles 7	2,914	3,033	3,348
OTHER - Average daily unique Non-Compliant vehicles 7	71	80	91
UNKNOWN - ULEZ Compliance Rate 8	4.0%	3.6%	5.4%
UNKNOWN - Average daily unique Compliant vehicles 8	7	9	10
UNKNOWN - Average daily unique Non-Compliant vehicles 8	163	229	176

TfL monitors the compliance rates of vehicles within the ULEZ.

The ULEZ emission standards for Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and Particulate Matter (PM) are:

- 1. Motorcycles, motor tricycles and quadricycles Euro 3 (NOx)
- 2. Cars, private hire vehicles, vans and specialist vehicles (up to 3.5 tonnes) and minibuses (up to 5 tonnes) Euro 4 Petrol (NOx), Euro 6 Diesel (NOx & PM)
- 3. Up to 28 February 2021 Buses, coaches and minibuses (over 5 tonnes) and HGVs, lorries, vans and specialist heavy vehicles (over 3.5 tonnes) Euro VI (NOx & PM). From 1 March 2021 the London-wide Low Emission Zone (LEZ) emission standards for heavy vehicles will be strengthening to Euro VI (NOx & PM) and these vehicles will no longer be subject to separate central London ULEZ emission requirements. However, for consistency of reporting, these vehicles will continue to be included within our ULEZ compliance monitoring.

ULEZ Enforcement			
	Jan	Feb	Mar
Average daily UK PCNs issued	711	580	608
Average daily UK Low PCNs issued 9	707	576	608
Average daily UK High PCNs issued 10	4	4	0
Average daily non-UK PCNs issued	28	19	14
Average daily non-UK Low PCNs issued 9	25	16	14
Average daily non-UK High PCNs issued 10	3	3	0
PCN Representations rate 11	10.4%	12.9%	9.8%
Average daily PCN Representations received 11	77	77	61
PCN Representations Accepted rate 11	62.1%	59.6%	56.4%
PCN Representations Rejected rate 11	26.5%	28.7%	22.7%
PCN Appeals rate 11	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%
Average daily PCN Appeals received 11	4	3	2
PCN Appeals Allowed rate 11	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
PCN Appeals Refused rate 11	6.0%	0.0%	0.0%
PCN Appeals Non-Contested rate 11	21.6%	16.7%	22.2%
PCN Appeals Withdrawn rate 11	0.9%	1.5%	0.0%

A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) is the formal notification sent when our records show that a vehicle was photographed in the ULEZ and we have no record of payment of the ULEZ 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.

¹ From 25 October 2021, the ULEZ is expanding from central London to create a single, larger zone up to, but not including, the North Circular Road (A406) and South Circular Road (A205).

² The daily charge for motorcycles, cars, vans and minibuses that do not meet the ULEZ emission standards is £12.50.

³ Until 28 February 2021, the daily charge for lorries, buses, coaches and other heavy vehicles that do not meet the ULEZ emission standards is £100. From 01 March 2021, the Londonwide LEZ emission standards for heavy vehicles are tightening and these vehicles will no longer be subject to a separate central London ULEZ daily charge.

⁴ Confirmed vehicles post validation and verification.

⁵ Road User Charging operate a blended call centre, so call volumes cover Congestion Charging and Low Emission Zone, as well as ULEZ.

⁶ Due to the low number of vehicles in the non-TfL bus/coach category, this vehicle type is subject to more significant fluctuations in compliance month on month.

⁷ Other vehicle category includes motorbikes, mini-buses, TfL buses and non-road going vehicles.

⁸ Unknown means vehicle type cannot be determined. These default to non-compliant unless registered.

⁹ The penalty charge for motorcycles, cars, vans and minibuses that do not meet the ULEZ emission standards and do not pay to travel in the zone is £160 (reduced to £80 if paid within 14 days).

¹⁰ Until 28 February 2021, the penalty charge for lorries, buses, coaches and other heavy vehicles that do not meet the ULEZ emission standards and do not pay to travel in the zone is £1000 (reduced to £500 if paid within 14 days). From 01 March 2021, the Londonwide LEZ emission standards for heavy vehicles are tightening and these vehicles will no longer be subject to the central London ULEZ.

¹¹ Data is reported based on contravention date and can be subject to change as PCNs progress through the statutory representations and appeals processes laid out in the relevant legislation. This is a snapshot of the status of our ULEZ enforcement data, based on information available from the TfL reporting system at the date the report was run.