

Everything you need to know about ULEZ Expansion 2023

The Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) initiative is set to expand across all London boroughs from **29th August 2023** to clear the city's air as well as improve the health and wellbeing of citizens.



Poor air-quality leading to illnesses

What vehicle owners need to know



- Poor air quality is impacting the health of Londoners, with the primary cause being pollution from vehicles.
- Data from the London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (LAEI) indicates that despite measures taken in the past, road transport is still the largest contributor of CO2 emissions in Greater London.
- Londoners are now developing life-altering illnesses like asthma, lung disease and cancer. What's worse, the risk of dementia in older people is now higher as well.
- Air pollution has steadily been contributing to thousands of premature deaths in London every year.
- The greatest number of deaths due to air pollution have been recorded in the outer London areas - hence, ULEZ is expanding across all London boroughs.

- Nine out of ten cars in outer London meet the ULEZ emissions standards.
- If you commute anywhere within the ULEZ, including the expansion area from 29th of August, 2023, and your vehicle does not comply with the emissions standards, you may face a daily fine of £12.50.
- This applies to ULEZ residents only. If you are parked inside the zone and do not drive, you don't need to pay the fine.
- Additionally, non-UK registered vehicle owners must meet the ULEZ emissions standards or pay the daily charge to drive within the zone.
- Even if you meet the emissions standards, you must be registered with EPC plc: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/compliance-registration/Non-UK-vehicles-driving-in-London>.

Options drivers currently have Scrappage Scheme

Discounts and Exemptions

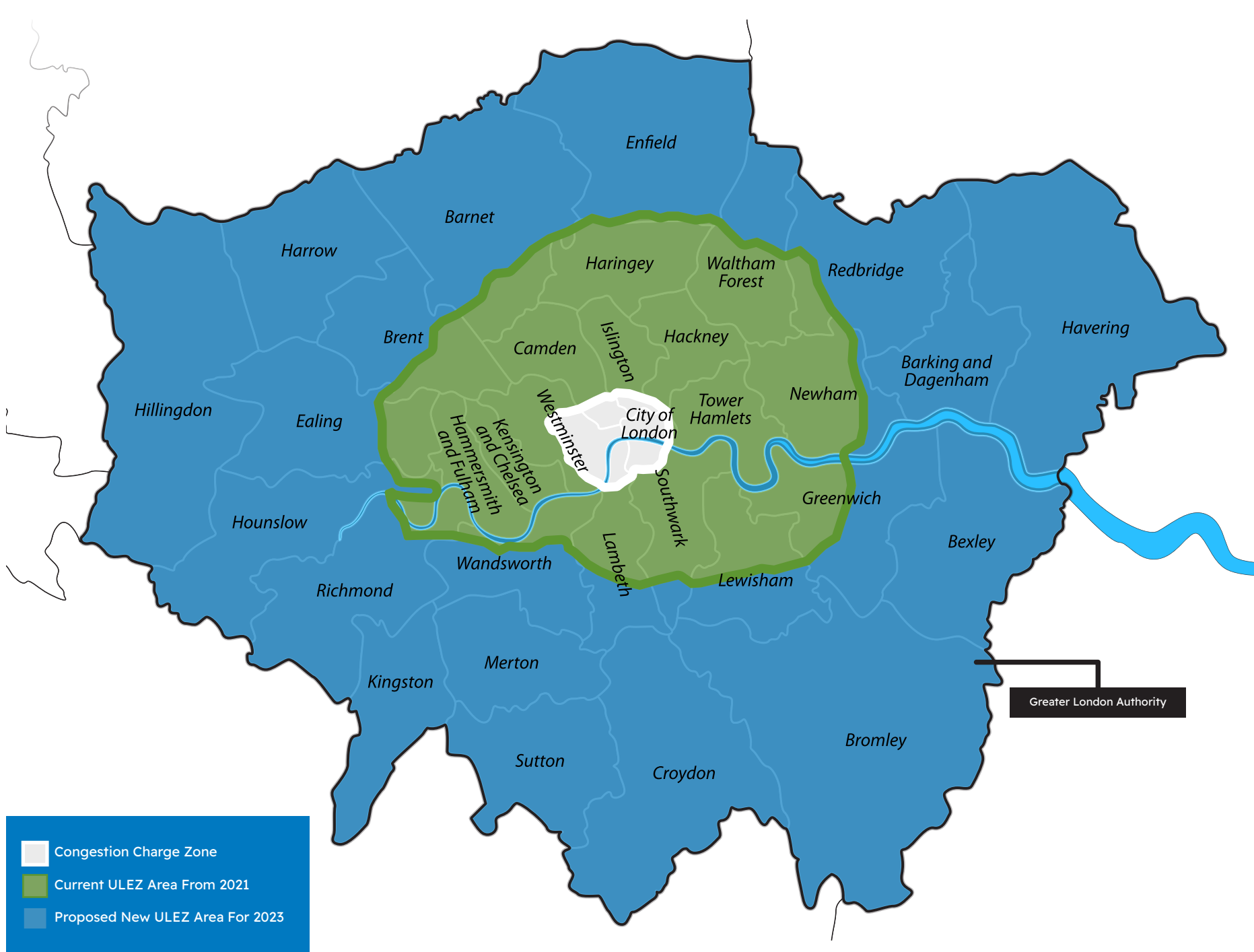


- Londoners receiving certain low-income or disability benefits can apply to the Mayor of London's £110 million scrappage scheme.
- Qualifying applicants may receive a payment to scrap their car or choose a lower payment, along with one or two TfL Annual Bus & Tram passes worth more than the payment alone.
- Sole traders and micro-businesses (10 employees or less) as well as registered charities in London can also apply to scrap or retrofit their van or minibus.
- There are restrictions on who is eligible for the Scrappage Scheme, as only those receiving certain benefits from the government can apply.
- Initially, you could only apply for the scheme if you received disability benefits, but since June 2023, those getting child benefits can also apply.
- This means that more families in the ULEZ zone can use the scheme.

- Disabled Londoners and community transport providers can be better prepared by taking advantage of the new grace periods.
- Learn more at: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/discounts-and-exemptions>.
- The £10 annual charge to register for Auto Pay has now been nullified.
- However, the value of ULEZ and Congestion Charge penalty charges incurred have increased from £160 to £180 (reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days)



Where will ULEZ operate?



What's not changing with the ULEZ expansion?

- The fee for a daily ULEZ charge is not expected to increase, with it remaining at £12.50 a day for all vehicles under 3.5 tonnes.
- The standards that make a car ULEZ-compliant are also not set to change (many feared that the ULEZ standards will get stricter in the future).
- This means that petrol cars that are Euro Emission Level 4 or higher will not be charged and that diesel cars need to be Euro Emission Level 6, the highest level you can get.
- Your vehicle is given an emission standard when first registered, which dictates what level your car is. Go to <https://ulez.co.uk/ulez-checker/> to find out if your current car meets the criteria.
- Finally, the time when the ULEZ zone is in operation will remain the same - i.e. 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Therefore, you will incur a charge no matter when you enter the new ULEZ zone, with the only exception being if you're travelling on Christmas day.



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