

Blue Badge Exemption for Low Emission Zones

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Are You Ready for Low Emission Zones?

With enforcement of Scotland's Low Emission Zones (LEZs) set to start in Glasgow on 1 June 2023, people are being urged to make sure they are prepared and that their vehicles are compliant.

LEZs, which are also in place for Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh, help improve air quality and protect public health by restricting access on certain city centre roads to the most polluting vehicles. When a non-compliant vehicle is driven in the zone, the owner of that vehicle will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

You can check if your vehicle meets LEZ standards here

lowemissionzones.scot/vehicle-registration-checker

Dundee will start enforcing its LEZ from 30 May 2024 while enforcement in Aberdeen and Edinburgh will begin on 1 June 2024.

Blue Badge and disabled tax class exemptions

There are exemptions for vehicles being used for disabled people including:

- A vehicle registered with a 'disabled' or 'disabled passenger vehicles' tax class.
- A vehicle receiving a reduction in annual rate of vehicle excise duty because it is being used by a disabled person in receipt of personal independence payment at the standard rate.
- A vehicle carrying a Blue Badge holder, including:
 - A vehicle being driven by any person who is in receipt of a Blue Badge.
 - A vehicle with a passenger who has been issued with a Blue Badge.

- A vehicle being driven with a Blue Badge which has been issued to an organisation.

If the vehicle you're using has a disabled vehicle/disabled passenger vehicle tax class, this will automatically be detected by the local authority enforcement systems.

However, if you are a Blue Badge holder and the vehicle you are travelling in does not have disabled vehicle/disabled passenger vehicle tax class and is non-compliant, then you **must** register for an exemption in advance of travel into an LEZ. Blue Badge holders can register vehicles for long term or one-day exemptions which will apply to all LEZs in Scotland.

To find out more details about Blue Badge exemption for LEZs and register for an exemption visit [lowemissionzones.scot/blue-badge-exemption](https://www.lowemissionzones.scot/blue-badge-exemption)

For individuals who are unable to access the online registration system, you can call the Scottish LEZ Exemption System Telephone Registration line on 0800 328 5691 which is open every day between 8am and 8pm.

Through setting minimum emission standards for vehicles that drive within an LEZ zone, LEZs also support the need to switch to more sustainable modes of transport and encouraging people to change their habits. Find out more about Scotland's LEZs here

[lowemissionzones.scot/](https://www.lowemissionzones.scot/)

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