

Latest on UK Clean Air Zones



The roll-out of Clean Air Zones (CAZ) and Low and Ultra-Low Emission Zones (LEZ and ULEZ) across the UK continues to gain momentum.

Though the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is still being felt with many plans on hold, more councils have started to implement their CAZ policies in 2023, with many now finally come into effect – none more hotly contested than the expansion of London’s ULEZ to cover the entirety of Greater London.

However, with numerous logistical and legal challenges continuing to cause delays to CAZ start dates and charges, Fraikin has updated its CAZ Business Briefing to provide transport operators with a new, accessible overview of the present situation. Though subject to change, it lists all of the CAZs in effect, where they are and what plans are in progress for the future.

Class	Vehicle type
A	Buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles
B	Buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles, HGVs
C	Buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles, HGVs, vans, minibuses
D	Buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles, HGVs, vans, minibuses, cars (the local authority has the option to include motorcycles)

For all types, the minimum emission standards for vehicles are as follows, with non-compliant vehicles generally subject to charge:

Vehicle type	Clean Air Zone minimum standard
Buses, coaches, HGVs	Euro VI
Vans, minibuses, taxis, private hire vehicles, cars	Euro 6 (diesel) and Euro 4 (petrol)
Motorcycles	Euro 3



Update on regional plans

City	Update	Zone type	Daily charge
Aberdeen	LEZ now active, charges effective as of June 2024	Class D	All vehicles: £60 (reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days)
Bath	LEZ now active	Class C	HGVs, buses and coaches: £100 (reduced to £9 if registered with the council for private HGVs) Taxis, vans: £9
Birmingham	LEZ now active	Class D	HGVs, buses and coaches: £50 Cars, taxis and LCVs: £8
Bradford	LEZ now active	Class C	HGVs, buses and coaches: £50 Taxis: £7 LCVs and minibuses: £9
Bristol	LEZ now active	Class D	HGVs, buses and coaches: £100 Cars, taxis and LCVs: £9
Dundee	LEZ now active, charges effective as of May 2024	Class D	All vehicles: £60 (reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days)
Edinburgh	LEZ now active, charges effective as of June 2024	Class D	All vehicles: £60 (reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days)
Glasgow	LEZ now active for non-residents.	Class D	All vehicles: £60 (reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days)
Greater Manchester	LEZ to be introduced – currently postponed until 2026	Class C	HGVs, buses and coaches: £60 LCVs: £10 Taxis: £7.50
London	ULEZ now active across all of Greater London	ULEZ	HGVs, buses and coaches: £100 Vans, LCVs and taxis: £12.50
Newcastle and Gateshead	LEZ now active	Class C	HGVs, buses and coaches: £50 Taxis: £12.50
Oxford	LEZ / ZEZ now active – charges set to double from August 2025	Zero Emissions Zone	All vehicles: £2, £4 or £10 depending on vehicle emission level
Portsmouth	LEZ now active	Class B	HGVs, buses and coaches: £50 Taxis: £10
Sheffield	LEZ now active	Class C	HGVs, buses and coaches: £50 LCVs and taxis: £10

For operators impacted by the changes to the UK's cities, utilise Fraikin's industry knowledge and experience to ensure your commercial vehicle fleet is fully prepared. Talk to us about the best way to meet the latest clean air regulations, keep your vehicles moving and futureproof your fleet to avoid any unexpected charges.

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