



Breathe easy: The ULEZ will help improve air quality and reduce pollution in London

Clearing the air

NEW SIGNAGE REMINDS CENTRAL LONDON DRIVERS TO CHECK THEIR VEHICLES

WITH just a few months to go until the new Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) launches, drivers in central London are being advised to check their vehicles to avoid unnecessary charges.

The ULEZ will replace the T-Charge from April 8 next year and will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. It will cover the same area as the current Congestion Charge Zone.

The ULEZ will be highlighted with more than 300 road signs, which are being installed at the same locations as existing Congestion Charge signs to warn drivers at all entry points of the zone and at a number of key advanced locations.

There will be no barriers or toll booths, with cameras reading the number plates within the zone to check against TfL's database to see if the vehicles meet the emission standards. Drivers entering the

zone will need to pay a daily charge if their vehicle doesn't meet the new stricter emissions standards. This charge will be in addition to the weekday Congestion Charge and the Low Emission Zone charge and will replace the T-Charge.

The introduction of the ULEZ is designed to reduce exhaust emissions, which will help improve air quality and make central London a safer and more pleasant place.

These positive effects will be especially beneficial to younger and older people, and those with respiratory problems, as well as residents in highly polluted areas.

It is often vulnerable communities including children, that suffer from poor air quality, with at least 360 primary schools in areas exceeding safe legal pollution levels.

From October 25 2021, the area will be expanded up to the North and South Circular roads.

CHECK YOUR CHARGE

THE following charges apply to different categories of vehicle:

- **£12.50**
Most types of vehicle, including cars, motorcycles and vans (up to and including 3.5 tonnes)
- **£100**
Heavier vehicles, including lorries (more than 3.5 tonnes) and buses and coaches (more than five tonnes)

Some vehicles, including those driven by residents, disabled drivers, taxis and private hire vehicles, may be eligible for discounts or exemptions.

For more details and to check your vehicle, visit tfl.gov.uk/ulez



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Supporting our small businesses

SMALL businesses in London have been given a boost as TfL confirmed its commitment to supporting small to medium enterprises ahead of Small Business Saturday this weekend.

As one of London's largest landowners, with in excess of 2,000 commercial units and more than 90 per cent of its tenants being small businesses, TfL has published a statement to identify how it intends to be a landlord that is easy to work with.

The statement includes a commitment to create a dedicated small business policy, simplify leases, be open and transparent, ensure each tenant has a dedicated property manager, and help tenants to seek guidance and support when they need it.

TfL is encouraging customers to discover the different opportunities on offer as part of Small Business Saturday.

From picking up a coffee from Change Please in Clapham Common Tube station to learning how to ride a horse at Ealing Riding School or stand-up



All change: Some of TfL's tenants, such as Change Please, will be celebrated this weekend

paddle boarding on the Thames at Active 360, TfL's small business tenants are providing plenty to do and enjoy across London.

Two small businesses on TfL's estate have been included in Small Business Saturday's Small Biz 100. ROLI Ltd, a music technology provider in Dalston and Wave Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, a martial arts studio in Stamford Brook, have been recognised for their achievements and pioneering approaches.

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